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Amnesty International on the latest assault on human rights in Belarus

As the trials of opposition politicians in Belarus approach, Amnesty International is publishing today a briefing detailing the human rights violations committed by the Belarusian authorities in the aftermath of Alyaksandr Lukashenka's fourth re-election last December.

Hundreds of people were detained and many were beaten by riot police during the dispersal of a demonstration on election night on 19 December. Repression against political opposition and human rights defenders continues to this day.

[*"Security, Peace and Order"?: Violations in the wake of elections in Belarus*](#) highlights violations of the rights to freedom of assembly, association and expression; ill-treatment and disproportionate use of force, arbitrary detention, fair trial concerns and medical care for the detained.

The document presents the case of opposition presidential candidate Andrei Sannikau and his wife who were severely beaten and injured by riot police and unlawfully arrested. His sister Irina Bogdanova told Amnesty International:

"Most of the information we are getting from the news. In what conditions they are held there we don't know, how badly my brother is beaten up we don't know, whether they are getting any medical care or not, we don't know."

In its latest briefing, Amnesty International is reiterating its call to the Belarusian authorities to release all prisoners of conscience who are detained solely for the peaceful expression of their political views.

To see a video highlighting Amnesty International's concerns about the current situation in Belarus: <https://adam.amnesty.org/asset-bank/action/viewAsset?id=125711>

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