

AFGHANISTAN

Afghan Women Skills Development Centre

POSITIVE CHANGE FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN

Fifteen years ago Mary Akrami and a group of pioneering women's rights activists set up the Afghan Women Skills Development Centre (AWSDC) to tackle violence and inequality and bring about positive change for women in Afghanistan.

AWSDC provides training for police officers to sensitise them to working with female survivors of violence, works with traditional and religious groups to raise awareness about women's rights issues in communities, and runs several shelters.

In a country where violence against women is endemic and those responsible rarely face justice, shelters like those run by AWSDC play a critical role in providing survivors with protection and support to help them rebuild their lives.

AWSDC staff carry out this important work at great personal risk and face threats, intimidation and attacks.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/awsdc



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ADD YOUR SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO:

- www.amnesty.org.uk/awsdc
- **Preferred language** English
- **Salutation** Dear Friends at AWSDC
- **Suggested message** I stand with you in solidarity and wish you strength and courage.

'It unsettles people to see a woman being strong and vocal – and they get more upset when they see I encourage other women to be strong and vocal too... there is no protection for human rights defenders like us. No one is thinking of us and what will happen to us.'
Mary Akrami

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge President Hamid Karzai to improve support and protection for women human rights defenders

Write to: President Hamid Karzai
Gul Khana Palace
Presidential Palace
Kabul
Afghanistan

Email: president@afghanistangov.org

Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter:

- State that women human rights defenders are among the most active agents for positive change in Afghanistan, but face frequent intimidation and attacks, including from members of the government and people allied to the Taliban and other armed opposition groups.
- Call for attacks and threats on women human rights defenders to be swiftly and fully investigated.
- Call for full implementation of the Elimination of Violence against Women Law and other legislation that protects and promotes women's human rights.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

BANGLADESH

Kalpana Chakma

INDIGENOUS WOMAN 'DISAPPEARED'

Kalpana Chakma was the organising secretary of the Hill Women's Federation, which campaigns for the rights of indigenous peoples in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. In the early hours of 12 June 1996, Kalpana and two of her brothers were abducted from their home in Lallyagona village, Baghaichari, Rangamati district, by plain-clothed security officers.

Her brothers managed to escape and identified the three assailants. However, the police did not take note of the names of the assailants, and they were not investigated or added to the case files. Kalpana, 23 at the time of the incident, has never been found. It is believed that her abduction may have been linked to her support for a political candidate representing the interests of indigenous peoples.

A Bangladeshi court recently demanded a new investigation report into the case with vital information such as the names of the accused assailants included. However, the deadline has passed and no new report has been submitted.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/kalpana



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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Kalicharan Chakma
c/o International CHT Commission
Bangladesh Secretariat
House # 1/3, Block- F Lalmatia
Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh

- **Preferred language** English or Bangla
- **Salutation** Dear Kalicharan
- **Suggested message** We are thinking of you and your family. We and people around the world stand with you in your struggle for justice.
- **Additional information** Kalicharan Chakma is Kalpana's brother.

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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Minister of Home Affairs Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir to ensure Kalpana Chakma's case is properly investigated and those responsible for her 'disappearance' are brought to justice.

Write to: Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir
Ministry of Home Affairs
H-16, R-25, B-A, Banani
Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh

Fax: 00880 2 7164788
Email: mkalamgir@yahoo.com

Salutation: Dear Home Minister

In your letter:

- Urge the Home Minister to give the Rangmati District police the resources needed to re-investigate Kalpana Chakma's 'disappearance' as demanded by the court order.
- Ask him to protect investigators and witnesses from the risk of reprisals.
- Call on him to ensure a thorough, independent re-investigation of the case, including interrogation of the three main suspects, and to bring the perpetrators to justice.

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BELARUS

Ihar Tsikhanyuk

BEATEN BY POLICE FOR BEING GAY

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) individuals face negative stereotyping and prejudice in Belarus, where there are currently no registered LGBTI organisations.

