



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL APRIL 2025

# NEWS from WARRINGTON GROUP

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

HOPE FOR HUMANITY

**NEXT GROUP MEETING – Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
7-9pm at 39 Beechways Appleton WA45ER  
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## PHOTOSHOT – SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1pm

Join us on Saturday at the Town Hall Gates to stand with the people of Gaza. We will be putting a banner on the gates for a photo shot to send a copy to the local paper – wording **Ceasefire now. End Genocide. 30<sup>th</sup> March is Land Day for Palestinians when they remember their stolen lands.**

### URGENT

**Amnesty International has circulated an unprecedented call to its worldwide membership to take urgent and determined campaigning actions across the globe to focus greater attention on Israel's extreme breaches of human rights and the inaction by western governments. This demonstrates the critical, or rather the desperate, situation we face. Amnesty calls on action to start immediately.**

**STOP  
AUTOMATED  
RACISM**

### BAN "CRIME PREDICTING" TECHNOLOGY BY POLICE

Amnesty has exposed how 75% of police forces across the UK are using racist and discriminatory technology to try to "predict crime" - and almost no one knows about it. It's resulting in high-tech racial profiling.  
**Sign the on-line petition to ban this technology.**

## IWAO HAKAMADA, JAPAN'S LONGEST-SERVING DEATH ROW INMATE



Exonerated prisoner awarded \$1.4m after 46 years spent on death row in Japan  
Iwao Hakamada, the world's longest serving death row prisoner, had been wrongly convicted of a quadruple murder.

### Arrested without evidence

In 1966 Hakamada was a factory worker in his thirties living in Shimizu, a city in the Shizuoka Prefecture on Japan's Honshu Island. He'd not long retired from a career as a featherweight boxing champion (he had ranked sixth in Japan) and was working for a miso-producing factory, when he was arrested over the suspicious deaths of a family of four. The manager of the factory where Hakamada worked had been murdered along with his wife and two children. The family was robbed, their bodies left in the house, and the house set alight. The finger was pointed at Hakamada, and on 18 August 1966 he was arrested and detained in a police cell. He has never left custody since.

### Tortured in detention

Hakamada was interrogated for 20 days with no lawyer present. The confession Hakamada signed at the end of his detention would form the basis of his conviction. Later, Hakamada retracted his statement, claiming that police had coerced him into signing it after nearly three weeks of intensive interrogation.

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## USA: ARREST AND DETENTION OF MAHMOUD KHALIL IS CHILLING ATTACK ON HUMAN RIGHTS.



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**'No matter how the Trump administration tries to manipulate it, freedom of expression is a human right, not a deportable offence' - Paul O'Brien**

In response to the Trump administration's unlawful arrest and detention of Mahmoud Khalil, a lawful permanent resident and recent graduate of Columbia University, Paul O'Brien, Amnesty International USA's Executive Director, said:

"The arrest and detention of Mahmoud Khalil, a Palestinian student activist and lawful permanent resident, is the latest attack on human rights by the Trump administration. Each and every one of us – regardless of immigration status – has the right to peaceful assembly, freedom of expression, and due process."

"Targeting and threatening peaceful protesters and their immigration status for the content of their protest, such as advocating for the human rights of Palestinians, is a violation of human rights. "This targeting sends a chilling message to people across this country, on and off campuses, that anyone exercising their rights will be subject to repression, detention, and possible deportation. And for the immigrant communities already living in fear throughout the US, they are now only further pushed into the shadows with fear that they could be deported for speaking out."

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"The US government must release Mahmoud Khalil immediately. [Colleges and universities](#) must take steps to protect their immigrant students from ICE enforcement and ensure that the human rights of all of



their students and faculty to protest in support of Palestinian rights and other issues is respected and protected."

Trump Tower protests: Jewish demonstrators rally for Palestinian activist



**Israel is attempting to silence the truth.** Today, it **targeted and killed two journalists** in Gaza during one of the bloodiest weeks of attacks in the past year and a half. Their deaths bring the total number of media workers killed in Israeli assaults on Gaza since October 2023 to 208. Israel killed Al Jazeera Mubasher and Palestine Today journalists in separate Gaza attacks.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS FESTIVAL, LIVERPOOL**

The human rights festival is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> June in Sefton Park Liverpool and will provide an opportunity to engage with people and interest them in human rights. We have booked a stall and will discuss what to have on the stall. Ideas for discussion include: a large, colourful petition to attract attention; children's bran tub; children's game based on human rights; quiz for adults; children's books to look at; Amnesty giveaways.

**"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King, Jr.**