

EMIL OSTROVKO

(Belarus)

Write for honesty

JAILED TEENAGER YEARNs FOR FREEDOM

Emil Ostrovko (Emil Astrauko in Belarusian) was waiting for his girlfriend at a bus stop on the outskirts of Minsk in April 2018. They were going to spend the day together. Suddenly police officers arrived – they beat Emil and arrested him for distributing illicit drugs. He was just 17.

Earlier in 2018, Emil had got an after-school job as a courier for an online company. His employer had told him the parcels he was delivering contained legal smoking mixtures. After spending months detained, Emil received a 10-year prison sentence for drug trafficking, later reduced to eight years when some charges were dropped. Investigators never looked for the owner of the company, nor anyone else. Only Emil was prosecuted. Before his arrest Emil was an energetic, caring young man who loved studying, reading and taking care of his little sister.

Now in prison, he hasn't been allowed to finish high school and his plans to go to university have been crushed. Emil is one of around 15,000 people serving lengthy prison sentences in Belarus for petty drugs offences. Emil's youth and potential are being wasted. Tell Belarus to free Emil.



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WRITE TO THE BELARUSIAN AUTHORITIES

Urge them to immediately release Emil, clear his criminal record and demand that no children are imprisoned for minor drug offences.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Prosecutor General of the Republic of Belarus
Internatsionalnaya Str. 22,
220030
Minsk
Belarus

Dear Sir,

Emil Ostrovko was only 17 years old when he received an eight-year prison sentence for drug trafficking in April 2018. He had been working as a courier for an online company, and his employer told him he was delivering legal smoking mixtures. That was a lie. The deliveries contained illegal drugs. Investigators never sought out the company owner or anyone else. Only Emil was prosecuted.

Emil's youth and all his potential are being wasted because of highly punitive drug laws. I urge you to immediately release Emil and clear his criminal record. Please also ensure no other young people are imprisoned following allegations of minor non-violent drug offences.

Yours sincerely,

[Naam + woonplaats]

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR EMIL Send your messages of solidarity and strength so he knows he is not alone.



OUR SUGGESTION:

Dear Emil, I'm thinking about you. I hope you will be released soon. Don't give up!

[your name + country]

SEND YOUR POSTCARD TO:

Emil Vadimovich Ostrovko
Correctional Colony Number 2
Ul. Sikorskogo 1, otryad 1
Bobruisk
Mogilevskaya oblast
213800 Belarus

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GRASSY NARROWS YOUTH

(Canada)

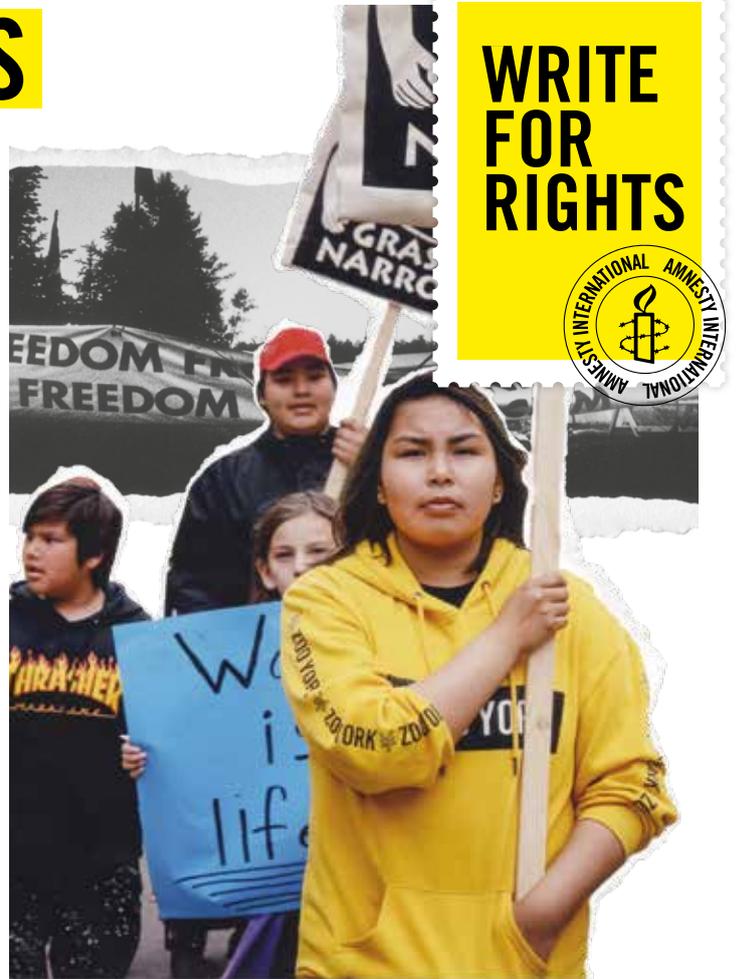
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“OUR COMMUNITY CAN’T WAIT ANY LONGER”- Jianne Turtle

