

**HAKAMADA  
IWAO  
JAPAN**

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# PLEASE HELP HAKAMADA IWAO

Hakamada Iwao is suffering from mental illness after spending over 28 years in solitary confinement and lives with the constant fear of execution.

Hakamada Iwao has been on death row since 1968. After an unfair trial, he was convicted of the 1966 murder of the boss of the factory where he worked, and the man's wife and two children. The family had been stabbed and their house set on fire.

Hakamada Iwao confessed after 20 days of interrogation by police without a lawyer present. Under the *daiyo kangoku* (substitute prison) system, suspects can be detained for up to 23 days of questioning. There is no limit on the length of interrogation sessions, during which the detainees' lawyers have only restricted access to them. Hakamada Iwao retracted his confession and testified during his trial that police had beaten and threatened him to force him to sign a confession, but he was found guilty and sentenced to death. He has appealed twice without success, and his petitions for a retrial

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# ACT NOW

## 1. WRITE TO JUSTICE MINISTER MORI EISUKE

- Urge him to retry Hakamada Iwao, meeting international fair trial standards.
- Call for the abolition of the *daiyo kangoku* or substitute prison system.
- Call for a moratorium on executions, and that the sentences of all those now on death row are commuted.

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Salutation: Dear Minister

## 2. WRITE CARDS TO HAKAMADA IWAO, IN ENGLISH OR JAPANESE, TO SHOW SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT

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