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**LETTER WRITING KIT**

**WRITE A LETTER  
CHANGE A LIFE**



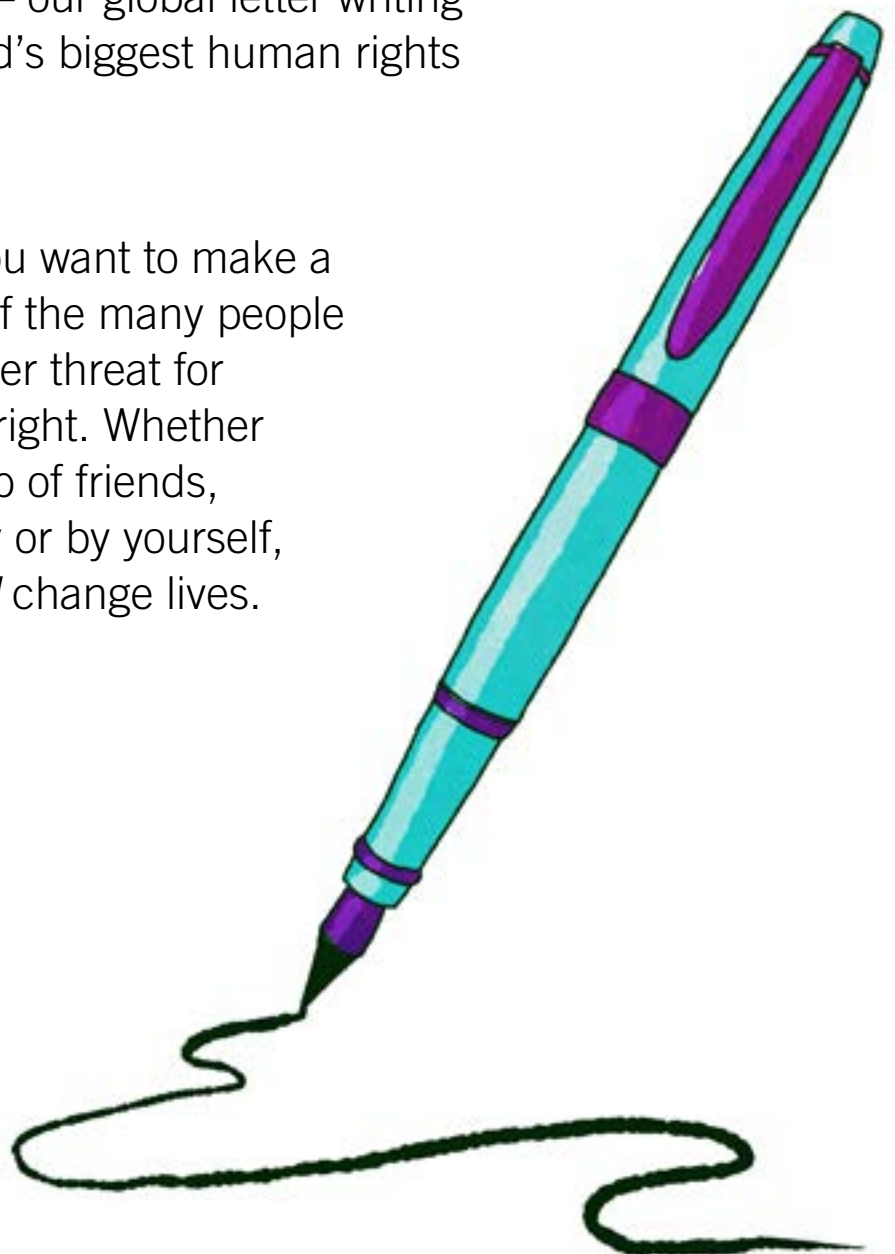
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# WRITE A LETTER CHANGE A LIFE

Welcome to Amnesty's Write for Rights letter writing kit. In it you'll find everything you need to join Write for Rights – our global letter writing marathon and the world's biggest human rights event.

You're here because you want to make a difference to the lives of the many people worldwide who are under threat for standing up for what's right. Whether you do this with a group of friends, classmates, your family or by yourself, the words you write *will* change lives.



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***“I can’t emphasize enough how important getting letters from people around the world is. It gave me a sense of worth. It gave me strength – convinced me that what I was doing was right.”***

*Albert Woodfox, freed in February 2016 after nearly 44 years in solitary confinement in a US prison. Supporters took more than 650,000 actions for his release through Write for Rights 2015.*

# WHAT IS WRITE FOR RIGHTS?

Sometimes a letter can change someone's life. That's the premise of Write for Rights, our global letter writing campaign. We've been doing it for 15 years and today, it's the world's biggest human rights event.

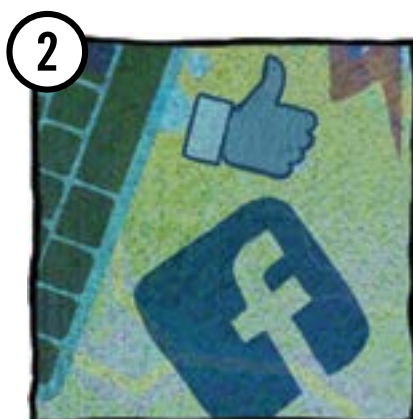
Every December, supporters across the globe will write millions of letters for those whose basic human rights are being attacked. They are people like you, continuing a long tradition of writing letters to right some of the world's biggest wrongs.



