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UNITED KINGDOM: “I want justice”

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

For members in the UK:

Letter Writing

1. Letters to the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

The Rt. Hon. Charles Clarke MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department
Home Office
2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF
United Kingdom
Fax: +44 0207 273 3429 / 4034
Email: homesecretary.submissions@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Salutation: Dear Secretary of State

In your letter, please urge the authorities to implement the recommendations that Amnesty International makes on p. 17 of the report.

Particularly, please call on the UK authorities to take immediate action on the first four recommendations concerning these appeal cases.

2. Letters to Your local MP:

If you have the capacity, please send a copy of the external report to your local MP urging him/her to consider the recommendations made by Amnesty International on page 17 of the report. Ask your local MP to take up these recommendations wherever possible, either in discussion with other parliamentarians, or in relevant debates in Parliament. Ask your local MP to ask the Home Secretary what his response has been to AI's recommendations.

Postcard Campaign

Please print the sample post-card attached for mailing to the Home Secretary, Charles Clarke. This postcard graphically illustrates AI's message to the UK authorities about not turning a blind eye to torture.

Petition

Please collect signatures up to 15 March 2006 calling on the UK authorities to implement the first four recommendations immediately. We plan to send the collected signatures to the UK authorities in advance of the hearings of the deportation appeals of “A”, “G”, and “H”, which are likely to be heard in March, April 2006. Please use the following text at the top of your petition:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY CALL UPON THE UK GOVERNMENT TO RESCIND THE DEPORTATION ORDERS AGAINST “A”, “G”, AND “H”, AND DISCHARGE THE “CONTROL ORDER” IMPOSED ON MAHMOUD ABU RIDEH. WE FURTHER CALL UPON THE UK GOVERNMENT TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND END THE PRACTICE OF ENTERING INTO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (CONTAINING SO-CALLED DIPLOMATIC ASSURANCES) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEPORTATION OF INDIVIDUALS TO COUNTRIES WHERE THEY FACE A RISK OF TORTURE OR OTHER ILL-TREATMENT.

Letters of Support to the Appellants

If you would like to show your support by sending messages of solidarity to any of the men whose testimonies are highlighted in the external report UNITED KINGDOM: “I want justice”, please write to them care of Solicitor Gareth Peirce:

Birnberg Peirce & Partners
c/o Gareth Peirce
14 Inverness Street
London NW1 7HJ
UK

Public Education / Outreach

If you have the capacity, please write articles for your local newspapers, professional magazine, trade union newsletters, call in to your local radio station, or otherwise seek to raise awareness about Amnesty International’s concerns about these cases.

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For members outside the UK:

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2. Letters to *the UK Embassy/Consulate*:

Please write to the UK Embassy/Consulate in your country urging them to implement AI's recommendations found on p. 17 of the document.

Lobbying

If you have the capacity, please seek a meeting with the British Embassy/High Commission in your country to make them aware about Amnesty International's concerns as outlined in the external document, *UNITED KINGDOM: "I want justice"* (AI Index: EUR 45/056/2005)

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