

Daily Urgent Actions for the Week of Feb 6 to 13th, 2015

6 February 2015

Further information on UA: 289/14 (14 November 2014)

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Country: Syria

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa28914.pdf>

LOUAY HUSSEIN RISKS UNFAIR PRISON SENTENCE

Political activist Louay Hussein is being tried on charges of “weakening national sentiment” and “weakening the morale of the nation”. His second hearing will be held on 9 February, when his family expect he will be sentenced.

Name: Louay Hussein (m)

Issues: Prisoner of conscience, Freedom of expression, Risk of torture/ill-treatment

Further information on UA: 234/14 (18 September 2014)

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Country: Iran

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa23414_0.pdf

EXECUTION LOOMS FOR SAMAN NASEEM

Iranian juvenile offender, Saman Naseem, could be executed as early as 19 February 2015 for crimes allegedly committed when he was 17 years old. He was sentenced to death after an unfair trial.

Name: Saman Naseem (m)

Issues: Imminent execution, Torture/ill-treatment, Unfair trial

UA: 28/15

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Country: Sudan

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa02815_0.pdf

CHURCH LEADERS DETAINED IN SUDAN

Reverend Yat Michael and Reverend Peter Yen of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church were arrested by Sudanese National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) agents in Khartoum, Sudan on 21 December 2014 and 11 January 2015 respectively. Both pastors are being detained incommunicado, in an unknown location, without access to their families or lawyers and are at risk of torture or ill-treatment and enforced disappearance.

Name: Reverend Yat Michael (m) and Reverend Peter Yen (m)

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

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Further information on UA: 83/14

Issue Date: 9 February 2014

Country: Egypt

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa08314_0.pdf

AL JAZEERA JOURNALISTS SOON TO BE RETRIED

Journalists Mohamed Fahmy and Baher Mohamed will be retried on 12 February, the authorities have announced. Both men are prisoners of conscience. Peter Greste was deported to Cyprus on 1 February and has since been reunited with his family in Australia.

Name: Mohamed Fahmy (m), Baher Mohamed (m), Sohaib Saad Mohamed Mohamed (m), Khaled Mohamed Abdulraouf Mohamed (m), Shadi Abdul Hameed Abdul Azeem Ibrahim (m), Khalid Abdulrahman Mahmoud Ahmed Abdulwahab (m)

Issues: Prisoners of conscience, Freedom of expression, Health concern

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Further Information on UA: 24/15 (29 January 2015)

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Country: Equatorial Guinea

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa02415_0.pdf

THREE DETAINEES RELEASED

Celestino Okenve, Antonio Nguema and Miguel Mbomio were released unconditionally from police detention on 30 January 2015.

Name: Celestino Okenve (m), Antonio Nguema (m) and Miguel Mbomio (m)

Issues: Prisoners of conscience, Freedom of expression, Arbitrary arrest

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UA: 29/15

Issue Date: 10 February 2015

Country: USA

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa02915.pdf>

LOUISIANA MUST RELEASE ALBERT WOODFOX

Lawyers for Albert Woodfox, held since 1972 in solitary confinement, have filed for bail after the federal appeals court denied state request for further review. The state must stop its 'campaign of vengeance' against Albert Woodfox and allow him his freedom.

Name: Albert Woodfox (m)

Issues: Unfair trial, Health concern, Ill-treatment

UA: 30/15

Issue Date: 10 February 2015

Country: Mexico

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa03015_0.pdf

EYEWITNESSES TO KILLING OF DEFENDERS HARASSED

Key eyewitnesses into the killings of two human rights defenders have been harassed in the Mexican state of Oaxaca. This is an apparent attempt to stop them from giving testimony in court. Their lives could be at risk.

Name: Two eyewitnesses to the killings of Bety Cariño (f) and Jyri Jaakkola (f) (names withheld)
Issues: Fear for safety, Legal concern, Impunity

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Further information on UA: 320/14 (19 December 2014) and update (5 February 2015)

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Country: Israel/Occupied Palestinian Territories

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa32014_0.pdf

ACTIVIST FACES PRISON FOR PEACEFUL PROTEST

Prominent Palestinian activist and advocate of peaceful protest, Abdallah Abu Rahma, will be sentenced by an Israeli military judge on 23 February. If sent to jail he will be a prisoner of conscience held as a punishment and in order to silence him and put an end to his peaceful protests in the occupied West Bank.

Name: Abdallah Abu Rahma (m)

Issues: Prisoner of conscience, Freedom of expression, Unfair trial

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Further information on UA: 249/14 (3 November 2014, 10 October 2014 and 2 October 2014)

Issue Date: 12 February 2015

Country: Bahrain

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa24914_2.pdf

APPEAL HEARING AGAINST PRISON SENTENCE STARTS

The appeal hearing for Bahraini human rights activist Nabeel Rajab has started after being sentenced to six months in prison for 'publicly insulting official institutions' on 20 January. If imprisoned Amnesty International would consider him a prisoner of conscience.

Name: Nabeel Rajab (m)

Issues: Human rights defender, Prisoner of conscience, Freedom of expression

Further information on UA: 255/14 (9 October 2014)

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Country: China

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa25514_0.pdf

SUPPORTERS OF HONG KONG PROTESTS 'TORTURED'

At least 27 people remain behind bars in China after showing support for the prodemocracy protests in Hong Kong. Nine people have not been given access to their lawyers, the whereabouts of four are unknown, and at least two have reported being tortured in detention. All of them continue to be at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.

Multiple people

Issues: Freedom of expression, Torture/ill-treatment, Unjust imprisonment

UA: 31/15

Issue Date: 12 February 2015

Country: USA

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa03115.pdf>

CLEMENCY SOUGHT AFTER 31 YEARS ON DEATH ROW

Michael Lambrix is seeking commutation of his death sentence. If he is denied clemency, the Florida authorities will set an execution date. He has spent over half of his life on death row. Twenty-three years old when he was sent there in 1984, he turns 55 in March. Name: Cary Michael Lambrix (m)

Issues: Death penalty, Imminent execution, Legal concern

UA: 32/15

Issue Date: 12 February 2015

Country: Mexico

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa03215.pdf>

ATTACKED FOR ENSURING FAIR ACCESS TO WATER

Community activists have repeatedly been beaten and threatened for their work to ensure fair access to water in the town of Coyotepec, near Mexico City. Federal authorities have promised them protection, but so far no measures have been implemented. Their lives could be at risk.

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Country: Mexico