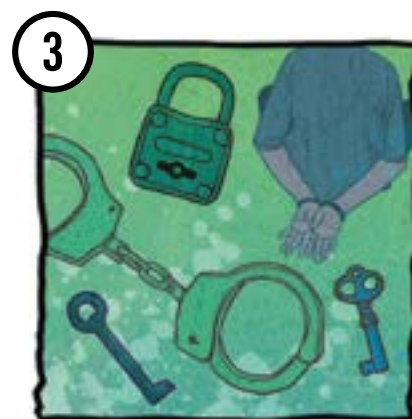
# HOW DOES WRITE FOR RIGHTS WORK?



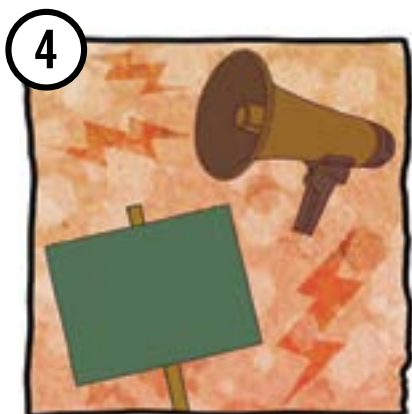
1 People in more than 200 countries and territories take part in all kinds of letter writing events.



2 They write millions of letters, emails, tweets and petitions.



3 Showing solidarity with people who've been tortured, denied refuge and locked up for speaking out.



4 Putting pressure on governments, leaders and decision-makers.



5 Showing love and support for the people and their families.



6 And they help make change happen – releasing activists, convicting torturers and changing abusive laws.

## WHY DO WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION?

In country after country, people's freedom – to speak out against injustice, to live on their ancestral lands, to not be discriminated against – is under threat. Our letters, words and actions will put pressure on authorities to take immediate action, so that those who abuse and torture will be brought to justice. And those unjustly imprisoned will taste freedom once again.

## WHO DO WE WRITE TO?

Every year, we ask supporters to write two letters. One is to the person in authority – it could be a queen, president or head of police – who can help make change happen. And the other letter is to the person (or group of people) we are fighting for, so they know we will never forget them.



## DOES IT WORK?

Yes! Every year, real change happens because of your letters and actions. People wrongfully imprisoned are released. Torturers are brought to justice. And people in prison are treated more humanely.

## WHEN DOES IT HAPPEN?

Write for Rights 2017 runs from 29 November until 10 December, Human Rights Day. We'd love it if you wrote your letters during this period.



# HOW TO WRITE FOR RIGHTS

## 1. READ THE STORIES

This year, the people we want to help are all human rights defenders – people who brave serious risk to peacefully defend human rights in their communities. They are from 10 countries, and you will find 10 case sheets enclosed at the end of this kit, summarising their stories. Take a look.

## 2. PRINT OUT OUR SPECIALLY DESIGNED STATIONERY

We've created some special stationery which you can download and print. You can use it for any of your Write for Rights letters.

## 3. WRITE YOUR LETTERS

At the back of each case sheet are two addresses.

**One** is to a government: that's the target address. This is the government figure we are trying to persuade to help the person or people featured in that case. (To make things easier, we've put these addresses on the sample target letters as well: see point 4 for more).



**The second address** is to the person we want to help, or someone they are close to. This is your chance to write them a personal message of friendship or support. Feel free to draw pictures – be creative.



#### 4. USE THE SAMPLE TARGET LETTERS IF YOU NEED THEM

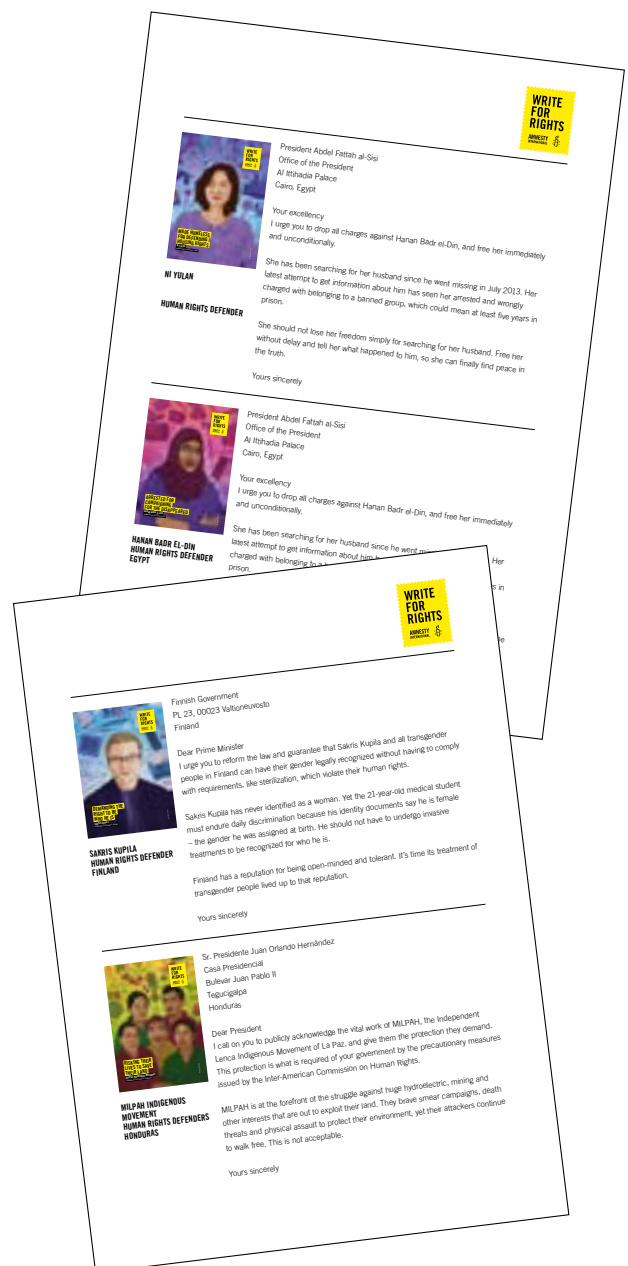
This kit contains 10 sample letters to your target. You can either copy these out in your own hand-writing (great!), or re-write them, adding your own words (even better!). You can do as few or as many as you like.