Jianne Turtle, 13, is a member of the Indigenous Anishinaabe community of Grassy Narrows in Ontario, Canada. While the community’s youth are fighting for a better future, she says the government “has been talking a lot but hasn’t done anything.” The people of Grassy Narrows have been hard-hit by mercury poisoning, after the government allowed a pulp mill to dump 10 tonnes of waste into a river in the 1960s. The damaging effects are still seen today.

Rodney Bruce, aged 25, says, “I’ve always been taught that if you do something wrong, you have to fix it.” Fishing is an essential part of their way of life. But for over 50 years mercury has contaminated the fish, making them dangerous to eat. This has robbed the Grassy Narrows people of their health and eroded their culture and traditions.

The government has done very little to improve what is currently the country’s worst health crisis. In 2017, the government promised to deal with the crisis “once and for all.” This requires cleaning up the river, providing specialized health care and compensating the community. The youth of Grassy Narrows won’t give up their fight until the government keeps its promises. Canada must help restore what mercury has taken from the people of Grassy Narrows. Demand a healthy future for Grassy Narrows youth.



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WRITE TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

Tell Canada to restore what mercury has taken from the people of Grassy Narrows. The community and their future generations must be allowed to live in a thriving community and healthy environment.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2
Canada

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

The indigenous Anishinaabe community of Grassy Narrows, Ontario, has been hit hard by mercury poisoning. The toxic waste was dumped into the English and the Wabigoon rivers in the 1960s.

Because of government inaction, generations of young people have grown up with devastating health problems and the loss of their cultural traditions. In 2017, the federal government promised to deal with the mercury crisis “once and for all”. Now is the time to make good on that promise.

I urge you to restore everything that mercury contamination has taken from the people of Grassy Narrows, so they can live in a healthy environment.

Yours sincerely,

[name + city]

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE YOUTH OF GRASSY NARROWS!



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Post a solidarity message on your social media channels like this one:

Support from [insert your country] for the youth of Grassy Narrows. It's time for

#MERCURYJUSTICE
#FREEGRASSY

Or send them a card.

SEND YOUR POSTCARD TO:

The youth of Grassy narrows
c/o Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

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YILIYASIJIANG REHEMAN

(China)

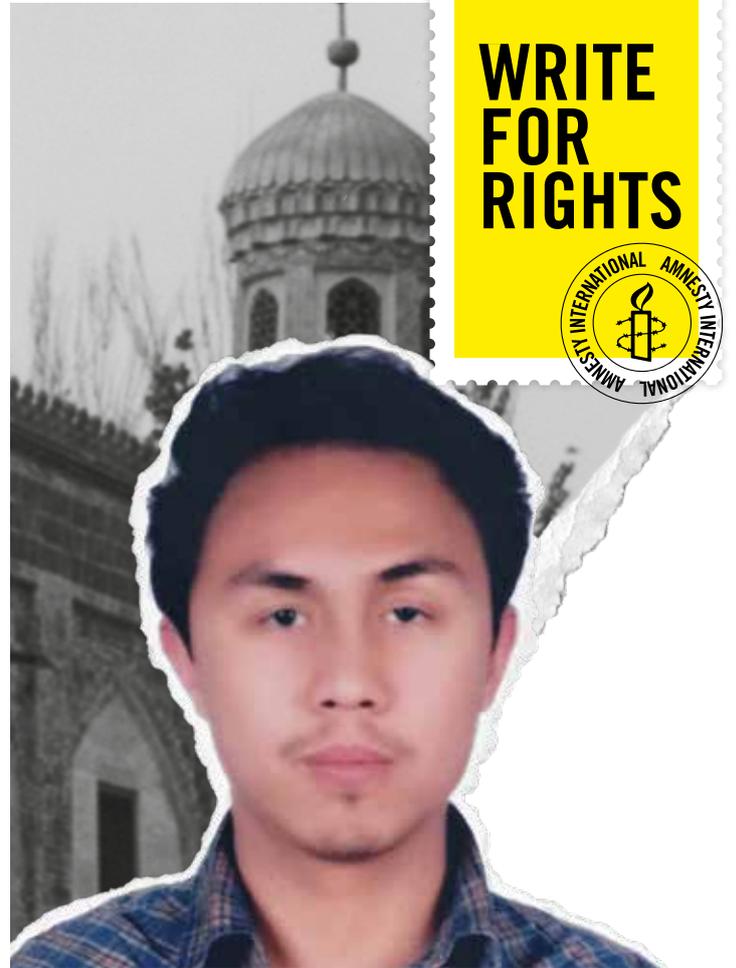
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TORN FROM HIS FAMILY