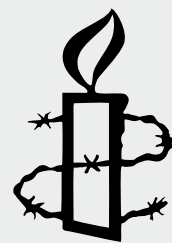
In January, Ihar Tsikhanyuk, an openly gay drag performer and LGBTI rights activist, unsuccessfully attempted to register Human Rights Centre Lambda, with the authorities as an LGBTI organisation. He was subsequently questioned by police, who subjected him to physical and verbal abuse because of his sexuality.

No one has been held to account for Ihar's mistreatment. He and others connected to Human Rights Centre Lambda remain at risk of further threats and abuse because of their sexuality and LGBTI activism.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/ihar



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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Ihar Tsikhanyuk
c/o Belarus Team
Amnesty International
1 Easton Street
London
WC1X 0DW

- **Preferred language** Belarusian, Russian and English
- **Salutation** Dear Ihar Tsikhanyuk
- **Suggested message** We admire your work in such difficult circumstances and wish you success in it. (*Belarusian:* Мы захапляемся вашай працай у такіх цяжкіх умовах і жадаем Вам поспехаў у ёй. *Russian:* Мы восхищаемся вашей работой в таких тяжелых условиях и желаем Вам успехов в ней).

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'I don't want to hide myself. I live openly. It is not easy in Belarus, but I want to show people that I am a person like everybody. Maybe with my example I want to show that it is possible to live openly.'

Ihar Tsikhanyuk

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge General Prosecutor Alyaksandr Koniuk to investigate Ihar Tsikhanyuk's allegations and bring those responsible to justice.

Write to: Generalnaya Prokuratura
ul. Internatsionalnaya 22
220030 Minsk
Belarus

Fax: +375 17 226 42 52 (Please say 'fax' clearly if someone answers)

Email: info@prokuratura.gov.by

Salutation: Dear General Prosecutor

In your letter:

- Urge the General Prosecutor to start a thorough and independent investigation into Ihar Tsikhanyuk's allegations that he was beaten by police and targeted because of his sexual orientation.
- Call on him to ensure that the officers responsible face disciplinary and criminal proceedings.
- Ask him to end the obstruction, harassment and intimidation of non-governmental organisations involved in human rights in Belarus.

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BRAZIL

Laísa Santos Sampaio

DEATH THREATS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNER

Laísa Santos Sampaio, a member of a group that promotes sustainable development in Nova Ipixuna municipality in Pará state, has been the target of persistent death threats since 2011.

In May 2011 her sister and brother-in-law, both prominent environmental campaigners, were shot dead by contract killers. Two men were convicted in April 2013, but a third man who allegedly ordered the killings was acquitted and lives in the same community as Laísa. Other individuals closely associated with the three are also present in the community, and Laísa believes they are responsible for the threats she received.

Laísa is one of the most high-profile critics of illegal logging and charcoal burning in her region, but receives little or no protection from the authorities. She currently remains outside her community for safety reasons.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/laisa



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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Laísa Santos Sampaio
c/o José Batista Gonçalves Afonso
Rua Barão do Triunfo, 3151
Bairro Marco
Belém, PA
CEP 66093-050

- **Preferred language** Portuguese or English
- **Salutation** Dear Laísa (Prezada Laísa)
- **Suggested message** We support your actions to defend the environment and your struggle to seek justice for your sister and brother-in-law (Nós apoiamos sua luta em defesa do meio ambiente e sua busca por justiça por sua irmã e cunhado).

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'I live in fear. I am frightened by the slightest noise, but I have to continue my work.'

Laísa Santos Sampaio

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Secretary of Human Rights Maria do Rosário to protect Laísa Santos Sampaio and investigate the threats she has received.

Write to: Sra. Ministra Maria do Rosário
Secretaria de Direitos Humanos
Setor Comercial Sul
Edifício Parque da Cidade Corporate
Quadra 9, Lote C, Torre A, 10º andar
CEP: 70.308-200
Brasília/DF
Brasil

Email: direitoshumanos@sdh.gov.br

Salutation: Dear Minister (Exma. Sra. Ministra)

In your letter:

- Urge the Secretary of Human Rights to ensure Laísa Santos Sampaio is protected and free to pursue her human and environmental rights work.
- Ask her to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the threats against Laísa.
- Call on her to tackle the endemic criminality behind the conflict over land and natural resources, and protect communities that are at risk.