#### 5. POST YOUR LETTER ONLINE AND TAG US

Once you've written your letter, please take a photo of it (or a part of it) and post it on your social media channels, tagging it #W4R17. Please also tag @amnesty in your posts on Twitter and Instagram so we can find you. We'll try to re-tweet and re-gram the best letters during Write for Rights.

#### 6. POST YOUR LETTER OFFLINE!

You've written to a government minister or to someone who really needs your support right now. Please remember to put that letter in an envelope, stamp it and send it on its way. Your words will change someone's life. Thank you!

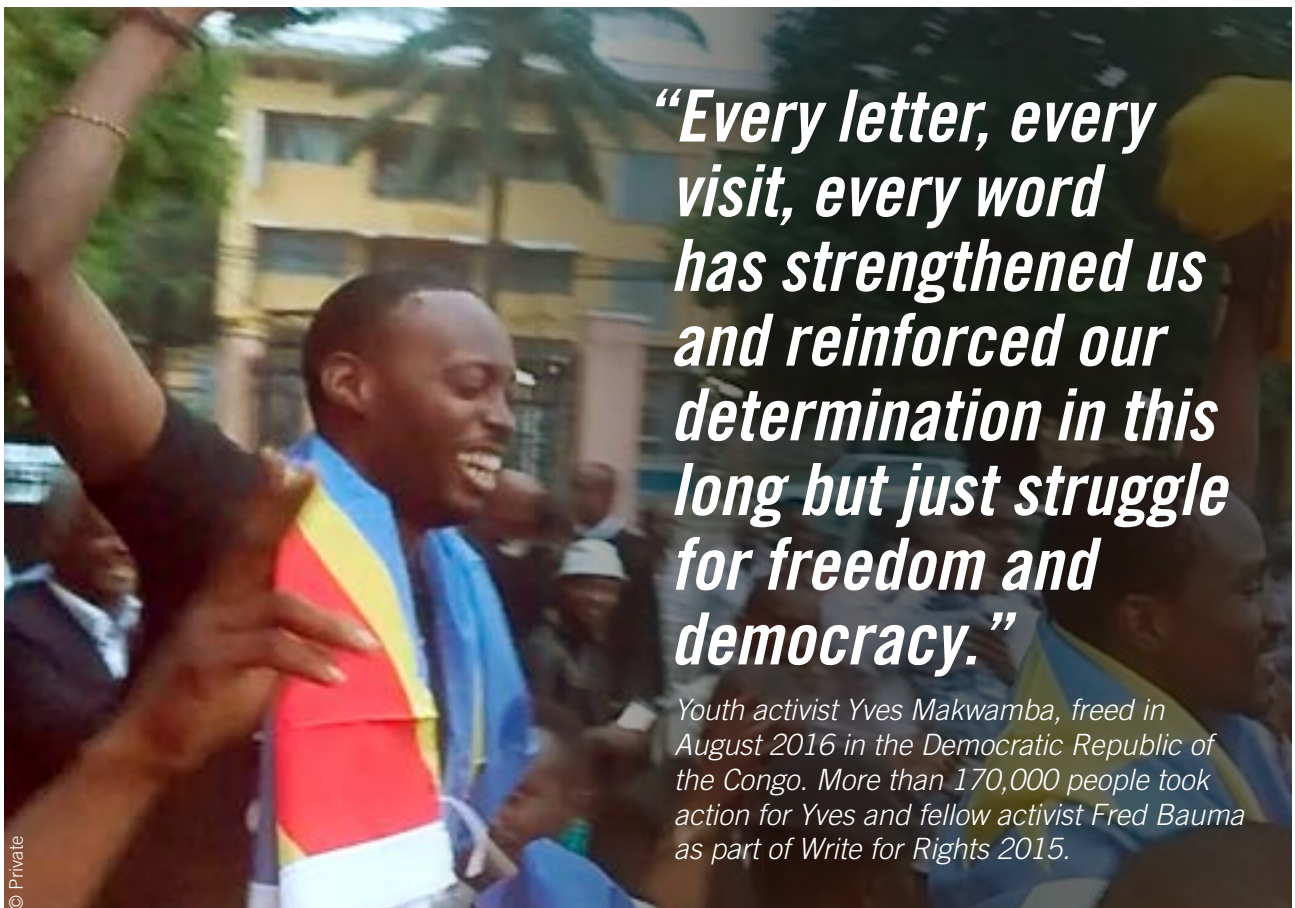




# WHY SOLIDARITY MATTERS

You might think that writing to someone you don't know will make no difference, or that they won't want to hear from you. But when you're locked up or in fear for your life for calling out injustice, having someone tell

you they believe in you matters a lot. Whoever you choose to write to, remember that they will love to hear from you. They may feel anxious and alone, and your words will bring comfort and hope to them.



