

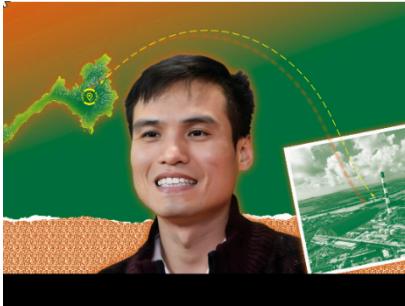
Event Details



Write for Rights

Make a difference

December 10, 2024
Event Details at
tinyurl.com/w4r2024sac



DANG DINH BACH

Viet Nam

JAILED FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS



WET'SUWET'EN NATION LAND

DEFENDERS

Canada

FIGHTING TO PROTECT THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS, AND OUR PLANET



JOEL PAREDES

Argentina

BLINDED BY RUBBER BULLETS AT A PEACEFUL PROTEST

Environmental justice lawyer **Dang Dinh Bach** has dedicated his life to protecting people in Viet Nam from pollution and the impact of climate change.

On June 24, 2021, Bach was arrested and jailed for alleged tax evasion, a tactic used by the Vietnamese authorities to silence environmental activists. His newborn son was just two weeks old. He was sentenced to five years in prison for a crime he did not commit. He has not seen his son since.

Bach is forced to endure poor prison conditions and harassment by prison officers, and his health has deteriorated.

Demand protection and freedom for Dang Dinh Bach.

The **Wet'suwet'en Nation** are deeply connected to their ancestral lands, but this is threatened by the construction of a fossil fuel pipeline through their territory.

Their Hereditary Chiefs did not consent to this construction. Indigenous land defenders and their allies are being criminalized for protecting Wet'suwet'en territory against pipeline construction. They could face prison and a criminal record.

Land defenders have been charged for blocking pipeline construction sites, even though these sites are on their ancestral lands.

Protecting your ancestral lands is not a crime.

Joel Paredes is a 29-year-old father from Jujuy province, Argentina.

On June 30, 2023 Joel attended a protest against changes to the province's constitution, including restrictions on the right to peaceful assembly, measures that may cause damage to the environment, and risk violating Indigenous Peoples' land rights. Police fired rubber bullets at protesters.

Joel was hit, permanently blinding him in the right eye, and leaving him with debilitating nerve pain. No one has been held accountable.

Demand justice and accountability for Joel Paredes.

Write for Rights on Human Rights Day

Sponsored by Amnesty International Sacramento Group

This is part of Amnesty International's global work to defend human rights and dignity.

Write for Rights is an opportunity for us to work together write letters, emails, posts, or tweets on behalf of people around the world persecuted or jailed for their identity, beliefs, or words.



Date/Time: Tuesday December 10, 2024 (Human Rights Day!).

Drop in between 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Place: Sierra 2 Center, Room 10.

2791 24th Street, Sacramento (where 24th St meets 4th Ave in Curtis Park)

What we will do: We will join with thousands of people who are taking part in the world's largest write-a-thon, **Write for Rights**.

Advocacy: We will write to government officials to pressure them to release people jailed unfairly and encourage them to stop harassing human rights defenders.

Solidarity: We will also have opportunities to send cards to let the victims (or their families) know that we are thinking of them!



What is provided: No prior knowledge or skills is required; all materials and instructions will be supplied including sample letters.

Hot drinks and snacks will also be provided.

You can bring a favorite pen and/or your laptop if you wish (Wi-Fi available).

"I'll be attending!"

RSVP at tinyurl.com/w4r2024sacrsvp if you think you can make it, so we can plan space.

Feel free to bring friends, relatives, colleagues, teens.

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