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To: Anna Jonkhoff

CC: Geoffry Robinson, Marjolein van Pagee, Annemarie Toebosch, Christa Soeters, Fitria Jelyta, Dida Pattipilohy, Irwan Lubis, Anne-Lot Hoek, Robin (journalist for DenPos), Editorial Board of DenPos, Ibu Wiwiek Wiratha (researcher on Bali)

Subject: I accuse you of hijacking

Dear Ms Jonkhoff,

We know each other. In 2016 I received the question if it was okay if you accompanied us on our trip to Sumatra in which we visited Indonesian victims of Dutch executions, among others in Bandar Buat. Of course, I agreed and you joined our group with Yvonne Rieger-Rompas, Brechtje Vossenbergh and Liesbeth Zegveld. See the picture at Kelok Sembilan in the attachment.

In April 2021, our foundation, the Dutch Debt of Honor Committee (Komite Utang Kehormatan Belanda, K.U.K.B.), was very pleased to hear that you wanted to assist us in conducting additional research to support the cases of Balinese victims that were executed and murdered by the Netherlands Indies Civil Administration (NICA). It was Yvonne Rieger-Rompas who asked your help and I was okay with that.

You explained to us that you are not working as a professional lawyer anymore. That is why we were surprised when you told Indonesian media that you are a lawyer. Three different Indonesian newspapers covered this story. After I contacted the editors, they said they had no idea that you were not in function as a lawyer anymore. This is misleading for the Balinese victims who will think that you can represent them in court.

From a reliable source I heard that one of the Indonesian journalists knows the person who advised Mr. Robinson. As I read in Robinson's email to you, he recommended consulting a Dutch historian. There are reasons that I refused to follow his advice. I was very clear about my position regarding this historian in my WhatsApp message to you. I firmly asked you not to approach her and leave her out of it. The information from Indonesian sources is sufficient to support the cases. I expected you to accept my choice in this. You, nevertheless, told me that you were going to contact this person anyway.

Even though you are leaving Indonesia in July, you insisted on using your Bali-address for the cases, instead of our address in the Netherlands.

In short, I accuse you of hijacking the Bali cases. This is not the first time that the work of K.U.K.B. is being taken over by people from outside. Of course, the relatives of the victims are number one priority for our organization, but it cannot be that you are excluding us, while making use of our knowledge, contacts and framework that we have built in the past years.

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Before you were asked to conduct additional research in April, we already worked on the Bali-cases. For example, on December 8, 2020 and also on May 15, 2021, the K.U.K.B.-foundation transferred money to pay for the costs of the research on Bali. In agreement with lawyer Liesbeth Zegveld, we forwarded the Bali-files to law firm Prakken d'Oliveira on January 31, 2021.

Unfortunately, from how you were handling the cases, I got the impression you wanted to take over our work, meanwhile sidelining me as the chairperson of K.U.K.B., ignoring my experience and knowledge of people.

That your racist, colonial government is still applying divide and rule tactics is already shameful enough, but that you are now guilty of dividing my organization, is just unacceptable. In the past 16 years several people have tried to do this, so I know how to recognize it when it happens.

That you blocked me on WhatsApp after I told you not to follow Mr. Robinson's advice, is not in accordance with 'assisting' and 'helping' us. You, as an expert in law and justice, should know that this is not fair and right.

I wonder what this is about. What was your motivation? As I understood, you are going back to the Netherlands in July. Is this just about your ego? Trying to show off how good you are as a Dutch person helping Indonesian victims? If your intentions were sincere, and you really wanted to support a decolonial attempt for justice, you would not break contact with the chairperson of the foundation that started all this. In my opinion you choose sides by blocking me, an Indonesian, while preferring a collaboration with a white Dutch historian.

I take this matter very seriously, as this can harm our foundation and the work we do, including the cases of the victims. This letter is to inform you that we are accusing you of hijacking our work. Of course, you can defend yourself against this accusation if this is not what it looks like. Further, I ask you kindly, but urgently, to send K.U.K.B the files that you compiled together with Ms. Wiwiek Wiratha. I expect you to reply to my letter within two weeks. If we don't receive an answer and if you refuse to share the files with us, we will take legal steps against you.

<https://www.denpost.id/news/2021/05/16/518658/advokat-belanda-wawancara-anak-dan-janda-korban-eksekusi-cepat-tentara-belanda.html?amp>

As I need witnesses, I added several people in CC to this email.

Best wishes,

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