

18 August 2017  
Attorney General's Chambers  
Attention: Mr Francis Ng SC

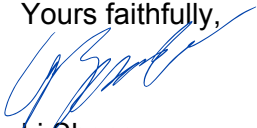
Dear Sirs,

**Your letter dated 8 August 2017.**

1. I refer to the letter dated 8 August 2017 from the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC).
2. AGC still demands I accept that I made "false and baseless allegations" about the lack of independence of the Singapore Judiciary in my private post of 15 July 2017, and that my assertions were wrong, and are in contempt of the Singapore Judiciary. AGC demands that I apologise and undertake not to repeat the allegations or make further similar allegations. If I comply, AGC is prepared to discontinue the legal proceedings it has filed against me.
3. In making its allegations and demands, AGC has relied on an unverified screenshot of my private facebook page.
4. Curiously, my uncle PM Lee Hsien Loong's press secretary is aware of these demands that AGC made to me privately. She disclosed these demands to the public on 18 August.
5. However, I made clear in a public post on 4 August that my private post, if read in context, did not attack the Singapore Judiciary. Any criticism I made was in good faith, and was aimed at the Singapore government's litigious nature and its use of legal rules and actions to stifle the free press. I said I had amended my private post so as to clarify my meaning.
6. In my response letter to AGC of 4 August, I explained that AGC took what it believed, without verification, was my private post completely out of context and attributed to me statements I did not make. I did not make any assertions in contempt of the Singapore Judiciary.
7. AGC's latest demands require that I make statements that are untrue and contradict my public post and my response to AGC of 4 August, and require that I apologise for assertions that I did not make.
8. The truth matters: I cannot confess to a crime I did not commit in return for a discontinuance of the legal proceedings against me.

9. AGC also continues to ignore that my 15 July post is private and what I say in it is for my friends only. My amendment to the post is also private: it remains inaccessible to anyone other than my friends. I am not responsible for the widespread and unauthorised public publication of the contents of my original post, which AGC complains is in contempt of the Singapore judiciary.
10. On 17 July, AGC announced to the media that it was “looking into” my private post. By making public comment on an unverified screenshot from an anonymous source, AGC itself sparked widespread publication and republication of my post.
11. Even on 4 August, when I made a public post, I did not repeat the words in my private post that AGC complains are in contempt: I instead made it clear that I did not attack the Singapore Judiciary and had amended the post to clarify my meaning.
12. AGC however in its press statement thereafter made public the words it complains of.
13. Although my response letter was delivered to AGC before its press statement, AGC did not make public my response. I therefore made public my response letter to make clear that AGC had taken the words it complains of completely out of context.
14. AGC in its initial letter to me dated 21 July even required that I delete and remove my 15 July private post from my “Facebook page and any other social/online media and other documents in your possession, custody or control”. AGC now accepts in its letter of 8 August that I need not delete my private post as I have amended it.
15. AGC sets its sights on policing my private post, yet continues to ignore the publication and republication of the these words by others, including Singapore’s mainstream media. The words AGC complains of remain publicly available because of the widespread publication and republication of the unauthorised screenshot or language used in my original post.
16. AGC has done nothing to pursue the real publishers and republishers. If AGC prosecutes me over a private post which I have clarified and amended, AGC should prosecute Singapore’s mainstream media, and require that they take down their unauthorized publication and republication of the contents of my original post.
17. A final point: Between 4 and 6 August mainstream media in Singapore reported that a spokesman for AGC had claimed that my response letter was only received by AGC after 5pm on Friday, 4 August.
18. That is incorrect. My response letter was hand-delivered to AGC at 4.40pm on Friday, 4 August. This will be borne out by the footage from AGC’s security cameras. I request that AGC correct the false statement that it made to the media.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Li Shengwu', written over the text 'Yours faithfully,'.

Li Shengwu

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