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"We cannot understand why she should have been arrested and detained without being charged according to the principle of Habeas Corpus, and we plead that her case be dealt with as soon as possible.

"The police appear to have taken little cognisance (or did they?) of the fact that she was about to write her year-end examinations and that her detention means that she has lost a year in her commendable ambition to qualify as a doctor and so serve her fellow man.

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"We ask for the repeal of Section Six of the Terrorism Act and that all political detainees be charged or released."

The names of the 47 students who signed the letter are: L. B. Katz, F. Messel, M. Polon, D. I. Altman, A. Davidoff, G. Hirsowitz, A. L. G. Kelly, G. Goldberg, P. Colinese, I. Edelman, F. Daubenton (jnr.), R. Perlman, P. Hosford, I. Bakst, I. Randchod, R. Chibbs, M. Tar-Mohamed, G. Nestadt, T. Kriseman, L. Mijen, H. Metton, R. C. A. Morrison, N. E. Gotlieb, L. H. Paul, J. S. Stein, A. J. Love, A. Stillermann, H. Sevitz, M. Levin, N. Ramjee, A. Goldman, M. Frankel, A. Maloon, A. Croock, K. Renloin, C. Berman, C. Shapiro, I. Dymond, D. E. Wulff, R. Brittan, B. Gertman, R. Folkes, R. Mendelsohn, B. Newman, H. Laburn, L. Singer, H. Ralph.