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BURMA

Dr Tun Aung

IMPRISONED FOR TRYING TO HELP

Dr Tun Aung, a community leader, has been sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment after an unfair trial.

He was arrested following riots between Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims in Maungdaw, a town in western Burma, in June 2012. Independent eyewitnesses confirm that Dr Aung actively tried to calm the crowd during the rioting and played no role in the violence. Nevertheless, he was convicted of inciting riots and various other criminal offences.

It is likely that the authorities were looking for people to blame in the aftermath of the violence and Dr Aung may have been targeted because he is a Muslim community leader. Amnesty International considers Dr Aung, who suffers from a pituitary tumour and may not be receiving the medical care he needs, to be a prisoner of conscience.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/drtun



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ONLINE ACTION

POST A VIDEO OR PHOTO WITH A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT:

- Go to www.myanmar-w4r.tumblr.com and click on 'submit' at the top of the page. You can then upload a message, photo or video. The family will be able to view this page, and Amnesty hopes to be able to share it with Dr Tun Aung on his release.
- **Preferred language** English or Burmese
- **Salutation** To the family of Dr Tun Aung

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- ✗ **Download the message in another language?**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge President Thein Sein to immediately and unconditionally release Dr Tun Aung.

Write to: President Thein Sein
President's Office
Nay Pyi Taw
Myanmar

Email: Via an online contact form at
www.president-office.gov.mm/contact

Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter:

- Urge him to immediately and unconditionally release Dr Tun Aung.

While the authorities are considering Dr Tun Aung for release:

- Urge him to move Dr Tun Aung from Sittwe prison to Insein prison so that he can have regular family visits ahead of his release.
- Call on him to ensure the prison authorities provide Dr Aung with the medical care and medication he requires to manage a serious health condition.

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CAMBODIA

Yorm Bopha

BRING YORM BOPHA HOME

Yorm Bopha, a passionate campaigner for her community at Boeung Kak Lake in Phnom Penh, has been imprisoned since September 2012 following an unfair trial.

Yorm and other local women had led a peaceful protest to mark the anniversary of a forced eviction in their community in which houses were destroyed. She was subsequently accused of planning an assault on two men and, despite the lack of any credible evidence, given a three-year sentence.

Amnesty International considers her a prisoner of conscience, jailed on fabricated charges because of her peaceful activism defending the right to housing and freedom of expression.

With her husband unable to work because of ill health, Yorm's family has financial problems and can no longer afford to send their son to school.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/yorm



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Yorm Bopha calls for the release of fellow human rights defenders from Boeung Kak Lake community

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Yorm Bopha
c/o LICADHO
PO Box 499
Phnom Penh
Cambodia

Alternatively by courier for bulk mail:

Yorm Bopha
C/o Naly Pilorge, Director, LICADHO
#16 St 99
Phnom Penh
Cambodia

- **Preferred language** Khmer or English
- **Salutation** Dear Yorm Bopha
- **Suggested message** We all support you and wish you good spirit and health.
- **Additional information** 27 December is the anniversary of Yorm Bopha's conviction.

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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge the Minister of Justice to immediately and unconditionally release Yorm Bopha

NB: At the time of publication the new Minister of Justice had not been named because of an ongoing dispute over the July general election result.

Write to: Ministry of Justice
No 240 Sothearos Blvd
Phnom Penh
Cambodia

Fax: +855 23 364119
Email: moj@cambodia.gov.kh

Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter:

- State that Yorm Bopha is a prisoner of conscience and should be immediately and unconditionally released.
- Call on the minister to publicly condemn harassment, violence and unwarranted legal action against human rights defenders, and order an end to it.

