

Amnesty International Daily URGENT ACTIONS - October 23 to October 30, 2015

23 October

Country: Bahrain

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<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/bahrain-quash-zainab-al-khawaja-s-convictions-ua-30614>

ZAINAB AL-KHAWAJA RISKS PRISON AFTER APPEAL

Activist Zainab Al-Khawaja's three-year prison sentence for ripping up a picture of the King of Bahrain has been reduced on appeal to one year and a large fine. If she does not pay the fine, her prison sentence will be extended by a further 18 months. If she is imprisoned, she will be a prisoner of conscience.

Name: Zainab Al-Khawaja

Gender m/f: f

Country: Saudi Arabia

Further information on UA: 167/13 Index: MDE 23/2715/2015 Issue Date: 23 October 2015

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/saudi-arabia-release-dr-abdulkareem-al-khoder-ua-16713>

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE RESENTENCED TO JAIL

Saudi Arabian human rights defender Dr Abdulkareem al-Khoder has been resentenced under the 2014 counter-terror law to 10 years in prison followed by a 10-year travel ban. He is a prisoner of conscience.

Name: Dr Abdulkareem al-Khoder

Gender m/f: m

Country: USA

UA: 242/15 Index: AMR 51/2735/2015 Issue Date: 23 October 2015

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/usa-stop-the-execution-of-ernest-johnson-ua-24215>

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY CLAIM AS EXECUTION SET

Ernest Johnson, aged 55, is due to be executed in Missouri on 3 November. He was convicted of three murders committed during a robbery in 1994. There is evidence that he has intellectual disability, which would render his execution unconstitutional.

Name: Ernest Lee Johnson

Gender m/f: m

26 October

Country: Argentina

Further information on UA: 240/15 Index: AMR 13/2733/2015 Issue Date: 26 October 2015

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/argentina-ensure-fair-trial-for-relmu-namku-ua-24015>

ENSURE FAIR TRIAL FOR INDIGENOUS LEADER

An Indigenous leader, Relmu Ñamku, will be charged with attempted homicide on 26 October for hurting a policewoman in 2012, when her community resisted eviction from their ancestral land, in Argentina's Neuquén Province. She had first been charged with 'causing harm'. She may face an unfair trial, and risks 15 years in prison.

Names: Relmu Ñamku (f), Martín Maliqueo (m) y Mauricio Raín (m)

Gender m/f: both

27 October

Country: Saudi Arabia

Further information on UA: 271/14 Index: MDE 23/2749/2015 Issue Date: 27 October 2015

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/saudi-arabia-quash-sheikh-nimr-baqir-al-nimr-s-the-conviction-ua-27114>

SHEIKH NIMR AL-NIMR AT RISK OF EXECUTION

A prominent Saudi Arabian Shi'a Muslim cleric has had his death sentence upheld by the Supreme Court. Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr has exhausted his appeals and will be at imminent risk of execution as soon as the King has ratified his death sentence.

Name: Sheikh Nimr Baqir al-Nimr

Gender m/f: m

28 October

Country: Indonesia

UA: 244/15 Index: ASA 21/2756/2015 Issue Date: 28 October 2015

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/indonesia-halt-the-destruction-of-places-of-worship-ua-24415>

CHRISTIAN MINORITY IN ACEH UNDER THREAT

Local authorities in Aceh province have increased religious tensions by tearing down seven churches. A mob had already destroyed one church, leaving one person dead.

Name: Christian minority in Aceh

Gender m/f: both

Country: Iran

UA: 245/15 Index: MDE 13/2763/2015 Issue Date: 28 October 2015

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-halt-milad-azimi-s-execution-ua-24515>

JUVENILE OFFENDER RISKS EXECUTION

Iranian juvenile offender Milad Azimi may be at risk of execution in connection with the murder of a man when he was 17 years old. His trial was grossly unfair and relied on "confessions" extracted through torture.

Name: Milad Azimi

Gender m/f: m

Country: Tunisia

UA: 241/15 Index: MDE 30/2734/2015 Issue Date: 28 October 2015

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/tunisia-quash-walid-zarrouk-s-conviction-ua-24115>

NGO FOUNDER SENTENCED TO PRISON

A former prison officer, Walid Zarrouk, who set up an NGO to monitor the treatment of prisoners in Tunisia, has been sentenced to three months in prison for "insulting a public official".

Name: Walid Zarrouk

Gender m/f: m

29 October

GOOD NEWS

Country: Egypt

Further information on UA: 80/15 Index: MDE 12/2772/2015 Issue Date: 29 October 2015

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-egypt-azza-soliman-and-16-others-acquitted-ua-8015>

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.

AZZA SOLIMAN, 16 OTHERS, ACQUITTED

An appeal court has upheld the acquittal of women's human rights defender Azza Soliman and 16 others who witnessed the killing of Egyptian activist Shaimaa Al-Sabbagh.

Names: Azza Soliman, Nagwa Abbas, Maher Shaker, Mostafa Abdelaal, Sayed Abu El Ela, Elhami El Merghany, Adel El Meleegy, Mohamed Ahmed Mahmoud, Zohdy El Shamy, Ahmed Fathy Nasr, Talaat Fahmy, Taha Tantawi, Abdel Hameed Mostafa Nada, Mohamed Saleh Fathy, Hossam Nasr, Mohamed Saleh, Khaled Mostafa.

Gender m/f: All male except Azza Soliman and Nagwa Abbas

Country: Iran

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

NARGES MOHAMMADI REMOVED FROM HOSPITAL

Human rights defender Narges Mohammadi, a prisoner of conscience, has been returned from hospital to Tehran's Evin prison, though she is critically ill and her doctor has advised against discontinuing her specialized treatment.

Name: Narges Mohammadi

Gender m/f: f