Yiliyasijiang Reheman and his wife Mairinisha Abuduaini were expecting their second baby when Yiliyasijiang went missing. The young couple were building a new future for themselves, studying at a university in Egypt while looking after their growing family. But their lives were shattered in July 2017 when China pressured the Egyptian government to round up hundreds of Uyghur people in the country. Yiliyasijiang was among them.

Three weeks later, Mairinisha gave birth to their new baby alone. She was just 19. Since 2017, she has been searching for her husband, never losing hope that their family will one day be reunited. Mairinisha, who now lives in Turkey, learned through friends that Yiliyasijiang had been sent back to Xinjiang in China. She suspects he's in one of China's secret internment camps where Uyghurs are brainwashed with Chinese government propaganda.

Up to 1 million mainly Muslim people have been torn from their families and locked up in these camps since 2017 – a scandal that has unleashed a powerful movement for truth around the world. Mairinisha just wants her husband back safely with her and her children. “My husband should be released as soon as possible,” she says. “Our children need their father. I will never give up until we can be reunited with my husband.” Tell China to release Yiliyasijiang now.



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WRITE TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES

Demand that they release Yiliyasijiang Reheman immediately and unconditionally.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Xi Jinping President of the People's Republic of China
Zhongnanhai
Xichangan'jie
Xichengqu, Beijing Shi 100017
People's Republic of China

Dear President Xi,

In 2017, Yiliyasijiang Reheman was studying in Egypt and caring for his growing family. Then, in July of that year, people from China's government pressured the Egyptian government to round up hundreds of Uyghurs in Egypt. Yiliyasijiang Reheman was among them. It is likely that he is now being held in one of your country's secret internment camps, where numerous human rights violations are taking place.

I urge you to release Yiliyasijiang Reheman immediately and unconditionally and return him to his family. He has done nothing wrong.

Yours sincerely,

[name + city]

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BE THERE FOR YILIYASIJANG'S FAMILY Tweet or post your messages of hope and friendship to Mairinisha Abuduaini @munzira717 or on www.facebook.com/mansura.elyas.9. Or send her a card.



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Or send her a card. Our suggestion:

Sevigli Mairinisha, seni ve çocuklarını düşünüyorum. Umarım Yiliyasijiang yakında evine döner. Geçmiş olsun dilerim!

[your name + country].

(Dear Mairinisha, I am thinking of you and your children. I hope Yiliyasijiang will soon be back home. Good luck!)

SEND YOUR
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Mairinisha Abuduaini
c/o Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

(Amnesty's Dutch office will ensure that Mairinisha receives the postcards)

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IBRAHIM EZZ

EL-DIN

(Egypte)

