

Amnesty International URGENT ACTIONS - May 27 to June 3, 2016

27 May

Country: China

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/china-release-jiang-yefei-and-dong-guangping-ua-25915>

RETURNED ACTIVISTS AT RISK OF UNFAIR TRIAL

Two Chinese activists, Jiang Yefei and Dong Guangping, are at risk of torture and other ill treatment and unfair trial. The two were recognized as refugees by the UN's Refugee Agency, but were forcibly returned to China from Thailand in violation of international law. One had been held in incommunicado detention for more than six months and the other's whereabouts remain unknown.

Names: Jiang Yefei, Dong Guangping

Gender: Male

Country: Indonesia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/indonesia-release-minority-leaders-ua-13116>

MINORITY RELIGIOUS LEADERS DETAINED AND CHARGED

Three followers of the 'Millah Abraham' religious belief are being detained by the Indonesian national police. They have all been charged with blasphemy and treason, merely for peacefully manifesting their right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and must be immediately and unconditionally released.

Name: Ahmad Mushaddeq, Andry Cahya and Mahful Muis Tumanurung

Gender m/f: All Male

Country: Iran

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-quash-the-convictions-of-mehdi-rajabian-hosseini-rajabian-and-yousef-emadi-ua-4116>

IRANIAN MUSICIANS AND FILMMAKER SUMMONED TO JAIL

Iranian musicians Mehdi Rajabian and Yousef Emadi, and filmmaker Hossein Rajabian have been summoned to start serving a three-year prison sentence, imposed for their artistic work. They must report to the Office of the Prosecutor in Tehran's Evin Prison by 31 May. If imprisoned, they will be prisoners of conscience.

Name: Mehdi Rajabian, Hossein Rajabian, Yousef Emadi

Gender m/f: Male

Good News!

Country: Turkey

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

SYRIAN REFUGEES RELEASED FROM DETENTION

Seven of the 12 Syrian refugees detained in Düziçi camp, Osmaniye province, in southern Turkey, were released on 20 May. The other five, a woman and her four children, requested to be voluntarily returned to Syria and were taken to the Syrian border on 19 May.

Name: Group of Syrian refugees

Gender m/f: Both

Country: United Arab Emirates

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/united-arab-emirates-release-moza-%E2%80%98abdouli-ua-12516>

TRIED FOR TWEETS, HER SIBLINGS DISAPPEARED

Moza 'Abdouli is due to be sentenced on 30 May by the Federal Supreme Court in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). She is charged with insulting the UAE, its leaders, and its institutions for tweets she posted in March 2013. Her three siblings have not to date appeared in court and remain detained in an undisclosed location.

Name: Moza 'Abdouli (f), Amina Abdouli (f), Mos'ab Abdouli (m), Waleed Abdouli (m)

Gender m/f: Both

31 May

Country: El Saldavor

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/el-salvador-free-maria-teresa-12716>

MARÍA TERESA'S RELEASE AT RISK

María Teresa Rivera, a Salvadoran woman recently released after four years in prison for pregnancy-related charges, risks being sent back to trial if the Attorney General decides to appeal the judge's ruling that just set her free.

Name: María Teresa Rivera

Gender m/f: f

Country: Sudan

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/sudan-release-eight-human-rights-activists-ua-12816>

EIGHT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS DETAINED

Six staff members and a volunteer from TRACKS for Training and Human Development and the visiting director of Al Zarqa for Rural Development organisation have been detained since 22 May at the office of the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) Prosecutor of crimes against the state in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. They have not yet been informed of the reasons for their arrest.

Name: Khalafalla A Mukhtar, Arwa Elrabie, Khuzaini Elhadi A. Rajab, Raye Imany Leyla, Shazali Ibrahim El-Shiekh, Midhat A Hamdan, Alhassan Kheiri,

Mustafa Adam

Gender m/f: both

1 June

Country: Azerbaijan

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

RELEASE YOUTH ACTIVISTS AND INVESTIGATE TORTURE

Azerbaijani youth activists Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov have been in detention since 10 May, accused of drug possession, after painting political graffiti on the former President's statue. Bayram Mammadov went on hunger strike on 20 May in protest against the lack of investigation into their torture allegations.

Name: Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov

Gender m/f: m

Country: China

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/china-ensure-fair-trials-for-jiang-yefei-and-dong-guangping-ua-25915>

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Names: Jiang Yefei, Dong Guangping

Gender: m

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 28 JUNE

A Cairo court adjourned to 28 June the trial of photojournalist Mahmoud Abu Zeid, popularly known as Shawkan. He is a prisoner of conscience facing nine trumped-up charges and is at risk of the death penalty, if convicted.

Name: Mahmoud Abu Zeid ("Shawkan")

Gender m/f: m

Country: Iran

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-release-narges-mohammadi-ua-10515>

16-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR NARGES MOHAMMADI

Iranian human rights defender and prisoner of conscience Narges Mohammadi was sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment on 20 April. She suffers from serious illnesses and needs ongoing specialized medical care, which she cannot receive in prison. She continues to be denied the right to have access to her nine-year-old twins.

Name: Narges Mohammadi

Gender m/f: f

Country: South Korea

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/south-korea-release-kim-hye-young-and-grant-her-medical-treatment-ua-216>

WOMAN DENIED MEDICAL HELP ON HUNGER STRIKE

On 26 May 2016, the High Court of Seoul upheld the two-year prison sentence of Kim Hyeyoung, a woman in South Korea with thyroid cancer, who was earlier arrested for taking part in a peaceful demonstration. Kim, who developed mental health problems while in detention, is going on a hunger strike while authorities have continued to refuse her treatment outside the detention facility.

Name: Kim Hye-young

Gender m/f: f

2 June

Country: Malaysia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/malaysia-quash-the-conviction-of-vivian-lee-ua-13316>

BLOGGER AT RISK OF PRISON FOR FACEBOOK POST

Malaysian blogger Vivian Lee has been found guilty of sedition and sentenced to six months' imprisonment for a Facebook post she made in July 2013. She will be imprisoned if her final appeal is rejected.

Name: Vivian Lee May Ling

Gender: f

Country: Saudi Arabia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/saudi-arabia-overturn-human-rights-defender-s-sentence-ua-8616>

ISSA AL-HAMID SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS IN PRISON

Human rights defender Issa al-Hamid has been sentenced to nine years in prison after being convicted by the Specialised Criminal Court in Riyadh for his peaceful human rights activism. If detained he will be a prisoner of conscience.

Name: Issa al-Hamid

Gender m/f: m

Country: United Arab Emirates

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/united-arab-emirates-release-amina-waleed-and-mos-ab-%E2%80%98abdouli-ua-12516>

ONE SIBLING ACQUITTED, THREE ARE STILL MISSING

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Gender m/f: Both