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***Written declaration on the murder of the human rights activist Munir Said Thalib adopted***

The written declaration was put forward by Raül **ROMEVA I RUEDA** (Greens/EFA, ES), Eija-Riitta **KORHOLA** (EPP-ED, FI), Jules **MAATEN** (ALDE, NL), Glyn **FORD** (PES, UK) and Ana Maria **GOMES** (PES, PT) and so far 412 out of 785 MEPs have signed it.

EP President Hans-Gert **Pöttering** announced the adoption of a written declaration on the murder of the human rights activist Munir Said Thalib given over half of all MEPs have signed it. The declaration calls on the Indonesian authorities to take all necessary action to ensure that those responsible for the murder at all levels are brought to trial and justice is delivered as quickly as possible.

In September 2004 leading Indonesian human rights activist Munir Said Thalib, founder of human rights organisations, died from arsenic poisoning on Garuda flight GA974 from Singapore to Amsterdam. The report by an independent fact-finding team into the Munir case, ordered by the Indonesian President, has never been made public. The only person to have been prosecuted in connection with the case, former Garuda co-pilot Polycarpus Budihari Priyanto, had his conviction overturned by the Indonesian Supreme Court in October 2006.

The written declaration calls on the Commission and the Council to monitor the investigation into the murder of Munir, including the ongoing trials of former Garuda executives Indra Setiawan and Rohainil Aini, as well as the case review of the Supreme Court's decision in the Polycarpus case.

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