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ETHIOPIA

Eskinder Nega

BRING ESKINDER NEGA HOME

Eskinder Nega, a 44-year-old journalist, is serving 18 years in prison for terrorism offences, after he criticised the Ethiopian government and called for freedom of expression in speeches and articles.

The Ethiopian authorities routinely use criminal charges and accusations of terrorism to silence dissenters.

Eskinder has long been a thorn in the side of the Ethiopian authorities. This is the eighth time he has been arrested and prosecuted because of his activities as a journalist. His wife, Serkalem Fasil, was also tried on treason and other charges. Their son, Nafkot, was born in prison. Amnesty International considers Eskinder to be a prisoner of conscience.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/eskinder



Serkalem Fasil, son Nafkot and husband Eskinder Nega, 2007
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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Serkalem Fasil
c/o The Individuals and Communities at Risk Program
Amnesty International USA
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE 5th floor
Washington, DC 20003
USA

- **Preferred language** Amharic or English
- **Salutation** Dear Eskinder and Serkalem
- **Suggested message** We are thinking of you both and campaigning for Eskinder's freedom.
- **Additional information** Eskinder's birthday is on 6 November. The Ethiopian (Orthodox) Christmas is celebrated on 6 January.

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'I will live to see the light at the end of the tunnel. It may or may not be a long wait. Whichever way events may go, I shall persevere.'

Eskinder Nega

Amnesty International

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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn to immediately and unconditionally release Eskinder Nega.

Write to: Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn
PO Box 1031
Addis Ababa
Ethiopia

Fax: +251 11 551 1244
Email: (via Ministry of Justice)
mojmo@ethionet.et

Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

In your letter:

- Urge him to immediately and unconditionally release Eskinder Nega.
- Call for the authorities to stop using criminal proceedings to silence their critics, and end harassment of journalists and members of civil society, including human rights activists.

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HONDURAS

COFADEH



ACTIVISTS UNDER INCREASING THREAT

The Committee of Relatives of the Detained and Disappeared in Honduras (COFADEH) is one of the country's main human rights organisations. Its work includes seeking justice for current human rights abuses by the security forces and 'disappearances' in the 1980s, and training local human rights activists.

COFADEH's brave staff members are at great risk and since 2011 the number and severity of incidents against them has intensified, with death threats, harassment and attacks. Female COFADEH members have also been threatened with sexual violence.

Despite an order from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Honduran authorities have failed to adequately protect COFADEH staff members and their families. Despite the danger, COFADEH continues its crucial work.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/cofadeh



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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Comité de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos en Honduras (COFADEH)
Barrio La Plazuela
Avenida Cervantes, Casa 1301
Tegucigalpa
Honduras

- **Preferred language** Spanish or English
- **Salutation** Dear Friends (Estimad@s amigas y amigos del COFADEH)
- **Suggested message** We stand in solidarity with you and admire all of your important work promoting and protecting human rights in Honduras. Best wishes (Les mandamos este mensaje en solidaridad y con mucha admiración por su valiosa labor de promover y proteger los derechos humanos en Honduras. Cordialmente).
- **Additional information** 30 November is COFADEH's 31st anniversary. Try to send cards with pictures of doves, COFADEH's symbol. Download a dove template from www.amnesty.org.uk/cofadeh

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'Even though they want to cut off our wings, they won't be able to.' **Bertha Oliva, COFADEH founding member and coordinator**

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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge the President-Elect to endorse COFADEH's work, investigate the harassment and threats against COFADEH staff members, and fully comply with the orders of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

NB: Presidential elections take place in Honduras on 24 November, with the new President taking office in January 2014. Amnesty will forward your letter after the election result is known.

Write to: President-Elect of Honduras
c/o Central America Team
Amnesty International
1 Easton Street
London
WC1X 0DW

Salutation: Dear President-Elect

In your letter:

- Urge the President-Elect to publicly pledge her/his support for COFADEH and other human rights defenders in Honduras, and condemn all attacks against them.
- Call on her/him to ensure progress in investigating the threats and harassment against COFADEH members, that the results are made public and those responsible brought to justice.
- Urge her/him to fully comply with the protective measures ordered by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in consultation with COFADEH members.