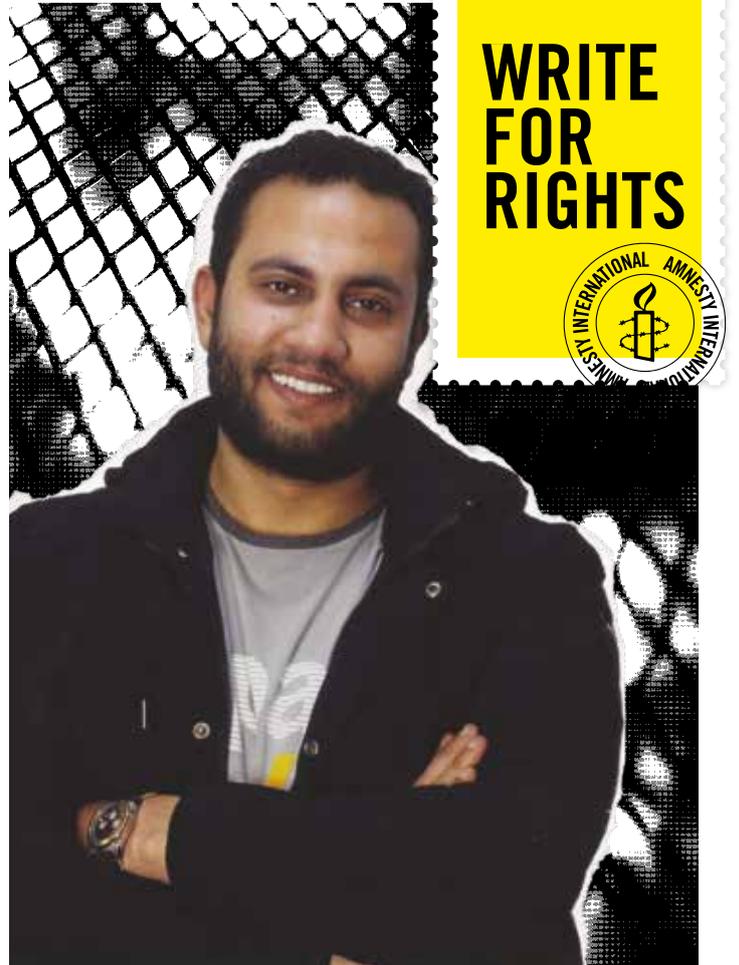
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DISAPPEARED FROM THE STREETS OF CAIRO

Ibrahim Ezz El-Din is a 26-year-old human rights researcher who lives in Cairo, Egypt. He loves his job, where he researches and reports on people's access to safe and affordable housing in Egypt – a basic human right. When not working, Ibrahim loves to draw and is interested in design. He's a huge football fan, always keeping up with his local team, Zamalek Sporting Club.

On the evening of 11 June 2019, Ibrahim was walking home when four security officers dressed in plain clothes surrounded him and arrested him. When his mum found out, she went straight to the local police station, but the police told her Ibrahim was not there, and denied that he was detained at all. Ever since that night Ibrahim's family have been trying to find out what happened to him. They've had no answers at all.

Ibrahim is the fifth person linked with his organization, the Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms, to have been arrested in just three years. Hundreds of people like Ibrahim have been forcibly disappeared and held in prison for months, all without ever being brought to trial. Many have been arrested simply for expressing their opinions peacefully, criticizing the authorities, or standing up for human rights – from journalists to football fans and even politicians. Tell the Egyptian authorities to reveal where Ibrahim is.



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WRITE TO THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES

Demand that they release Ibrahim Ezz-EI Din immediately and unconditionally.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Public Prosecutor Hamada al-Sawi
Office of the Public Prosecutor
Madinat al-Rehab
Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt

Dear Sir,

On 26 November 2019, researcher Ibrahim Ezz El-Din was brought to the Supreme State Security Prosecution, after 167 days of enforced disappearance during which he claims he was tortured to extract information. Despite being in state custody since 11 June 2019, the National Security Agency stated that he was arrested on 25 November and denied that he had been forcibly disappeared.

I urge you to release Ibrahim Ezz El-Din immediately and unconditionally. His detention is arbitrary as it relates to his peaceful human rights work. I also urge you to open an investigation into his enforced disappearance and the torture he has been subjected to and to bring all those responsible to justice.

Yours sincerely,

[name + city]

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR IBRAHIM'S FAMILY AND COLLEAGUES Send a messages of hope, so they can keep up the fight in their search to find out what has happened to Ibrahim.



OUR SUGGESTION:

Dear family/colleagues of Ibrahim,
I am thinking of you and support your fight.

[your name + country]

SEND YOUR POSTCARD TO:

Egyptian Commission for
Rights and Freedoms
For Ibrahim Ezz-EI Din's family
and colleagues
4A, Al-Saraya al Kobra
Garden City – Cairo
Egypt

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MAGAI MATIOP NGONG

(Zuid-Sudan)

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SENTENCED TO DEATH AT 15

When Magai Matiop Ngong was 15 he loved running and gospel singing. He was in secondary school and had ambitions to help people when he grew up. But life as he knew it came to a sudden end in 2017 when he was convicted of murder. At his trial he told the judge that he was only 15 and tried to explain that the killing he was accused of was an accident. But the judge sentenced him to death by hanging. "The feeling is not good at all," he says, "to be informed that you are going to die, I am not happy for that...".