***“Every letter, every visit, every word has strengthened us and reinforced our determination in this long but just struggle for freedom and democracy.”***

*Youth activist Yves Makwamba, freed in August 2016 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. More than 170,000 people took action for Yves and fellow activist Fred Bauma as part of Write for Rights 2015.*

# SAMPLE TARGET LETTERS

There are 10 of these letters. Feel free to either copy these out in your own hand-writing or, even better, re-write them, adding your own words. You can use the special printable stationery we've provided, or your own paper. You can do as few or as many as you like.

If you've already taken action online, please write a solidarity letter instead. If you only want to write a solidarity letter, that's brilliant, too!





**XULHAZ MANNAN  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDER  
BANGLADESH**

**Asaduzzaman Khan  
Minister of Home Affairs  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Bangladesh Secretariat, Building – 8  
Dhaka, Bangladesh**

*Dear Home Minister*

*More than 18 months have passed since Xulhaz Mannan and his colleague were hacked to death when machete-wielding attackers stormed his home. Even though there are witnesses and ample evidence, the police investigation has stalled and Xulhaz's killers have not been held accountable.*

*The failure to hold anyone accountable for Xulhaz's murder has created a climate of fear among human rights defenders, including LGBTIQ activists. They are not able to express themselves freely, live their lives in the way they wish to, fearful that they will also come under attack and that the government will do nothing when that happens.*

*I call on you to ensure that this murder is not forgotten and that justice is served without further delay.*

*Yours sincerely*



**MAHADINE  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDER  
CHAD**

**President  
Idriss Deby Itno  
PO Box 74  
N'Djaména, Chad**

*Your Excellency*

*I call on you to release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri, known as Mahadine, unconditionally and without delay. A father of seven, he was arrested, beaten up and jailed for peacefully critiquing the government on Facebook.*

*He now faces a life sentence, and is gravely ill, having caught tuberculosis in prison. Pending his release, please transfer him to Am Sinene prison so he can get the medical care he so urgently needs.*

*Mahadine should not lose his freedom simply for raising his voice and bravely exercising his right to freedom of expression.*

*Yours sincerely*

**NI YULAN  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDER  
CHINA**

**Wang Xiaohong**  
**Director of Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau**  
**No.9 Dongdajie**  
**Qianmen, Dongchengqu**  
**Beijingshi 100740**  
**People's Republic of China**

*Dear Director*

*I urge you to end the harassment of Ni Yulan and her family.*

*Ni Yulan has braved years of attacks, surveillance, intimidation and other abuse, for standing up for people who have been evicted from their homes. She has been beaten up so badly by police that she must now use a wheelchair. The authorities have pursued her for nearly 20 years. She and her family have been evicted from home after home.*

*This relentless pursuit of her must stop.*

*Yours sincerely*

**HANAN BADR EL-DIN  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDER  
EGYPT**

**President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi**  
**Office of the President**  
**Al Ittihadia Palace**  
**Cairo**  
**Egypt**

*Your Excellency*

*I urge you to drop all charges against Hanan Badr el-Din, and free her immediately and unconditionally.*

*She has been searching for her husband since he went missing in July 2013. Her latest attempt to get information about him has seen her arrested and wrongly charged with belonging to a banned group, which could mean at least five years in prison.*

*She should not lose her freedom simply for searching for her husband. Free her without delay and tell her what happened to him, so she can finally find peace in the truth.*

*Yours sincerely*



**SAKRIS KUPILA  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDER  
FINLAND**

**Prime Minister Juha Sipilä  
Finnish Government  
PL 23, 00023 Valtioneuvosto  
Finland**

*Dear Prime Minister*

*I urge you to reform the law and guarantee that Sakris Kupila and all transgender people in Finland can have their gender legally recognized without having to comply with requirements, like sterilization, which violate their human rights.*

*Sakris Kupila has never identified as a woman. Yet the 21-year-old medical student must endure daily discrimination because his identity documents say he is female – the gender he was assigned at birth. He should not have to undergo invasive treatments to be recognized for who he is.*

*Finland has a reputation for being open-minded and tolerant. It's time its treatment of transgender people lived up to that reputation.*

*Yours sincerely*



**MILPAH INDIGENOUS  
MOVEMENT  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDERS  
HONDURAS**

**Sr. Presidente Juan Orlando Hernández  
Casa Presidencial  
Bulevar Juan Pablo II  
Tegucigalpa  
Honduras**

*Dear President*

*I call on you to publicly acknowledge the vital work of MILPAH, the Independent Lenca Indigenous Movement of La Paz, and give them the protection they demand. This protection is what is required of your government by the precautionary measures issued by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.*

*MILPAH is at the forefront of the struggle against huge hydroelectric, mining and other interests that are out to exploit their land. They brave smear campaigns, death threats and physical assault to protect their environment, yet their attackers continue to walk free. This is not acceptable.*

*Yours sincerely*

**FARID & ISSA  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDERS  
ISRAEL/OCCUPIED  
PALESTINIAN  
TERRITORIES**

**Benjamin Netanyahu**  
**Prime Minister**  
**Office of the Prime Minister**  
**3 Kaplan Street**  
**PO Box 187, Kiryat Ben-Gurion**  
**Jerusalem 91950, Israel**

*Dear Prime Minister*

*I urge you to drop all charges against Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro immediately, and rescind military order 101. I also call on you to put an end to the harassment of Farid, Issa and other human rights defenders like them.*

