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Amnesty International report on secret prisons in Lithuania and visual stunt Media Invite

On 29 September, Amnesty International will host a press conference to launch a new report and visual stunt calling on the Lithuanian authorities to re-open the criminal investigation into its involvement in the US-led rendition and secret detention programmes. The Lithuanian government has admitted its involvement but failed to effectively investigate its role in them.

Prior to the launch of the report, *Unlock the Truth in Lithuania: Investigate Secret Prisons Now*, Amnesty International delegates together with representatives of the Vilnius-based Human Rights Monitoring Institute (HRMI) will present the report's findings and recommendations to the Lithuanian authorities.

Following the Lithuanian authorities' decision to prematurely close the criminal investigation in January 2011, Amnesty International launched an international campaign collecting in six months thousands of signed padlocks from activists across Europe, asking the Lithuanian authorities to "unlock the truth" by re-opening the investigation.

After the press conference, Amnesty International and HRMI will be showcasing the signed padlocks in a visual stunt – nearly 2,000 padlocks will be attached to a cage set up with activists dressed as detainees. Passers-by will be able to add their own padlock and signature on that day.

What: Press conference to present Amnesty International's new report followed by visual stunt.

When: Thursday 29 September 2011, at 11:00hrs local time (08:00 GMT)

Where: Baltic News Service
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Vilnius, Lithuania.

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