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Dear Dr Mohamed Fatris Bakaram and Mr Haji Abdul Razak bin Hassan Maricar,

The National Council of Churches of Singapore is profoundly saddened by the news of the arrest of Syaikhah Izzah Zahrah Al Ansari under the Internal Security Act for radicalism.

The NCCS is deeply concerned that this arrest should not cause the Muslim community to be viewed in a negative light or used to stoke the flames of Islamophobia in Singapore.

The Muslim community has contributed significantly to the progress of our nation, and has also done much to strengthen our multi-racial and multi-religious community. The actions of a misguided few must never be seen as representing that of the majority of Muslims here. The National Council of Churches will continue to support and pray for the Muslim community during this difficult time.

Let us continue to work together to ensure that nothing will jeopardise the inter-religious harmony and peace that gives all Singaporeans a sense of security and mutual goodwill in the land we call our home. Let us continue also to work together to ensure the safety and security of everyone who lives and works here by being vigilant and by being committed to the common good.

Yours sincerely,

Bishop Rennis Ponniah
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Rev Dr Ngoei Foong Nghian
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