

**SHARING YOUR
STORY WITH
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**

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WHO WE ARE

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people who campaign for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all.

We are committed to justice, equality and freedom. Our vision is for every person to enjoy all the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

Our movement is made up of individuals working in support of others. Their work for change is motivated by people like you who have suffered or witnessed human rights abuses. These real-life stories are at the heart of our campaigns.

We are independent of any government, international organization, political ideology or party, economic interest or religion and are funded mainly by our membership and public donations.

HOW WE WORK

Often, our work starts with people like you sharing a story and information with us. When you share your story with Amnesty International, we ask you for your consent to be interviewed and we will tell you how we may use any information that you give us.

All the information you give us is needed by Amnesty International to campaign to stop human rights violations and abuses around the world, to hold those who commit them to account and to get redress for victims and their loved ones.

Amnesty may use your information for a range of activities and a variety of purposes, including campaigning; publishing reports; in the media (including social media); in activism materials and human rights education materials; to conduct advocacy meetings at the local, national and/or international level, and for the purpose of attracting new members and raising donations for our work.

It's important that you understand that we may use the information that you share for all these different types of activities.

If you give Amnesty consent to use your information publicly, whether identified as a source by name or not, it means we can then use this information in all our core activities.

If you agree to your information being used by us, we may share your story. People around the world may learn about

what happened to you and your family. Government officials, members of your community, and your family and friends could all read or hear about you or see images of you printed in reports or online.

We hope that by using the information that you give us, we will achieve justice for people like you who are affected by human rights violations and that there will be fewer human rights violations in the future. We will always do our best to act on a human rights issue that you tell us about, but we do not guarantee that we will be able to use the information you give us.

If at a later stage we think it might be advisable to intensify our work on your case or story to get justice and have the impact desired, we will contact you and discuss this with you and get your agreement before doing so.

This is how we might use the information you give us:

- We might talk to governments about the case; this includes your own government and the governments of other countries.
- We might publish your story in printed materials and online; published stories can be seen by people for many years.
- We might tell journalists about your story and they might publish it or parts of it in the media. Journalists might want to speak to you and ask to take your photograph.
- We might ask our members and supporters to take action on the story or case you have told us about. This could be by writing letters to governments and holding public demonstrations.
- We might tell the United Nations about your case and ask the United Nations to investigate it.
- We will also seek to attract new paying members and raise funds from people who care about human rights to enable us to do our work.
- We will use the information you give us to achieve human rights change and justice. But we cannot guarantee that this will always be achieved.

HOW WE STORE YOUR INFORMATION

The information you share with us will be stored in our information systems and shared confidentially with Amnesty International colleagues around the world when needed. This includes any audio-visual material such as photographs you give us or which we take of you, providing you have agreed that we can use them. This information will be held, potentially indefinitely, in our internal research archive.

YOU CAN CHOOSE

We will not use or take any action on what you tell us without your agreement.

You can decide whether you want to be interviewed by Amnesty International.

Before you decide whether you want to share information with us, Amnesty International will provide you with information on how we work, what we might do with the specific information you have given us, as well as answering any other related questions you may have. You can ask for clarification if anything is not clear.

It is entirely your choice whether or not you talk to us and what you tell us.

You can decide whether or not you allow us to share your story.

You can decide whether or not we can use your real name or other details that can identify you.

You can decide whether you would like your photograph to be taken and whether you are happy for it to be published in print or online.

You can decide whether you want to answer the questions we ask you. You might not want to answer all of the questions we ask you.

You can decide to stop the interview at any time, or to take a break from the interview.

You can change your mind about the permission you have given us to use what you have told us at any time.

If you wish to change your mind about the permission you have given us to use the information you have shared, please get in touch with us at any time.

“Amnesty International is a global movement for human rights. When injustice happens to one person, it matters to us all.”

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