*Farid and Issa want an end to Israeli settlements – a war crime stemming from Israel's 50-year occupation of Palestinian land. Dedicated to non-violence, the two activists brave constant attacks by soldiers and settlers. In February 2016, Issa and Farid marched peacefully against settlements and the Israeli occupation. As a result, they face ludicrous charges clearly designed to obstruct their human rights work.*

*Yours sincerely*

**SHACKELIA JACKSON  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDER  
JAMAICA**

**Andrew Holness**  
**Prime Minister**  
**Office of the Prime Minister**  
**1 Devon Road**  
**Kingston 10**  
**Jamaica**

*Dear Prime Minister*

*I urge you to protect Shackelia Jackson and her family and ensure justice for all those unlawfully killed by the police.*

*When her brother, Nakiea, was gunned down by police, Shackelia took on a sluggish court system to lead a bold fight for justice for his murder. In doing so, she rallied dozens of families whose loved ones were similarly killed. In response, the police have repeatedly raided and harassed her community. Police killings of mainly young and mostly poor men is all too common in Jamaica, with some 2,000 killed in the past decade. It's time to end this scourge.*

*Yours sincerely*

**CLOVIS  
RAZAFIMALALA  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDER  
MADAGASCAR**

**Rasolo Elise Alexandrine**  
**Minister of Justice**  
**Ministry of Justice**  
**43 Rue Joel Rakotomalala**  
**Faravohitra – Antananarivo**  
**Madagascar**

*Your Excellency*

*I urge you to overturn Clovis Razafimalala's prison sentence immediately. The environmental and human rights activist is doing everything he can to protect Madagascar's vanishing rainforest.*

*The country's rosewood trees are a precious resource under threat from a corrupt network of smugglers bent on selling them off in what has become a billion-dollar illegal trade. Clovis should be celebrated, rather than punished for his courageous efforts to save Madagascar's rainforest from wholesale destruction.*

*Yours sincerely*

**TANER & THE  
ISTANBUL 10  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEFENDERS  
TURKEY**

**Minister of Justice**  
**Abdulhamit Gül**  
**Ministry of Justice**  
**Adalet Bakanlığı**  
**06659 Ankara**  
**Turkey**

*Dear Minister*

*Right now, 11 people who have dedicated their lives to defending the human rights of journalists, activists and other dissenting voices in Turkey are themselves in danger.*

*Among them are Amnesty International's Taner Kılıç and İdil Eser. All are on trial for "terrorism" related crimes – an absurd attempt to choke their human rights activism.*

*I call on you to stop the persecution of these rights defenders and ensure that the charges against them are dropped.*

*Yours sincerely*



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**HACKED TO DEATH  
FOR DEFENDING  
LGBTIQ RIGHTS**

**XULHAZ MANNAN**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, BANGLADESH

# XULHAZ MANNAN

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, BANGLADESH

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Xulhaz Mannan and a colleague were in his apartment when men posing as couriers burst in wielding machetes. Both men were hacked to death in front of Xulhaz's 75-year-old mother.

Xulhaz was a founder of Bangladesh's only magazine dedicated to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) issues, a daring venture in a country where same-sex relations are illegal. His attackers are believed to belong to Ansar al-Islam, the same extremist group responsible for a spate of similar assaults on bloggers promoting atheism, feminism, science and other secular issues.

Over a year since the April 2016 attack, and despite evidence including eyewitness testimony and CCTV footage, no one has been charged for the murders. On top of this slow police response, the government has shifted blame onto the victims. Shortly after Xulhaz's murder,

a government minister stated that movements promoting "unnatural sex" are not allowed in Bangladeshi society.

This reluctance or unwillingness to find and charge Xulhaz's killers sends a devastating message to LGBTIQ activists and others who challenge the status quo with their work. As Xulhaz's brother says, the police's inaction shows that "the government is least bothered... and believes that 'this' issue [same-sex relations] has died with Xulhaz".

**Tell Bangladesh to bring Xulhaz's killers to justice.**

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### Write to the Bangladesh Home Minister

Tell him to ensure that Xulhaz's killers are brought to justice.

Asaduzzaman Khan  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Bangladesh Secretariat, Building – 8  
Dhaka  
Bangladesh

Salutation: Dear Home Minister



### Show Xulhaz's family they are not alone

Send them your messages of hope and support.

To the Family of Minhaz Mannan Emon  
c/o Amnesty International East Asia Regional Office  
16/F Siu On Centre  
188 Lockhart Road  
Wanchai  
Hong Kong



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## FACING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR A FACEBOOK POST

**MAHADINE**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, CHAD

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He's an online activist and father of seven. In September 2016, Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri, commonly known as Mahadine, posted videos on Facebook. In them, he accused the Chadian government and people close to it of corruption and misusing public money. He also complained about the economic crisis gripping this oil-dependent nation which is suffering from falling oil prices worldwide.

Making and posting the videos was a bold thing to do in a country where speaking out like this carries serious consequences.

Within days, Mahadine was snatched from the street in broad daylight by a group of men believed to be intelligence officers. He says he was beaten, electrocuted and chained up for weeks, and moved from one prison to another. His wife and children were told nothing of his whereabouts and had to track him down themselves.

Mahadine now faces a life sentence, and faces charges including threatening national security. He is gravely ill, having caught tuberculosis in prison. He needs urgent medical attention. He should not have to spend the rest of his life locked up for courageously expressing his opinion.