Magai didn't have a lawyer to help him when he was arrested or in his first trial. The judge told him he could write an appeal to ask for his death sentence to be cancelled. He only got a lawyer when he moved prisons. Last year, seven people were hanged in South Sudan: one of them, like Magai, was just a child. Two years after his sentence, Magai is on death row in Juba central prison waiting for his appeal but he hasn't lost his "hope...to be out and to continue... school." Tell South Sudan to cancel Magai's death sentence.

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WRITE TO THE SOUTH SUDANESE AUTHORITIES

Tell them to cancel Magai's death sentence.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Ambassy of South-Sudan
Galliërslaan 20
1040 Etterbeek
België

Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to express deep concern about Magai Matiop Ngong. He was just 15 years old when convicted of murdering his cousin and sentenced to death by hanging. He told the judge that his cousin's death was an accident, after a warning shot had ricocheted off the ground and unfortunately killed him.

The use of the death penalty against people like Magai is strictly prohibited by Section 21(2) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 and under the Convention on the Rights of a Child, to which South Sudan is a party. I therefore urge you to reverse Magai's death sentence.

Yours sincerely,

[name + city]

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SHOW MAGAI YOU'RE WITH HIM Send cards or letters of solidarity to Magai.



OUR SUGGESTION:

Dear Magai, I think of you. I hope that your sentence is cancelled and that you can finish your school. Don't give up!

[your name + country]

SEND YOUR POSTCARD TO:

Magai Matiop Ngong
c/o Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

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JOSÉ ADRIÁN

(Mexico)

Write for justice

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME, WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACKS

José Adrián was on his way home from school when police jumped him and threw him against their car. One officer stomped on his neck. Then aged just 14, Adrián lived in an impoverished community in Mexico. A hearing disability may have prevented him from communicating well with police during his ordeal. Adrián had stumbled onto the aftermath of a clash between a group of youths that ended up damaging a police car. The police arrested just Adrián, with no explanation, and didn't call his parents.

During his arrest, police followed a familiar pattern in Mexico, targeting the poor and discriminated against – in this case, a young Indigenous boy. Officers shoved Adrián into their car and drove him to the police station where they strung him up by handcuffs. “They left me for almost, like, half an hour there,” he says. “They hit me on my chest. Then they slapped me across the face.” To get their son released, Adrián's family had to pay a fine and the cost of damage to the patrol car – money they couldn't afford. Adrián dropped out of school because of what happened.

After years of seeking justice, in early 2019 Adrián was given a hearing aid. Adrián wants to leave this behind and start planning for the future, but the police who assaulted him remain unpunished and the family is still waiting for the government to make amends.

“I want there to be justice,” says Adrián's mum. We agree. Demand justice for Adrián.



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WRITE TO THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES

Tell them to make sure Adrián gets full reparations for the injustices he has suffered, including finding the officers responsible and bringing them to trial.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Lic. Mauricio Vila Dosal Governor of Yucatán State
Palacio de Gobierno
Calle 61 x 60 y 62
Col. Centro, C.P. 97000
Mérida, Yucatán
México

Señor Gobernador:

José Adrián caminaba tranquilamente de regreso a casa tras salir de la escuela cuando, al pasar por una zona donde un vehículo policial había sufrido daños como consecuencia de un enfrentamiento entre un grupo de jóvenes, unos agentes de policía lo agarraron y lo arrojaron contra su vehículo. Tenía 14 años, y lo detuvieron sin darle ninguna explicación ni llamar a sus progenitores en ningún momento. Lo llevaron a la comisaría y, allí, lo torturaron. Su discapacidad auditiva pudo haberle impedido comunicarse adecuadamente con la policía durante su terrible experiencia.

Le pedimos que se asegure de que José Adrián recibe plena reparación por las violaciones de derechos humanos que sufrió y de que se hace justicia en su caso.

Atentamente,

[name + city]

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SHOW JOSÉ ADRIÁN YOU'RE WITH HIM Send your messages of solidarity and strength, so that he knows you support him in his struggle for justice.