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MEXICO

Miriam López

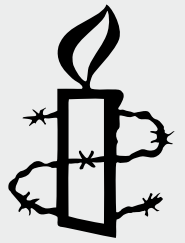
TORTURE SURVIVOR FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE

In February 2011, moments after dropping off her children at school, Miriam Isaura López Vargas was grabbed by two men wearing balaclavas. She was tied up, blindfolded and driven to a military barracks in the city of Tijuana.

For the following week she was raped repeatedly by soldiers, who tortured her until she signed a statement falsely implicating herself in drug offences. She was sent to prison to await trial, but was released without charge seven months later.

Although Miriam has identified some of the perpetrators and their accomplices, no-one has been brought to justice for the torture and sexual violence she suffered.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/miriam



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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Miriam López
Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los
Derechos Humanos
Tehuantepec 142
Col. Roma Sur, C.P. 06760
Mexico City
Mexico

- **Preferred language** Spanish or English
- **Salutation** Dear Miriam (Estimada Miriam)
- **Suggested message** I support you wholeheartedly. Please keep up the struggle. In solidarity (Te envío todo mi apoyo y mi solidaridad. Fuerza, sigue adelante).
- **Additional information** You can also show solidarity with Miriam by 'liking' and leaving a message, photo or short video on her Facebook page: bit.ly/miriamlopez

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'They put a wet cloth over my face, when I tried to breathe I felt the wet cloth, it became difficult to breathe, I then felt a stream of water up my nose, I tried to get up but couldn't because they had me held down by my shoulders and legs... someone was pressing down on my stomach, they did this repeatedly as they kept on asking the same questions.' **Miriam Lopez**

Amnesty International

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Federal Attorney General Jesús Murillo Karam to urgently investigate the torture of Miriam López and bring those responsible to justice.

Write to: Jesús Murillo Karam
Federal Attorney General
Procuraduría General de la República
Paseo de la Reforma 211-213
Col. Cuauhtémoc, C.P. 06500
Mexico City
Mexico

Email: ofproc@pgr.gob.mx

Salutation: Dear Attorney General
(Estimado Señor Procurador)

In your letter:

- Express concern about the torture suffered by Miriam López at the hands of soldiers and federal officials in February 2011.
- Urge the Attorney General to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into Miriam's torture, make the results public, and bring those responsible to justice.

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OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Nabi Saleh



VILLAGERS FACING VIOLENCE

The 550 people living in Nabi Saleh village face frequent violent repression from the Israeli army.

Since 2009 the villagers have held weekly peaceful protests against Israel's military occupation and the illegal settlement of Halamish, which has taken over most of their farmland. Despite court orders, the settlers have also turned the village water spring into a tourist attraction, which Nabi Saleh residents are prevented from using.

The Israeli army responds to the villagers' peaceful protests with excessive and unnecessary force. They have killed two protesters and injured hundreds, including women and children, by firing live ammunition, stun grenades and tear gas canisters. The Israeli security forces regularly raid the village, searching houses and arresting people, including children, late at night.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/nabisaleh



Demonstration in Nabi Saleh, 2 August 2013
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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Residents of the village of Nabi Saleh
c/o Naji Tamimi
Nabi Saleh
Birzeit/Ramallah
Palestine

You can also add a solidarity message at:

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/nabisolidarity

- **Preferred language** English or Arabic
- **Suggested message** We stand by you in dignity and for freedom and justice.
- **Additional information:** 29 November is International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

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'We see it as part of our struggle; the presence of internationals and international media reduces Israeli violence. International and Israeli activists who join us are ambassadors for [our case].' **Naji Tamimi, Nabi Saleh villager**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Israeli Minister of Defence Moshe Ya'alon to stop the use of excessive and unnecessary force against demonstrators in Nabi Saleh and bring to justice those responsible for human rights abuses.

