

was leaving to find shelter elsewhere, Chan-gyu shouted at her: "Your husband is heaven. You are but earth."

*Mylene has sought assistance from the Philippine embassy which has responded positively and supported her needs. But the problem of child custody remains. Many Filipinas who have gone to South Korea to marry—many through arranged marriages—end up battered and wanting to escape with their children but are unaware of the biases in South Korean laws. Those who did manage to get out of the cycle of domestic violence have found it impossible to bring their children.*

*Mylene Luminarias-Park is requesting for letters of support appealing to the South Korean authorities to allow her to go home with her child. In addition, she is asking for assistance from women's groups in Korea. Send letters to your Korean Embassy.*

#### **RALLY AROUND IRENE**

Irene Fernandez, Director of Tenaganita, is being charged by the Malaysian government of violating the 1984 Printing Presses and Publications Act. Her trial started last 10 to 14 June 1996 at the Magistrates Court (5A) in Kuala Lumpur.

Irene made an application to the High Court on 30 May 1996 to transfer the case from the Magistrates Court to the High Court. One of the key reasons for this application is to challenge the validity of Section 8A of the Printing Presses and Publications Act as it may be *ultra vires* to the Constitution under Article 10 which guarantees the right to freedom of expression. Thus, because of this unusual difficulty in the law, the case is better heard at a High Court level. However, the application for transfer to High Court was

dismissed by the judge on 5 June 1996. Thus the trial took place as scheduled from 10-14 June 1996, at the Magistrates Court (5A), in Kuala Lumpur.

We would like to request your support in the following ways:

1. Hold visible forms of protest in your country especially where the Malaysian Embassy is situated. Please continue to send letters of protest to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia.
2. Get hold and disseminate this information. We have printed pamphlets for distribution. Please refer to the E-Mail address given below for requests for pamphlets and for further information related to necessary actions.
3. Make independent press statements stating our fundamental right to freedom of expression and concern over treatment of migrant workers. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,  
Catherine A.

*Those wishing to join the campaign for Irene Fernandez can contact: [panap@geo2.poptel.org.uk](mailto:panap@geo2.poptel.org.uk)*



Sandra Torrijos

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