**Tell Chad to release Mahadine without delay.**

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## Write to the President of Chad

Tell him to release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri, known as Mahadine, without delay.

President Idriss Deby Itno  
PO Box 74  
N'Djaména  
Chad

Email: [contact@presidence.td](mailto:contact@presidence.td)  
Twitter: [@PrsidenceuTcha](https://twitter.com/PrsidenceuTcha) / [@PR\\_IdrissDeby](https://twitter.com/PR_IdrissDeby)

Salutation: Your Excellency



## Help keep Mahadine's spirits up

Tell him his courage inspires you and that you won't give up on him.

Collectif des Associations et Mouvements Jeunes du Tchad (CAMOJET)  
Siège  
Boulevard des SAO  
Quartier Moursal  
N'Djaména – République du Tchad

A central illustration of Ni Yulan, a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a purple button-down cardigan. The background is a vibrant, collage-style illustration in shades of purple, blue, and pink. It features various symbols: a lion's head, a hand holding a pen, a crane, a city skyline, a bird, a flower, a red knot, a framed portrait, and a pen. The overall style is artistic and symbolic.

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## MADE HOMELESS FOR DEFENDING HOUSING RIGHTS

**NI YULAN**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, CHINA

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HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, CHINA

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Ni Yulan has braved years of violent harassment for standing up for those evicted from their homes. The former lawyer has supported scores of people forced from their homes by lucrative construction projects. She was among thousands whose dwellings were demolished in the lead-up to the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

The government's response to her activism has been to harass her and her family, hoping to put an end to her work. They have repeatedly arrested her and, during detention, beat her so badly that she now uses a wheelchair. They have pursued her for nearly 20 years, putting her and her family under surveillance, threatening them, and evicting them from home after home.

In March 2016, the authorities refused her a passport to travel to the USA to accept an international prize celebrating her courage.

In April 2017, men descended on her rented apartment, grabbed Ni Yulan, her husband and daughter, and threw them out of their home. After being forced to sleep on the streets, the couple now live in temporary housing within constant sight of the police. Still, Ni Yulan has no plans to stop helping people stand up for their rights. It's our turn to stand up for her.

**Tell China to stop harassing Ni Yulan.**

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### Write to this Beijing official

Tell him to end the harassment of Ni Yulan and her family.

Wang Xiaohong  
Director of Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau  
No.9 Dongdajie, Qianmen  
Dongchengqu  
Beijingshi 100740  
People's Republic of China

Salutation: Dear Director



### Show Ni Yulan you're on her side

Ni Yulan can't receive mail, so please post a photo with a message of support on social media, for example:

"You are so brave #NiYulan – We stand by you!"

In Chinese: #倪玉兰，你真的很勇敢！我们会与您同心面对！ #NiYulan

Please remember to include the hashtag #NiYulan.



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**ARRESTED FOR  
CAMPAIGNING  
FOR THE DISAPPEARED**

**HANAN BADR EL-DIN**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, EGYPT



# HANAN BADR EL-DIN

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, EGYPT

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When Hanan Badr el-Din's husband disappeared, her life changed for good. She last saw him on television, wounded and at a hospital after attending a protest in July 2013. But when she went there, she couldn't find him. She searched police stations, prisons, hospitals and morgues. No one could tell her what had happened to him.

Her husband is one of hundreds of people missing at the hands of Egypt's security forces. Every day, an estimated three to four people – mostly political activists, students, protesters, even school children as young as 14 – are taken by Egyptian police or military, never to be seen again. Yet the Egyptian government claims that disappearances don't exist in the country.

Hanan was not dissuaded. Her determination to find her husband has led her to others whose loved ones have gone missing. In 2014, she

co-founded a group tasked with finding the truth behind these disappearances and is now a leading voice in the search for Egypt's disappeared. Her latest attempt to get information about her husband has seen her arrested and wrongly charged with belonging to a banned group, which could mean at least five years in prison.

**Tell Egypt to drop all charges and free Hanan immediately and unconditionally.**

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## Write to the President of Egypt

Tell him to drop all charges against Hanan and free her immediately and unconditionally.

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi  
Office of the President  
Al Ittihadia Palace  
Cairo, Egypt

Fax: +202 2391 1441  
Email: [p.spokesman@op.gov.eg](mailto:p.spokesman@op.gov.eg)

Salutation: Your Excellency



## Show your support for Hanan

Send her your messages of friendship and solidarity.

Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms  
(Attention: Mr. Halim Henish)  
32 Abdel Azeem Rashed Street  
Cairo 11511  
Egypt



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## DEMANDING THE RIGHT TO BE WHO HE IS

**SAKRIS KUPILA**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, FINLAND

# SAKRIS KUPILA

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, FINLAND

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Sakris Kupila has never identified as a woman. Yet the 21-year-old medical student must endure daily embarrassment because his identity documents say he is female.

Sakris was a teenager when he realised that the gender he was given at birth didn't express who he is. He chose a new name – which is considered male – but under Finnish law people are not allowed names of another gender. Sakris had to be diagnosed with a “mental disorder” to keep his name.

This was Sakris' first step towards legal recognition of who he is. But to have your gender reassigned in Finland, you must be diagnosed with a “mental disorder” *and* sterilised. Such requirements are a stain on Finland's reputation for openness and tolerance.

For Sakris, the choice is clear. He opposes this humiliating treatment and is demanding a change to the law. “The basic human rights of transgender people are currently violated in Finland,” he says. “Not only do we face discrimination within society itself, but also by the state.”