OUR SUGGESTION:

Querido José Adrián, Pienso en ti.
Estoy contigo en tu lucha por la
justicia. ¡No te rindas!

[your name + country]

(Dear José Adrián, I am thinking of you.
I support you in your fight for justice. Do not
give up!)

SEND YOUR POSTCARD TO:

José Adrián
c/o Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

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MARINEL SUMOOK UBALDO

(Philippines)

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SURVIVING CLIMATE CHANGE, DEMANDING DIGNITY

Marinel Sumook Ubaldo was 16 when she knew she had to find a way to protect herself and her community from the disastrous effects of climate change. On 13 November 2013, she survived Typhoon Yolanda – one of the deadliest typhoons on record. It destroyed her village in Samar: over 6,000 people died in the Philippines alone and millions lost their homes.

Six years later, Marinel got her degree in social work. A nature lover and well-known youth activist, she spends her spare time campaigning for her community's rights. In September 2018, she went to New York City to give evidence to an investigation into climate change and the way fossil fuel industries contribute to it. "I'm not just... a climate statistic," she told a packed assembly hall. "My story is only one of many, and I'm here to speak on behalf of the vulnerable and the marginalized communities – may our voices be heard."

Marinel, her family and thousands of others who lost their homes in the typhoon need enough food, water, housing, electricity and toilets. The Philippine government has not done enough and has left them to live in unhealthy conditions where it is hard to earn a livelihood. But Marinel remains dedicated to ensuring governments around the world confront climate change and tackle its effects on her community, and others like them. Support her. Demand support for climate change survivors.

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WRITE TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

Tell them to do all they can to ensure residents of Matarinao, Eastern Samar, have decent living conditions, and demand that countries responsible for climate changing carbon emissions do their fair share too.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

President of the Philippines
Malacañang Complex
J.P. Laurel Street
San Miguel
Manila 1005
Philippines

Dear President Duterte,

Marinel Sumook Ubaldo was only 16 years old when she survived 2013's deadly Typhoon Yolanda. She became a leading youth activist, dedicated to ensuring the Philippine government confront climate change and tackle its effects on her community. Please support Marinel's cause by ensuring you do all you can to enable the residents of Matarinao village in Salcedo, Eastern Samar, to live in decent conditions. That includes having access to enough food, water, housing, electricity and toilets.

Yours sincerely,

[name + city]

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STAND WITH MARINEL Send your messages of support to Marinel to show your solidarity.



OUR SUGGESTION:

Dear Marinel, I support you in your fight against the effects of climate change. Don't give up!

[your name + country]

SEND YOUR POSTCARD TO:

Marinel Ubaldo
c/o Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

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YASAMAN ARYANI

(Iran)

Write for freedom

16-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR PROTESTING FORCED VEILING

A white flower generously shared, a scarf gently removed: two simple gestures that Yasaman Aryani dared to make on a public train in Iran. It was International Women's Day 2019 and Yasaman, an actor who loves mountain climbing, stood up to Iran's forced veiling laws in a brave act of defiance. With her mother, she walked through a women-only train carriage, hair boldly uncovered as she handed out white flowers. She spoke of her hopes for a future when all women would have the freedom to choose what to wear so that one day they could walk together "me without the hijab and you with the hijab". These moments, captured on video, went viral in March 2019.

On 10 April, Iran's authorities arrested Yasaman, holding her alone in a cell for days while interrogators questioned her. They told her to "confess" that foreign elements were behind her activism and to "repent" her actions. If she didn't, they said they would arrest her friends and family. On 31 July, Yasaman learned to her shock that she has been sentenced to 16 years in prison. She must serve at least 10 years.

Yasaman's cruel punishment is part of a wider crackdown on women campaigning against forced veiling laws in Iran. Since 2018, dozens of women, including Yasaman's mother, Monireh Arabshahi, have been arrested. The Iranian authorities must not be allowed to rob Yasaman of the best years of her life – simply because she believes women should have the right to choose what they wear. Tell Iran to free Yasaman now.



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WRITE TO THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES

Tell them to release Yasaman Aryani immediately and unconditionally.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Head of the Judiciary Ebrahim Raisi
c/o Permanent Mission of Iran to the UN
Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 28
1209 Geneva
Switzerland

Dear Mr. Raisi,

Yasaman Aryani and her mother, Monireh Arabshahi, were sentenced to 16 years in prison for campaigning against Iran's discriminatory forced veiling laws. They were arrested in April 2019 in Iran after a video showed them without headscarves on a women-only train handing out flowers.

