

Case: Johan Teterissa – INDONESIA

President of the Republic of Indonesia
H.E Joko Widodo
c/o Presidential Staff Office (KSP)
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Indonesia

Your Excellency

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release prisoner of conscience Johan Teterissa and all of his co-protestors imprisoned solely for their peaceful political expression.

Johan, a teacher from Maluku, has spent nearly 10 years in prison for the simple act of waving a flag. He led a group of men in a “cakalele” dance protest in front of the former President which ended with them raising a flag banned by the government. The men were taken by the police, whipped, beaten and imprisoned following an unfair trial. Johan was sentenced to life, reduced to a 15-year sentence.

Johan and his co-protestors remain imprisoned thousands of kilometres from family and friends. Pending their release they should be immediately transferred to a prison closer to their families.

Please take action today to end this injustice.

Yours sincerely,

Please send copies of your letter to:

Yasonna Laoly
Minister of Law and Human Rights
Ministry of Law and Human Rights
Jl. HR Rasuna Said Kav 6-7
Kuningan, Jakarta Selatan
Jakarta 12950
Indonesia

Case: Bayram & Giyas – AZERBAIJAN

Ilham Aliyev
Office of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
19 Istiqlaliyyat Street
Baku, AZ 1066
Azerbaijan

Dear President Aliyev,

I call on you to ensure that Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov are immediately and unconditionally released, and that the drug charges against them are dropped.

Bayram and Giyas were tortured into confessing to possession of heroin, which was planted on them – a ruse used by police whose real motives were to punish the students for spraying graffiti on the statue of the former president of Azerbaijan, Heydar Aliyev.

Bayram and Giyas should not be facing up to 12 years in prison for exercising their right to freedom of expression. Please release them now.

Yours sincerely,

Case: Fomusoh Ivo Feh, Cameroon

President of the Republic of Cameroon
His Excellency Paul Biya
P.O. Box 95 Yaoundé
Cameroon

Your excellency,

I urge you to free Fomusoh Ivo Feh and his friends, Afuh Nivelte Nfor and Azah Levis Gob, without delay.

They have been sentenced to 10 years in prison– all because they shared a joke SMS message with each other.

Please don't make them pay with their futures for this.

Yours,

Case: Indigenous peoples of the Peace River Valley – CANADA

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
Canada
K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I urge you to halt the Site C dam, and honour Canada's obligations to respect and protect the rights of Indigenous peoples in the Peace River Valley, British Columbia.

If built, this huge hydroelectric project will drown over 80km of the Peace River Valley, destroying lands vital to Indigenous hunting and fishing and sweeping away grave sites.

Over 100 years ago, the Canadian government signed a treaty, promising to protect the way of life of Indigenous peoples in the region. Prime Minister Trudeau, please don't break that promise.

Yours sincerely,

Case: Ilham Tohti – CHINA

Director Fan Jun
Prison Administration Bureau of Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region
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Urumqi, Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region
People's Republic of China
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Dear Director Fan Jun,

I call on you to ensure that Ilham Tohti is not tortured or ill-treated in detention. A university professor, Ilham Tohti worked tirelessly to build bridges between ethnic communities in China.

He always opposed violence in his writing and lectures, and sought to encourage co-operation and understanding. But he's been jailed for life for so-called "separatism".

Ilham Tohti is being cruelly punished for his peaceful activism. It is unjust. He should be immediately and unconditionally released.

Yours sincerely,

Case: Shakwan – EGYPT

**Nabil Sadek
Office of the Public Prosecutor
Madinat Al-Rihab
New Cairo, Egypt**

Dear Counsellor Nabil Sadek,

I urge you to release Mahmoud Abu Zeid, better known as Shawkan, immediately and unconditionally with all charges against him dropped. He is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for his journalistic work.

A photojournalist, he was covering a sit-in on 14 August 2013 in Cairo, when security forces swept in.

