

Write for Rights

JOURNALIST BEHIND BARS

NAME: ESKINDER NEGA
LOCATION: ETHIOPIA



Ethiopian journalist Eskinder Nega is serving an 18-year prison sentence for “terrorism”. He was charged in 2011 after giving speeches and writing articles criticizing the government and supporting free speech. He is a prisoner of conscience.

Eskinder has long been a thorn in the side of the Ethiopian authorities. He has previously been harassed, arrested and prosecuted a number of times for his writing. Between 2006 and 2007, Eskinder and his wife Serkalem Fasil were detained and tried on treason and other charges along with 129 other journalists, opposition politicians and activists. Serkalem gave birth to their son Nafkot while in prison.

In May 2013, Eskinder wrote from prison: “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!”

Write a letter – change his life

Show solidarity with Eskinder Nega and his wife Serkalem Fasil

Send a letter or a card to Eskinder and Serkalem.

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

Write to the Prime Minister

Urge him to ensure the immediate and unconditional release of Eskinder Nega. Ask him to ensure that the authorities stop using criminal proceedings to silence their critics, and end other forms of harassment of journalists and members of civil society including human rights activists.

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