

Amnesty International URGENT ACTIONS - September 23 to September 30, 2016

23 September

Country: China

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-release-chronically-ill-falun-gong-practitioner-china-ua-21616>

FALUN GONG PRACTITIONER SAID TO HAVE BEEN TORTURED IN DETENTION

Falun Gong practitioner Chen Huixia was unable to stand or walk after being tortured, according to a fellow detainee. Suffering from chronic illness and poor health, she currently has no access to her family or a lawyer.

Name: Chen Huixia

Gender m/f: f

Country: Iran

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-release-artist-brothers-on-hunger-strike-iran-ua-4116>

JAILED MUSICIAN AND FILMMAKER ON HUNGER STRIKE

Iranian brothers Mehdi Rajabian and Hossein Rajabian began a hunger strike on 8 September in protest at the authorities' refusal to allow them medical leave, as well as the decision to separate the brothers into different sections of Tehran's Evin Prison. The health of both prisoners of conscience has deteriorated.

Name: Mehdi Rajabian and Hossein Rajabian

Gender m/f: m

27 September

Country: Indonesia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-ensure-safety-of-papuan-activist-after-abduction-attempt-indonesia-ua-21816>

POLITICAL ACTIVIST ESCAPED ABDUCTION ATTEMPT

On 24 September, men in plain clothes attempted to abduct Papuan political activist Agustinus Aud at his home in Sorong, West Papua Province. He has been very active organising peaceful demonstrations to criticise Indonesian policies in Papua.

Name: Agustinus Aud

Gender m/f: m

28 September

Country: Dominican Republic

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-protect-human-rights-defender-after-attack-dominican-republic-ua-22016>

DEFENDER COMBATTING STATELESSNESS ATTACKED

Around 8.30pm on 25 September, Dominican human rights defender Genaro Rincon was verbally and physically assaulted in Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic. Various other defenders working against statelessness in the country have recently reported receiving threats, intimidations and insults related to their work.

Name: Genaro Rincon

Gender m/f: m

Country: Oman

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-release-azamn-journalists-sentence-d-to-prison-oman-ua-20616>

AZAMN JOURNALISTS SENTENCED TO PRISON

An Omani court of first instance issued its verdict on 26 September against three journalists from the daily *Azamn* newspaper. Two of the journalists received three-year prison sentences and the third a one-year prison sentence. The court also upheld a government order to permanently close the *Azamn* newspaper.

Name: Ibrahim al-Maamari, Youssef al-Haj, and Zaher al-Abri

Gender m/f: m

Country: Pakistan

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-halt-execution-of-person-with-mental-disability-pakistan-ua-22216>

PERSON WITH MENTAL DISABILITY FACES EXECUTION

Imdad Ali, a death row prisoner with a mental disability, is at imminent risk of execution. He was convicted of the murder of a religious teacher in 2002. In 2012, he was diagnosed with “paranoid schizophrenia”. International law clearly prohibits the use of the death penalty against people with mental or intellectual disabilities.

Name: Imdad Ali

Gender m/f: m

29 September

Good News!

Country: Iran

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-homa-hoodfar-freed-after-global-campaign-iran-ua-13716>

HOMA HOODFAR FREED AFTER GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

Canadian-Irish-Iranian citizen Dr Homa Hoodfar, a prominent professor of anthropology, was released on 26 September and flown out of Iran to Oman. She had been detained in solitary confinement in Tehran’s Evin Prison since her arbitrary arrest on 6 June.

Name: Homa Hoodfar

Gender m/f: f