I urge you to release Yasaman Aryani and Monireh Arabshahi immediately and unconditionally. They are prisoners of conscience, unjustly jailed for their human rights work. Until they are released, please ensure they have regular contact with a lawyer of their choosing.

Yours sincerely,

[name + city]

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SHOW YASAMAN YOU'RE WITH HER



Take a photo of yourself taking action like Yasaman did: handing out flowers, or experiencing the sun, wind or rain on your hair. Or make a drawing for her. Post these on your social media accounts, tagging them

#FREEYASAMAN with a message to **@YASAMANARYANI95** and Iran's leader **@KHAMENEI_IR**.

You can also send your photos to:

WRITEFORRIGHTS@AMNESTY.NL

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SARAH MARDINI EN SEÁN BINDER

(Greece)

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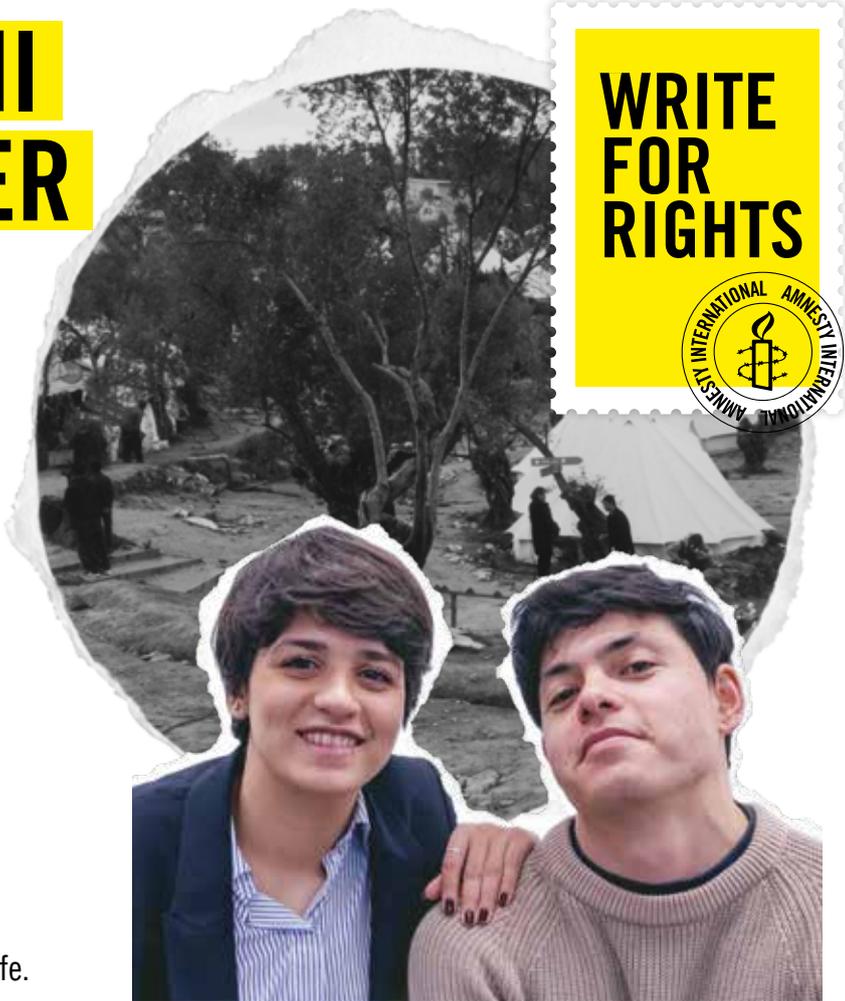
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FACING JAIL FOR SAVING LIVES

In Greece, you can go to jail for trying to save a life. It happened to Sarah Mardini, 24, and Seán Binder, 25, when they volunteered as rescue workers for an organization in Lesvos. Their job was to spot boats in distress at sea and to help refugees. They are accused of spying, people smuggling and belonging to a criminal organization. If found guilty, Sarah and Seán could go to prison for 25 years. They already spent more than 100 days in prison before being released on bail in December 2018.

