

## WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING ?



It could be because later this month he celebrates his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

It could be because he has an adoring wife who visits him six times a week.

It could be because he likes the taste of prison food.

It could be because he's rich.

It could be .....but it's none of these things.

The reason he is smiling is because the photographer has just told him he qualifies for inclusion in The Guinness Book Of Records.

How?

He was arrested on 6th December 1985, and he is still to this day in prison UNCONVICTED OF ANY OFFENCE.

Who is he?

His name is Lorrain Esme Osman and he is the Cambridge-educated former non-executive director of a Hong Kong-based Malaysian bank and the fall guy for a multi-million dollar fraud rap masterminded by Chinese con men and Malaysian politicians, aided and abetted by the Hong Kong government and hushed up by our own Foreign Office in the interests of "diplomacy" and "free trade".

We cannot give full details in such a short leaflet, but you are more than welcome to write for further information to the address below.

It will suffice here simply to state that:

Mr Osman is fighting extradition to Hong Kong where he would be unable to get a fair trial due to:

1) the Hong Kong government using a self-confessed liar as their star witness. A man whose testimony was branded by a judge as "monumentally unreal", who has admitted taking bribes himself yet

has never and will never be prosecuted.

2) the state prosecutor who instituted proceedings against Mr Osman being on the take; Warwick Reid was sentenced to eight years imprisonment earlier this year.

3) numerous obstacles being wilfully placed in his way.

4) the refusal of the government to make available "confidential documents" in the "public interest" ; documents which could clear his name.

If Mr Osman is returned to Hong Kong, he will face another two years on remand, certain conviction and a massive sentence. If that were to happen, he would undoubtedly die in prison.

Not content with denying him due process, justice and common humanity, the British government is waging psychological warfare against him and his family. On October 1st he was transferred to Brixton Prison, which makes visiting more difficult for his family. He has been uprated to "Category A" ie he is now considered a danger to the public, the police or the state. His legal team have been harassed, their telephones tapped, and attempts made to stop them presenting relevant evidence in court. On Tuesday 27th November his wife's home in St John's Wood was raided by armed police including MI5 and MI6, ostensibly looking for firearms.

Why is this man smiling? Perhaps it is because, after all he has been through he has still managed to keep his sense of humour, even though the joke is a very sick one and is clearly on him.

Please help us make him smile again. Sign our petition, write to your MP, the Home Secretary, the Prime Minister and anyone of influence who might be in a position to put pressure on the government. Tell them that for the sake of humanity, decency and British justice they must order the release of Lorrain Osman on humanitarian grounds, and give an assurance that he will not be returned to Hong Kong.

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