Write to: Minister of Defence Moshe Ya'alon
Ministry of Defence
37 Kaplan Street
Hakiryia
Tel Aviv 61909, Israel

Fax: +972 3 691 6940
Email: minister@mod.gov.il

Salutation: Dear Minister

In your letter:

- Urge the Minister of Defence to stop the use of excessive and unnecessary force against demonstrators in Nabi Saleh, who must be guaranteed their rights to freedom of expression and assembly.
- Ask him to hold to account the security officers responsible for the killing of Mustafa Tamimi and Rushdi Tamimi and injury of others in the village.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

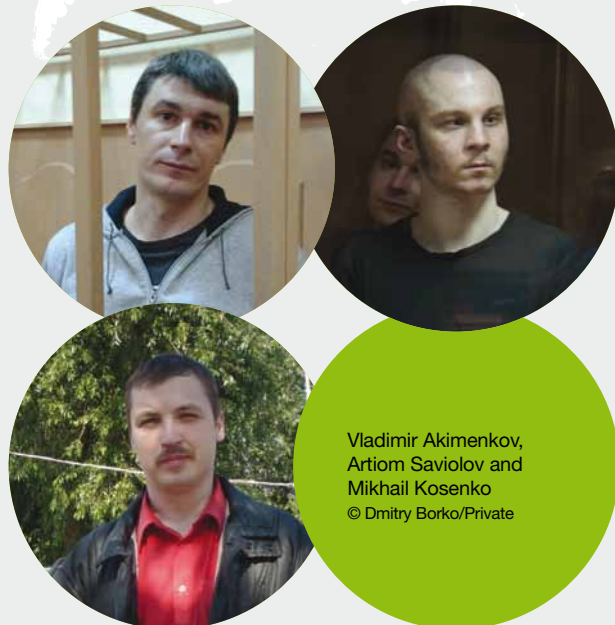
The Bolotnaya Three

PROTESTERS HELD FOR OVER A YEAR

Vladimir Georgievich Akimenkov, Artiom Victorovich Saviolov and Mikhail Aleksandrovich Kosenko were detained during the protest against Vladimir Putin's rule in Bolotnaya Square, Moscow, on 6 May 2012. Although they were briefly released, the trio were arrested again the following month and charged with participating in a 'mass riot'; Artiom and Mikhail are also accused of using force against police officers.

Since then the men have been held in custody, which is taking a toll on their health. All three firmly deny the charges and video footage supports their claims. The police statements against Vladimir and Artiom have changed substantially since the protests, and the officer allegedly beaten by Mikhail later said he had never seen him before.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/bolotnaya



SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Pre-trial detention facility
SIZO-2 'Butyrka'
ul. Novoslobodskaya, 45
Moscow
127055
Russian Federation

- **Preferred language** Russian or English. Sometimes prison officials will not deliver mail in foreign languages. If possible we recommend you send your own, personalised message in Russian.
- **Salutation** Dear Vladimir/Artiom/Mikhail
- **Suggested message** We are thinking of you and fighting for your freedom (Мы думаем о Вас и боремся за Вашу свободу).
- **Additional information** Please send cards separately to the three men. Add their full name to the address above.

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But please do not include any statements critical of the Russian authorities as this would only harm the detainees.
- ✓ **Include my name and address?**
- ✗ **Download the message in another language?**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Prosecutor General Yurii Yakovlevich Chaika to ensure prompt and fair trials for Vladimir Georgievich Akimenkov, Artiom Victorovich Saviolov and Mikhail Aleksandrovich Kosenko.