Police and army officers were deployed to disperse the Rabaa al-Adaweya sit-in, which Shawkan was photographing. It was Egypt's darkest day, resulting in the killing of more than 700 people from the Rabaa al-Adaweya sit-in alone. Up to 1,000 people were killed across the country.

When police found out Shawkan was a journalist, they arrested him. They beat him with a belt and their fists, and tied his wrists so tightly with a plastic ligature they bled, he has told Amnesty International in a letter published in April 2015. A few days later, when he was being transferred to a prison, he was kept in a parked truck for several hours under sweltering summer heat. He has been in detention for more than three years facing trumped-up charges and receiving inadequate health care. Please release him without delay.

Yours sincerely,

Case: Zeynab Jalalian – IRAN

Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani

Head of the Judiciary

c/o Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations

Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 28

1209 Geneva

Switzerland

Your Excellency,

I call on you to release Iranian Kurdish prisoner Zeynab Jalalian and immediately give her the treatment she needs.

I am concerned that Iran's authorities are denying her the specialized medical treatment she urgently needs for her eyes.

Arrested for her social and political activities in 2008, Zeynab Jalalian says she was tortured in custody. She is serving a life sentence imposed after grossly unfair proceedings for her supposed links to the military wing of a Kurdish opposition group, an allegation which has not been supported by any evidence.

Yours sincerely,

Case: Annie Alfred/People with albinism - MALAWI

President of the Republic of Malawi
Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika
Office of the President and Cabinet
Private Bag 301
Capital City
Lilongwe 3
Malawi

Your Excellency,

I urge you to protect people with albinism from murder. Attacks on them have risen steeply in Malawi since November 2014.

Annie Alfred is one of many people with albinism in the country. Along with others like her, she is under threat from those who believe that killing her for her body parts will make them rich. Prove them wrong.

Please show them that far from riches, crimes against people like Annie are met with the full weight of the law.

Yours,

Case: Máxima Acuña – PERU

Minister of Interior
Carlos Basombrío
Plaza 30 de Agosto s/n Urb. Corpac - San Isidro
Lima, Perú

Dear Minister Carlos Basombrío,

I urge you to protect Máxima Acuña and her family from violence and intimidation. I also ask that you promptly investigate the attacks that have already been carried out against her, bringing those responsible to justice.

Máxima, a peasant farmer in northern Peru, has braved violent harassment and intimidation from local police for refusing to leave the land where she lives with her family. She is in a legal battle with Yanacocha, one of the world's biggest gold and copper mines, over the ownership of the land. She believes the police's harassment is an attempt to drive her away from her home.

Please make sure the police do their job and protect her and her family.

Yours sincerely,

Case: Eren Keskin – TURKEY

Bekir Bozdağ
Ministry of Justice
Adalet Bakanlığı
06659 Ankara
Turkey

Dear Minister Bekir Bozdağ,

I call on you to repeal laws in Turkey that stifle people's right to freedom of expression. Lawyer and former newspaper editor Eren Keskin is a victim of these laws; she must not be imprisoned for speaking out for justice.

In 2014, Eren was convicted of "insulting the Turkish state" because she spoke out against the killing of a 12-year-old boy by the army. She has been brought before the courts more than 100 times because of her outspoken stand on the plight of Turkey's Kurdish minority. The sheer volume of cases against her is nothing short of harassment.

Eren must not be imprisoned simply for criticizing the state. A truly robust state is one that listens to its critics. Show the world that Turkey is such a state.

Yours sincerely,

Case: Edward Snowden – USA

President Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500
USA

Dear President Obama,

I urge you to grant a Presidential Pardon to Edward Snowden as a whistleblower who spoke out to defend our human rights.

When he shared US intelligence documents with journalists, Edward revealed how governments were scooping up our personal data, including phone calls, emails and much more. His actions sparked a global debate which changed laws and protected our privacy. Yet he's forced to live in exile and faces decades in prison.

President Obama, you yourself have said that the debate he triggered on surveillance "will make us stronger". Edward Snowden is a human rights hero. Please treat him like one.

Yours sincerely,