

Amnesty International Urgent Actions for the Week of March 6 to 13, 2015

**6 March 2015**

***\*Good News!\****

**UA: 17/15**

**Issue Date: 23 January 2015**

**Country: Burundi**

**[http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa01715\\_0.pdf](http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa01715_0.pdf)**

**PROMINENT JOURNALIST RELEASED**

Journalist Bob Rugurika was released on bail on 19 February 2015 after being detained for a month. The Bujumbura Court of Appeal ordered his provisional release on 18 February 2015 with his bail set at Burundi francs 15,000,000 (around 9,430 US\$). He was released on condition that he appears monthly before the relevant investigating magistrate and does not leave the country without the magistrate's authorization.

**Name: Bob Rugurika (m)**

**Issues: Human rights defender, Arbitrary detention, Freedom of expression**

**Further information on UA: 236/14 (23 September 2014)**

**Issue Date: 6 March 2015**

**Country: United Arab Emirates**

**[http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa23614\\_1.pdf](http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa23614_1.pdf)**

**PROTECT LIBYAN MEN STILL IN DETENTION**

Four of the 10 detained Libyan men were released without charge on 27 December 2014 from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and deported to Turkey. Six others, including dual nationals, are still detained and may be at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.

**Names: Kamal Eldarat, Mohammed Eldarat, Salim el-Aradi, Mohammed al-Fighi, al-Sadiq al-Kikli, Mahmoud bin Gharbiya (m)**

**Issues: Incommunicado detention, Risk of torture/ill-treatment, Forced return**

**9 March 2015**

**UA: 54/15**

**Issue Date: 9 March 2015**

**Country: China**

**<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa05415.pdf>**

**DETAINED AFTER PLANNING WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS**

Five young women activists have been detained in unknown locations in China after planning to hold events against sexual harassment to mark International Women's Day. They have not had access to a lawyer and are at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

**Name: Wu Rongrong (武嵘嵘)(30) , Zheng Churan (郑楚然)(aka Da Tu) (大兔)(26) , Li Tingting (李婷婷)(aka Li Maizi) (李麦子)(26) , Wang Man (王曼)(32) , Wei Tingting (韦婷婷)(26) (f)**

**Issues: Human rights defenders, Incommunicado detention, Risk of torture/ill-treatment**

**UA: 53/15**

**Issue Date: 9 March 2015**

**Country: Turkey**

**<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa05315.pdf>**

**CHECHEN WOMAN FACES DEPORTATION TO RUSSIA**

Arubika Suleymanova, a Russian citizen of Chechen origin, is facing deportation to the Russian Federation or to an as yet unknown third country. If returned she is at risk of torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

**Name: Arubika Suleymanova (f)**

**Issues: Forced return, Risk of torture/ill-treatment, Health concern**

**Further information on UA: 234/14 (18 September 2014) and updates (6 February 2015, 16 February 2015)**

**Issue Date: 9 March 2015**

**Country: Iran**

**[http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa23414\\_2.pdf](http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa23414_2.pdf)**

**JUVENILE OFFENDER STILL AT RISK OF EXECUTION**

Juvenile offender Saman Naseem is believed to be held in solitary confinement in the northwestern prison of Zanjan. He had been scheduled to be executed on 19 February for alleged crimes committed when he was 17 years old. He is at imminent risk of execution.

**Name: Saman Naseem (m)**

**Issues: Imminent execution, Torture/ill-treatment, Death penalty**

**UA: 51/15**

**Issue Date: 9 March 2015**

**Country: Honduras**

**<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa05115.pdf>**

**JOURNALIST THREATENED BY MILITARY OFFICER**

A Honduran journalist received a verbal death threat and has faced discrimination, believed to be in connection to his journalistic work. There is fear for his safety.

**Name: César Omar Silva Rosales (m)**

**Issues: Death threat, Fear for safety, Freedom of expression**

**10 March 2015**

**Further information on UA: 43/15 (23 February 2015)**

**Issue Date: 10 March 2015**

**Country: Colombia**

**[http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa04315\\_0.pdf](http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa04315_0.pdf)**

**PARAMILITARIES THREATEN INDIGENOUS LEADERS**

Paramilitaries continue to make death threats against Indigenous leaders in northern Cauca, while Indigenous people demand full reparation, including access to land, as redress for several mass killings.

**Name: Margarita Hilamo (f), Nini Johanna Daza (f) and Indigenous leaders in northern Cauca**

**Issues: Death threats, Economic social and cultural rights, Impunity**

UA: 55/15

Issue Date: 10 March 2015

Country: USA

[http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa05515\\_0.pdf](http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa05515_0.pdf)

**MAN WITH SERIOUS BRAIN INJURY FACES EXECUTION**

Cecil Clayton, a 74-year-old man, is due to be executed in Missouri on 17 March. He was sentenced to death for the murder of a police officer in November 1996. He has been diagnosed with dementia and a psychotic disorder stemming from a serious brain injury.

Name: Cecil Clayton (m)

Issues: Death penalty, Imminent execution, Health concern

**11 March 2015**

UA: 56/15

Issue Date: 11 March 2015

Country: Zimbabwe

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa05615.pdf>

**PRO-DEMOCRACY ACTIVIST ABDUCTED**

Journalist and pro-democracy activist, Itai Dzamara, was abducted on the morning of 9 March by five men while at a barber shop in Harare's Glen View suburb. The men accused him of stealing cattle before handcuffing him and driving off with him in a white truck. His whereabouts are unknown.

Name: Itai Dzamara (m)

Issues: Abduction, Risk of torture/ill-treatment, Enforced disappearance

UA: 57/15

Issue Date: 11 March 2015

Country: Colombia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa05715.pdf>

**MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP THREATENED**

Members of a Colombian human rights organization supporting land restitution and the peace process have received a series of death threats by phone. Their safety is at risk.

Name: Diego Martinez (m), Hugo Salazar (m), Erika Gómez (f), César Murillo (m), Nathalia Ruano (f) and other members of CPDH

Issues: Human right defenders, Death

**12 March 2015**

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Further information on UA: 308/14 (11 December 2014)

Issue Date: 12 March 2015

Country: Saudi Arabia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa30814.pdf>

**WOMEN DRIVERS RELEASED**

Saudi Arabian women drivers Loujain al-Hathloul and Maysaa al-Amoudi were released on 12 February after spending 10 weeks in detention. The conditions of their release and their legal status are unclear.

Names: Loujain al-Hathloul (f), Maysaa al-Amoudi (f)

Issues: Prisoners of conscience, Freedom of expression, Legal concern

Further information on UA: 254/14 (16 October 2014)

Issue Date: 12 March 2015

Country: Russian Federation

[http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa25414\\_0.pdf](http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa25414_0.pdf)

**TRIAL AGAINST KALININGRAD ACTIVISTS STARTS**

During the preliminary hearing into the case of the three men who had raised the German flag over an official building in Kaliningrad, on 4 March, the judge ruled that the hearing on the merits starts on 16 March. If found guilty they could face up to seven years in prison.

Name: Mikhail Feldman (m), Oleg Savvin (m) and Dmitriy Fonarev (m)

Issues: Prisoners of conscience, Freedom of expression, Health concern