

SHARING YOUR STORY WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

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. The real-life stories of men, women and children 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.

This means you can decide:

- whether or not you talk to us and what you tell us.
- whether you want to answer the questions we ask you. (You might not want to answer all of the questions we ask you).
- to stop the interview at any time, or to take a break from the interview.

When you talk to us you can ask any questions or for clarification if anything is not clear.

The information you give us is used to campaign to stop human abuses around the world, to hold those who commit them to account and to get redress for victims and their loved ones.

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

HOW WE USE YOUR INFORMATION

Amnesty may use your information and/or photographic, audio or visual material recorded for a range of purposes, including campaigning; publishing reports; in the media (including social media); in activism 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.

If you give Amnesty consent to use your information publicly it means we can then use this information in all our core activities.

This means 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.
- 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.
- tell the United Nations about your case and ask them to investigate it.
- talk to governments about the case; this includes your own government and the governments of other countries.
- publish your story in printed materials and on the internet; these stories can be seen by people for many years. We will seek to attract new paying members and raise money to enable us to do our work.

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 on the internet.

But you can decide:

- whether or not you allow us to share your story.
- whether or not we can use your real name or other details that can identify you.
- whether you would like your photograph to be taken and whether you are happy for it to be published in print or online.

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. However, if at a later stage we want 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.

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 video or photography 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 change your mind about the permission you have given us to use what you have told us at any time. Please get in touch with us at any time at the address and telephone number below. [Staff can add or substitute this for their Regional Office number, direct line or mobile number if they wish.]

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