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## **Activists build 'House of Cards' in central Bucharest to highlight forced evictions**

On Tuesday 18 June, Amnesty International and Romani activists will erect a 6m x 6m x 6m House of Cards in central Bucharest as a symbol of the vulnerability of people across Romania who are threatened with being forcibly evicted from their homes.

Meant to symbolize the unsafe and inadequate housing conditions to which Roma communities are often relocated, the House of Cards will portray images and quotes from people who have been forcibly evicted. The exhibition will include satellite images highlighting how Roma in Cluj-Napoca and Piatra Neamt are marginalized, as well as a petition calling on Romania's Prime Minister to end forced evictions and to protect the right to adequate housing in national legislation.

During the event, Amnesty International will present its new report *Pushed to the margins: Five stories of Roma forced evictions in Romania*.

People from Roma communities will be on hand to provide direct testimonies of their experience of forced evictions, and Amnesty International experts as well as local activists will be available for interviews during and after the event.

**When:** 18 June 2013, 12.00 pm Romanian time

**Where:** University square, Bucharest

**What:** Unveiling of the House of cards by Amnesty International and members of Roma communities affected by forced evictions in Romania

The *House of cards* will be open to the public from Tuesday, 18 June until the evening of Wednesday, 19 June.

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