

We schrijven voor Nasu Abdulaziz – NIGERIA

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,

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We schrijven voor Yasaman Aryani – IRAN

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

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,

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We schrijven voor Grassy Narrows Youth – CANADA

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,

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We schrijven voor José Adrián – MEXICO

Lic. Mauricio Vila Dosal
Governor of Yucatán State
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Mérida, Yucatán
Mexico

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,

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We schrijven voor Yiliyasijiang Reheman – CHINA

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

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We schrijven voor Marinel Sumook Ubaldo – FILIPIJNEN

President Rodrigo R. Duterte
President of the Philippines
Malacañang Complex,
J.P. Laurel Street,
San Miguel, Manila 1005,
Filipijnen

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,

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We schrijven voor Emil Ostrovko – WIT-RUSLAND

Alexander Koniuk
Prosecutor General of the Republic of Belarus
Internatsionalnaya Str., 22
220030 Minsk
Wit-Rusland

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,

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We schrijven voor Sarah Mardini en Seán Binder – GRIEKENLAND

Greek Minister of Citizen Protection
Michalis Chrisochoidis
Ministry of Citizen Protection
P. Kanellopoulou 4, 101 77,
Athens
Griekenland

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 Lesvos, 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,

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We schrijven voor Magai Matiop Ngong – ZUID-SUDAN

Ambassade van Zuid-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,

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We schrijven voor Ibrahim Ezz El-Din – EGYPTE

Public Prosecutor Hamada al-Sawi
Office of the Public Prosecutor
Madinat al-Rehab
Cairo
Egypte

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,

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