Sakris' struggle has earned him threats and open hostility. But he won't give in. “I'll stop when the fight is over,” he says.

**Tell Finland to change the law and support transgender rights activists.**

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### Write to the Prime Minister of Finland

Tell him to change the law and support transgender rights activists.

Prime Minister Juha Sipilä  
Finnish Government  
PL 23, 00023 Valtioneuvosto  
Finland

Facebook: <http://amn.st/60028tb22>  
Twitter: @juhasipila

Salutation: Dear Prime Minister



### Show Sakris you're with him

Send him your messages of love and support. You can use the colours of the Trans flag: white, pink and light blue.

Sakris Kupila  
Amnesty International Finnish Section  
Hietaniemenkatu 7 A  
00100 Helsinki  
Finland



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## RISKING THEIR LIVES TO SAVE THEIR LAND

**MILPAH INDIGENOUS MOVEMENT**  
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, HONDURAS

# MILPAH INDIGENOUS MOVEMENT

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, HONDURAS

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For the Indigenous Lenca people in Honduras, the land is their life. But huge hydroelectric, mining and other interests are out to exploit that land. MILPAH, the Independent Lenca Indigenous Movement of La Paz, is at the forefront of the struggle against them. They brave smear campaigns, death threats and physical assault to protect their environment, yet their attackers are rarely brought to justice.

Their experience is typical for activists in Honduras, one of the most dangerous places on Earth to be an Indigenous and environmental defender. Some are lucky enough to survive. Others are not: Berta Cáceres, from a partner organization, campaigned against a hydroelectric dam and was murdered in 2016.

In October 2015, MILPAH's Ana Miriam Romero was 24 weeks pregnant when armed men stormed her house looking for her husband,

and beat her up. The following January, her house was torched. In July 2016, two men threatened to kill her colleague, Martín Gómez. Still, MILPAH vow to keep up their struggle.

"We have no weapons, we have no money," says Martín. "But we do have a voice and ... that has enabled us to make real progress." Lend your voice to these courageous women and men.

**Tell Honduras to protect MILPAH now.**

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## Write to the President of Honduras

Tell him to give MILPAH and other human rights defenders the protection they demand.

Sr. Presidente Juan Orlando Hernández  
Casa Presidencial  
Bulevar Juan Pablo II  
Tegucigalpa  
Honduras

Twitter: @JuanOrlandoH

Salutation: Dear President



## Stand with the MILPAH Indigenous Movement

Send your letters and drawings, or a recorded message of support for community radio broadcast in Honduras.

MILPAH  
c/o CEHPRODEC  
Colonia 15 de Septiembre  
calle Clemente Marroquin Rojas  
Avenida Independencia, Casa 1902  
C.P. 2571  
Tegucigalpa  
Honduras



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## FACING CHARGES FOR PROTESTING WAR CRIMES

**FARID & ISSA**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, ISRAEL/OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

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Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro want an end to Israeli settlements – a war crime stemming from Israel’s 50-year occupation of Palestinian land. Israel has made many parts of the occupied territories no-go zones for Palestinians, making it impossible for them to move about freely. By contrast, Jewish Israeli settlers are free to go where they wish.

Dedicated to non-violence, Farid and Issa brave constant threats and attacks by Israeli soldiers and settlers. Issa encourages Palestinian youths to find non-violent ways to oppose Israel’s occupation and discriminatory laws in Hebron. For this, Israeli forces have arrested him more than once. They have beaten, blindfolded and interrogated him. “The Israeli occupation forces target us to silence us,” he says. Farid, a lawyer who exposes abuses by the Palestinian and Israeli authorities, faces similar harassment.

In February 2016, Farid and Issa joined a peaceful protest in the city of Hebron marking 22 years since Israel first closed one of its streets, al-Shuhada, to Palestinians. Hebron’s 200,000 Palestinians are effectively held hostage by the 800 Israeli settlers who live in its centre. The men now face ludicrous charges clearly designed to obstruct their human rights work.

**Tell Israel to drop all charges against Farid and Issa immediately.**

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## Write to the Prime Minister of Israel

Tell him to drop all charges against Farid and Issa immediately.

Benjamin Netanyahu  
Office of the Prime Minister  
3 Kaplan Street, PO Box 187  
Kiryat Ben-Gurion  
Jerusalem 91950, Israel

Email: [pm\\_eng@pmo.gov.il](mailto:pm_eng@pmo.gov.il)  
Twitter: @IsraeliPM

Salutation: Dear Prime Minister



## Stand with Farid and Issa

Send them a card, letter or drawing, saying:

“Farid and Issa, I/We stand in solidarity with you – [your name/country]”

You can personalise your message, too.

Amnesty International  
PO Box 42 626  
Jerusalem  
Israel



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## REFUSING TO LET POLICE GET AWAY WITH MURDER

**SHACKELIA JACKSON**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, JAMAICA



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Shackelia Jackson will not give up. When her brother was gunned down by police in 2014, she made sure that Jamaica's independent investigators secured the crime scene.

The police had been pursuing a "Rastafarian-looking" suspect in a robbery, and Nakiea fitted that description. They found him in his small restaurant and shot him dead. Police killings of mainly young and mostly poor men is all too common in Jamaica, with some 2,000 killed in the past decade.