Seán, now in Ireland, says the scariest thing about what happened to him “is not that it put me in jail, it’s that this can happen to anyone”. It happens when governments make criminals of people who try to help refugees instead of doing more to protect a refugee’s right to find a safe place to live. When people need to escape conflict, torture or other abuses in their countries, they often have no option but to make highly dangerous journeys to reach safety.

Sarah, now in Germany, knows all about such dangers. In 2015 she fled Syria’s war, crossing the Aegean in a dinghy which nearly sank. She and her sister towed the boat to the shores of Lesvos, saving the lives of everyone on board. Tell Greece to drop all charges against Sarah and Seán.



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WRITE TO THE GREEK AUTHORITIES

Tell them to drop all charges against Sarah Mardini and Seán Binder.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Michalis Chrisochoidis
Minister of Citizen Protection
P. Kanellopoulou 4
101 77, Athens
Greece

Dear Minister,

I am shocked that in Greece rescue workers Sarah Mardini and Seán Binder were jailed for trying to save lives. They were volunteering in Lesbos, helping desperate people in danger at sea, but ended up in prison. They have been charged with spying, people smuggling and belonging to a criminal organization.

No government should ever make criminals of those helping refugees. When humans need to escape conflict, torture or other abuses, they often have no option but to take risky journeys to reach safety.

Please ensure that all charges against Sarah and Seán are immediately dropped.

Yours sincerely,

[name + city]

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DON'T SEND A CARD To help Sarah and Seán best, we ask you to do as much as possible to send letters to the Greek authorities. Therefore, write the above letter twice and also send it to the Greek Deputy Minister of Migration.



SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

Giorgos Koumoutsakos
Deputy Minister in charge of Migration Policy
P. Kanellopoulou 4
101 77, Athens
Greece

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(Nigeria)

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Write for a safe home

SHOT WHILE DEFENDING HIS HOME

Nasu Abdulaziz is a dedicated football fan. He also loves cycling – normal pastimes for a young person in Nigeria. Except that Nasu's circumstances are nowhere near normal. Right now, he's fighting for his right to a home. When he was 23 and should have been enjoying life, men with guns and in bulldozers descended without warning on his community of Otodo Gbame in Nigeria's megacity, Lagos. Acting on the orders of the government, these men set upon the homes of this century-old community, crushing and burning down houses, shooting families, destroying livelihoods.

In 2017, the night before the final eviction, Nasu was shot in the arm by hoodlums. The next day, the Lagos State Taskforce swarmed the community again, shooting at and teargassing them. Panicked residents fled, some jumping into the nearby lagoon and drowning. Nine people were believed to have been killed with another 15 still missing. By the end, 30,000 people were homeless, forced to live in canoes, under bridges or with friends and family. Nasu, too, lost his home but he still has hope.

Today, Nasu has joined the Nigerian Slum/Informal Settlement Federation, a mass movement of people like him who won't rest until they secure their right to a home. Tell Nigeria to protect Nasu's right to a home.

**WRITE A LETTER
CHANGE A LIFE**

Every December, Amnesty supporters across the globe will write millions of letters for those whose basic human rights are being attacked. This year we're throwing our might behind the children and young people who are firefighting some of the world's biggest crises. Many have stepped in where adults have failed to lead, and are facing terrible danger as a result. Your words really can change their lives.

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WRITE TO THE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES

Tell them to investigate the forced eviction of Nasu's community, and to make sure that they are resettled and given full compensation.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO:

H.E. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu
Governor of Lagos State
Governor's Office
Ikeja
Lagos State
Nigeria

Dear Sir,

Nasu Abdulaziz was 23 when men with guns and bulldozers descended without warning on his community of Otodo Gbame, Lagos. Homes were burned down, families were shot at, tear gas was used and livelihoods were destroyed. Nine people are believed to have been killed, another 15 are still missing and 30,000 have been left homeless.

I urge you to ensure a full investigation into the forced eviction of Nasu's community. Please also make sure that everyone is resettled and given full compensation.

Yours sincerely,

[name + city]

SHOW NASU YOU'RE WITH HIM Send your messages of friendship and hope, so he can keep up the fight for his community's right to a home.



OUR SUGGESTION:

I support you, Nasu! I hope that your right to a home is protected and that you can live in dignity. Thank you for your activism!

[your name + country]

SEND YOUR POSTCARD TO:

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