Write to: Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation
Prosecutor General's Office
ul. B. Dmitrovka, d.15a
125993 Moscow GSP- 3
Russian Federation

Fax: +7 495 987 58 41 or +7 495 692 17 25
(if someone picks up, say 'Fax')

Tel: + 7 495 987 57 08
(if you speak Russian)

Salutation: Dear Prosecutor General

In your letter:

- Urge him to ensure prompt and fair trials for Vladimir Georgievich Akimenkov, Artiom Victorovich Saviolov and Mikhail Aleksandrovich Kosenko. They should be released on bail for the duration of their trials.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

TUNISIA

Jabeur Mejri

BRING JABEUR MEJRI HOME

Jabeur Mejri is serving a seven-and-a-half-year prison sentence for publishing articles on, and pictures of, the Prophet Mohamed on his Facebook page.

He was arrested after two lawyers saw the posts and filed a complaint. According to legal documents, Jabeur told interrogators that the images were from a friend, Ghazi Beji, a self-proclaimed atheist.

In March 2012, a court ruled the posts the two had made on their Facebook pages were 'insulting to Islam and Muslims' under the Tunisian Penal and Telecommunications Code. Ghazi fled the country to avoid being arrested, and was tried in absentia.

Amnesty International considers Jabeur to be a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of opinion and expression.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/jabeur



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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Jabeur Mejri
Prison civile de Mahdia
Route de Chiba 5100
Mahdia
Tunisie

- **Preferred language** English or Arabic
- **Salutation** Dear Jabeur
- **Suggested message** I stand in solidarity with you Jabeur, and for your freedom as a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for exercising your right to freedom of expression.

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?
- Download the message in another language?

'Jabeur is tired and worried. Every time we see him he is even more tired and more depressed. He is a good boy and doesn't deserve what's happened to him. What has happened has affected him and it has affected all of us.'
Sayeda Mejri, Jabeur's mother

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge President Moncef Marzouki to immediately and unconditionally release Jabeur Mejri, and quash his and Ghazi Beji's convictions.

Write to: President Moncef Marzouki
Palais Présidentiel
Tunis
Tunisia

Fax: + 216 71 744 721
Email: boc@pm.gov.tn

Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter:

- Call on the Tunisian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Jabeur Mejri, who is a prisoner of conscience held solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.
- Urge them to quash the conviction and prison sentence against Jabeur Mejri and Ghazi Beji.
- Ask them to respect the right to freedom of expression and meet their international human rights obligations.

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'THE POWER OF LOVE CAN CONQUER THE LOVE OF POWER'

Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) was formed in 2003 to provide women with a united voice against the social, economic and human rights conditions in Zimbabwe. Since then WOZA members have been arrested, harassed and severely beaten by the police on many occasions simply for exercising their right to peaceful protest.

Pregnant women and mothers with babies and young children have been among those detained. Jenni Williams, WOZA's founder and national coordinator, has been arrested over 50 times.

Despite the risks, WOZA members continue to stand up for human rights. Every Valentine's Day they hand out roses with a message that sums up their ethos: 'The power of love can conquer the love of power'

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WOZA National Coordinator, Jenni Williams demonstrates the 'L is for Love' sign



SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Families of WOZA Activists

c/o WOZA
PO Box FM701
Famona
Bulawayo
Zimbabwe

- **Preferred language** English, Shona or Ndebele
- **Salutation** Dear family members of a WOZA activist
- **Suggested message** I stand in solidarity with WOZA's human rights work.
- **Additional information** 29 November is Women Human Rights Defenders Day.

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'Amnesty is our big sister. When I'm in prison, if I know that someone, my big sister, is shouting for me, telling people about me, then I feel less distressed, less frightened, less alone.' **Jenni Williams**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Raise your concerns with Ambassador Gabriel Mharadze Machinga about the arbitrary arrest, intimidation, harassment and ill-treatment of WOZA activists.

Write to: Gabriel Mharadze Machinga
Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary
Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe House
429 Strand
London WC2E 0JE

Fax: 020 7379 1167
Email: zimlondon@yahoo.co.uk

Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter:

- Express concern at the repeated arbitrary arrest, intimidation, harassment and ill-treatment of WOZA activists.
- Urge the authorities to respect the right to freedom of expression, association and assembly.
- Urge the authorities to open investigations into all reports of harassment of human rights defenders.