

Amnesty International URGENT ACTIONS - May 6 to May 13, 2016

13 May

Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/egypt-drop-all-charges-against-mahmoud-abu-zeid-ua-24314>

SHAWKAN'S TRIAL ADJOURNED UNTIL 17 MAY

Egyptian authorities adjourned until 17 May the trial of photojournalist Mahmoud Abu Zeid, popularly known as Shawkan. He is facing trumped-up charges as a result of his journalistic work. He is a prisoner of conscience and, if convicted, risks a death sentence.

Name: Mahmoud Abd Al Shakur Abu Zeid ("Shawkan")

Gender m/f: m

Good News!

Country: Russian Federation

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-russian-federation-activist-released-dimitry-vorobyovsky-ua-10916>

ACTIVIST RELEASED FROM PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Activist Dmitry Vorobyovsky, who had been taken to a psychiatric hospital on 6 May and subjected to involuntary psychiatric treatment, was released following a court order on 12 May.

Name: Dmitry Vorobyovsky

Gender m/f: m

Country: Russian Federation

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/russian-federation-overturn-yekaterina-vologzheninova-s-conviction-ua-23215>

GOVERNMENT CRITIC'S CONVICTION UPHOLD

Yekaterina Vologzheninova's appeal was rejected on 26 April and she must serve 320 hours of "corrective labour". She was convicted for criticising online the Russian annexation of Crimea and Russia's military involvement in Donbass, eastern Ukraine. She will be appealing her sentence.

Name: Yekaterina Vologzheninova

Gender m/f: f

Country: United Arab Emirates

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/united-arab-emirates-release-journalist-tayseer-salman-al-najjar-ua-11216>

JOURNALIST ARRESTED FOR FACEBOOK POST

Jordanian journalist and poet, Tayseer al-Najjar, was arrested on 13 December 2015 in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates in connection with a comment he posted on his Facebook account in 2014. He has yet to be charged. He may be a prisoner of conscience detained for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression.

Name: Tayseer Salman al-Najjar

Gender m/f: m

16 May

Country: Azerbaijan

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/azerbaijan-investigate-detention-of-youth-activists-ua-11416>

YOUTH ACTIVISTS DETAINED, SPEAK OF ILL-TREATMENT

Youth activists Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov were arrested on 10 May in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, for alleged drug possession after they painted political graffiti on the former President's statue. According to their lawyer, they have been beaten and otherwise ill-treated in detention.

Names: Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov

Gender m/f: m

Stop Action

Country: Malaysia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/stop-action-malaysia-sentence-reduced-and-fine-upheld-for-hishamuddin-rajs-ua-11116>

PRISON SENTENCE OVERTURNED, FINE UPHELD

Activist Hishamuddin Rais has had his nine-month jail sentence reduced to a fine following a unanimous decision by the Court of Appeal on 16 May. The Court of Appeal upheld that he has been found guilty of sedition.

Name: Hishamuddin Rais

Gender: m/f: m

17 May

Country: Iran

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-release-omid-kokabee-ua-24414>

IRANIAN PHYSICIST NEEDS ONGOING CANCER CARE

Iranian physicist and prisoner of conscience Omid Kokabee had surgery on 22 April to remove his right kidney. He has been diagnosed with advanced kidney cancer following five years of medical neglect in prison. He needs ongoing specialized post-operative care and cancer treatment. His life will be in grave danger if he is returned to prison.

Name: Omid Kokabee

Gender m/f: m

18 May

Country: Iran

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-halt-execution-of-alireza-tajiki-ua-11616>

IRANIAN TEENAGER'S EXECUTION STILL PENDING

Iranian teenager Alireza Tajiki is at continued risk of execution. The authorities did not carry out his scheduled execution on 15 May after a global outcry. However, they have not committed to not rescheduling the execution. Alireza Tajiki had been sentenced to death for a crime he says he did not commit. He was 15 years old at the time of the crime.

Name: Alireza Tajiki

Gender m/f: m

19 May

Country: Kuwait

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/kuwait-protect-abdulahkim-al-fadhli-ua-10216>

BIDUN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER'S SENTENCE UPHELD

Human rights defender and member of the stateless Bidun community 'Abdulahkim al-Fadhli had his one-year imprisonment sentence followed by deportation upheld by the Court of Cassation on 16 May. He has been on hunger strike since his arrest on 18 April.

Name: 'Abdulahkim al-Fadhli

Gender m/f: m

Country: Turkey

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/turkey-release-12-syrian-refugees-ua-11816>

SYRIANS RETURNED FROM GREECE, ARBITRARILY HELD

A group of 12 Syrian refugees, including four children, have been arbitrarily detained at the Düziçi camp since 27 April. They were some of the first Syrians voluntarily returned to Turkey from Greece since the signing of the EU-Turkey deal. Some have medical conditions for which they have not been receiving adequate treatment.

Name: The group includes two women, six men and four children. Their names are withheld for security reasons.

Gender m/f: both