

Amnesty International URGENT ACTIONS for the week of September 4 to 11, 2015

4 September

UA 190/15

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Country: China

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/china-release-zhang-kai-liu-peng-and-fang-xiangui-19015>

LAWYER SUPPORTING CHURCHES IN CHINA DETAINED

A prominent human rights lawyer and his two assistants have been detained in China as part of a wider crackdown on activists who are resisting the removal of crosses from churches. Zhang Kai has been placed under 'residential surveillance' in an unknown location, which means he can be held for up to six months without access to his lawyers or family.

Names: Zhang Kai (m), Liu Peng (m), Fang Xiangui (m)

Issues: Human rights defenders, Arbitrary detention, Legal concern

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Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/egypt-release-israa-al-taweel-19115>

STUDENT WITH DISABILITY DETAINED

Student Israa Al-Taweel, injured by a bullet wound at a protest, has been detained on accusations that include "belonging to a banned group" and "broadcasting false news". She may not be able to walk again unless she can continue her physiotherapy treatment.

Name: Israa Al-Taweel (f)

Issues: Incommunicado detention, Health concern, Legal concern

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Country: USA

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/usa-stop-the-execution-of-richard-glossip-19215>

URGE PAROLE BOARD TO RECONSIDER CLEMENCY

Richard Glossip is scheduled to be executed in Oklahoma on 16 September. The case against him is circumstantial and he maintains his innocence. The parole board voted against clemency in 2014. It should reconsider that decision.

Name: Richard Glossip (m)

Issues: Death penalty, Imminent execution, Legal concern

Further Information on UA 189/15 (28 August 2015)

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Country: Nigeria

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/nigeria-stop-the-forced-eviction-of-residents-in-kofan-doka-kofan-kibo-and-anguwan-alkali-and-other>

92 HOMES DESTROYED, HUNDREDS MORE AT RISK

A court case seeking to stop the forced eviction of thousands in Zaria City, Kaduna state in Nigeria will be heard on 15 September. The affected residents had been given a 21-day notice after which the state was to carry out demolitions and they would be liable for reimbursing the cost. 92 houses have already been demolished, 267 more are still at risk.

Names: Inhabitants of 267 houses in communities in Zaria City including Kofan Doka, Kofan Kibo and Anguwan Alkali (m and f)

Issues: Economic, social and cultural rights, Forced eviction, Legal concern

Further information on UA: 281/14 (6 November 2014) and update (20 November 2014)

Issue Date: 7 September 2015

Country: Sierra Leone

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/sierra-leone-return-david-tam-baryoh-s-passport-28114>

SIERRA LEONE JOURNALIST STILL FACING RESTRICTIONS

Sierra Leonean authorities have held the passport of journalist David Tam Baryoh since he was released on bail on 14 November 2014, thus hindering his work and personal life as he is unable to travel. He is a prisoner of conscience, targeted solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

Name: David Tam Baryoh (m)

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

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Further information on UA: 78/15 (13 July 2015) and update (25 May 2015)

Issue Date: 8 September 2015

Country: Angola

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/angola-release-jose-marcos-mavungo-7815>

ACTIVIST'S TRIAL STARTS: RISKS 12 YEARS IN JAIL

José Marcos Mavungo's trial started on 26 August and the General Sub-Prosecutor has asked for the maximum penalty: a 12-year prison term. A ruling on the case is expected on 14 September. He is a prisoner of conscience.

Names: José Marcos Mavungo (m), Arão Bula Tempo (m)

Issues: Prisoner of conscience, Human rights defender, Health concern

Further Information on UA: 162/15 (21 July 2015)

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Country: Mozambique

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/mozambique-drop-all-charges-against-carlos-nuno-castel-branco-and-fernando-mbanze-ua-16215>

TWO MEN ON TRIAL FOR FACEBOOK POST

Economist Carlos Nuno Castel-Branco and newspaper editor Fernando Mbanze have been on trial since 31 August for crimes against the security of the state in relation to a Facebook post on poor governance in Mozambique. A court decision is expected on 16 September.

Names: Carlos Nuno Castel-Branco and Fernando Mbanze (m)

Issues: Freedom of expression, Legal concern, Unfair trial

9 September

UA: 193/15

Issue Date: 9 September 2015

Country: Saudi Arabia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/saudi-arabia-release-waleed-al-hussein-ua-19315>

SUDANESE ACTIVIST ARRESTED, RISKS DEPORTATION

Sudanese national Waleed Al Hussein has been detained without charge in Saudi Arabia since 23 July, after a website he had set up criticized the Sudanese government. He is at risk of being deported to Sudan, where he could face torture and other ill-treatment. He is a prisoner of conscience.

Name: Waleed Al Hussein (m)

Issues: Arbitrary detention, Prisoner of conscience, Risk of torture/ill-treatment

UA 195/15

Issue Date: 9 September 2015

Country: Brazil

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/brazil-respect-the-right-to-life-ua-19515>

POLICE OPERATION KILLS TWO AND INJURES OTHERS

At least two people were killed and one seriously injured in police operations in favelas in Rio de Janeiro on 8 and 9 September. Two boys, aged 13 and 16, were shot dead and a 33-year-old woman was shot in the face and is in grave condition. Residents of one favela report that police operations are still ongoing, with heavy shooting.

Names: Cristian Soares (m) and other residents of the Mangueiras and Maré favelas in Rio de Janeiro

Issues: Children and youth, Fear for safety, Unlawful killing

10 September

UA: 194/15

Issue Date: 10 September 2015

Country: Malaysia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/malaysia-drop-charges-against-sim-tze-tzin-maria-chin-abdullah-mohd-fariz-abd-talib-musa-mandeep-singh>

NINE CHARGED OVER PEACEFUL PROTEST

An opposition parliamentarian, and eight other politicians and activists, have been charged by a Malaysian court for taking part in peaceful protests in February and March.

Names: Sim Tze Tzin, Maria Chin Abdullah, Mohd Fariz Abd Talib Musa, Mandeep Singh, Adam Adli, Chang Lih Kang, Mohd Rozan Azen Mat Rasip, Lee Chean Chung, Fakhrurazi Mohd Mokhtar (m and f)

Issues: Freedom of expression, Human rights defenders, Legal concern