Shackelia was determined not to let Nakiea's story end there. She has battled a badly underfunded, sluggish court system to lead a bold fight for justice. In doing so, she has rallied dozens of families whose loved ones have been similarly killed, amplifying their cries for justice. The police have responded by raiding her

community, timing the raids to coincide with court dates. They have also intimidated Shackelia and her family.

But Shackelia refuses to be silenced. She says their attempts only reinforce her belief in what's right. "I fight because I have no other choice," she says. "To stop would mean I am giving another police officer permission to kill another of my brothers."

**Tell Jamaica to protect Shackelia and ensure justice for all those killed by police.**

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### Write to the Prime Minister of Jamaica

Tell him to protect Shackelia and ensure justice for all those killed by police.

Andrew Holness  
Office of the Prime Minister  
1 Devon Road  
Kingston 10  
Jamaica

Email: [primeminister@opm.gov.jm](mailto:primeminister@opm.gov.jm)  
Twitter: @AndrewHolnessJM

Salutation: Honourable Andrew Holness



### Show Shackelia you're with her

Send her a message of support or tweet a photo or video message of you with the hashtag #TimeforJusticeJA ([www.time4justice.org](http://www.time4justice.org)).

Shackelia Jackson  
184 Orange Street  
BLK J apt 10  
Kingston  
Jamaica

Email: [brokenbutnotdestroyedinfo@gmail.com](mailto:brokenbutnotdestroyedinfo@gmail.com)

A central illustration of a man with dark skin and short black hair, wearing a green button-down shirt. He is looking directly at the viewer with a neutral expression. The background is a collage of various icons: a tree, a frog, a typewriter, a pen, a tree stump, a chainsaw, a log, a fish, a banana, a keyboard, a globe, and several flowers. The overall style is a textured, hand-drawn illustration.

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**CONVICTED FOR  
PROTECTING ENDANGERED  
RAINFOREST**

**CLOVIS RAZAFIMALALA**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, MADAGASCAR

# CLOVIS RAZAFIMALALA

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, MADAGASCAR

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Clovis Razafimalala loves Madagascar's rainforest. The father of two young children and environmental activist is doing everything he can to protect its endangered, ruby-coloured rosewood trees. But a corrupt network of smugglers will stop at nothing to silence Clovis and others like him. They're driven by the billions of dollars they can pocket from the illegal sale of this exquisite tree.

Despite laws against it, the black market in rosewood is booming, reinforcing the influence of the smugglers at its heart. Clovis and his fellow activists are bravely standing up to them while the government looks away.

Their activism comes at a cost. In September 2016, Clovis was imprisoned, accused of leading a violent protest. Witnesses said he was at a restaurant at the time, but were never interviewed as part of the investigation.

This was not the first time Clovis had been targeted. In 2009, his house was fire bombed. He has also been repeatedly offered – and has refused – bribes to stop defending Madagascar's endangered forest.

In July 2017, Clovis was convicted on false charges and given a five-year suspended sentence. He could be jailed at any time if he dares continue his activism.

**Tell Madagascar to overturn Clovis' sentence immediately.**

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### Write to Madagascar's Minister of Justice

Tell her to overturn Clovis' sentence immediately.

Minister of Justice Rasolo Elise Alexandrine  
Ministry of Justice  
43 Rue Joel Rakotomalala  
Faravohitra – Antananarivo  
Madagascar

Email: [spminjus@yahoo.fr](mailto:spminjus@yahoo.fr)  
Facebook: <http://amn.st/60028tymn>

Salutation: Son Excellence Madame la Ministre



### Show Clovis you're on his side

Send him your messages of support and friendship, and help boost his courage.

Clovis Razafimalala  
IIF3LVG Antsahameva Andraisoro  
Antananarivo - 101  
Madagascar



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## PERSECUTED FOR DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS

**TANER & THE ISTANBUL 10**  
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, TURKEY

# TANER & THE ISTANBUL 10

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS TURKEY

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Taner Kılıç was just doing his job, exposing human rights abuses in Turkey as Chair of Amnesty International in that country. But on 9 June 2017, he was thrown into prison on the absurd charge of being a member of an “armed terrorist organization”.

One month later, İdil Eser, head of Amnesty Turkey; Özlem Dalkıran, founder of Amnesty Turkey, now with Avaaz and the Citizens’ Assembly; and eight others were detained while attending a routine workshop for human rights activists in Istanbul. All 10 are also facing membership charges – a preposterous accusation.

The detention of the Istanbul 10 and Taner’s imprisonment were the latest in a series of government efforts to silence its critics. Since the attempted coup of July 2016, over 150,000 people have been placed under criminal investigation.

Following a global outcry, the Istanbul 10 were released on bail. But Taner is still in prison and the Istanbul 10 are still at risk. These brave individuals have dedicated their lives to defending the rights of others. Criminalising them leaves everyone vulnerable to the government’s ongoing crackdown on freedoms.

**Tell Turkey to stop persecuting these rights defenders and drop the charges against them.**

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### Write to the Minister of Justice

Tell him to stop the persecution of these rights defenders and drop the charges against them.

Minister of Justice Abdulhamit Gül  
Ministry of Justice  
Adalet Bakanlığı  
06659 Ankara  
Turkey

Twitter: @abdulhamitgul

Salutation: Dear Minister



### Support Taner, İdil, Özlem and the Istanbul 10

Upload a photograph of your solidarity message to [freeistanbul10.tumblr.com](https://www.tumblr.com/freeistanbul10) to show you support their struggle and demand an end to the persecution of human rights defenders in Turkey.

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