

Amnesty International URGENT ACTIONS - August 26 to September 2, 2016

26 August

Country: Vietnam

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-free-prisoner-of-conscience-subject-to-ill-treatment-viet-nam-ua-19616>

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE SUBJECT TO ILL-TREATMENT

Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức, a human rights defender and prisoner of conscience, serving a 16-year sentence has been transferred to a remote prison in northern Viet Nam. This is more than a full day's drive from his family home. He is being subjected to ill-treatment treatment for his refusal to carry out prison labour, which violates the international prohibition on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

Name: Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức

Gender m/f: m

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Country: Nigeria

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-disclose-whereabouts-of-activist-shot-and-abducted-nigeria-ua-19816>

PRO-BIAFRAN ACTIVIST SHOT AND ABDUCTED

Sunday Chucks Obasi (30) was abducted from his home in Amuko Nnewi Anambra State on 16 August by five armed men suspected to be Nigerian security agents who had a vehicle with a government registration number plate. Witnesses say he was injured during the incident. His whereabouts remain unknown.

Name: Sunday Chuks Obasi

Gender m/f: m

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Good News!

Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-three-activists-release-d-on-bail-egypt-ua-1516>

THREE ACTIVISTS RELEASED ON BAIL

Dr Taher Mokhtar and two other activists were released from detention on 11 August. A Cairo court had ordered their release on bail nine days earlier on 3 August. They spent seven months in detention facing baseless charges.

Name: Taher Mokhtar, Hossameldine Hammad, Ahmed Mohamed Hassan

Gender m/f: m

Further information on UA: 15/16 Index: MDE 12/4707/2016 Issue Date: 26 August 2016

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Country: Ukraine

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-free-five-men-in-secret-detention-in-ukraine-ukraine-ua-20016>

FIVE MEN IN SECRET DETENTION IN UKRAINE

Authorities must urgently release five men believed to be in secret detention in the Security Service's compound in Kharkiv, northeast Ukraine.

Name: Vladimir Bezobrazov and four others whose names cannot be disclosed

Gender m/f: all male

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Good News!

Country: Ukraine

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-disappeared-man-freed-from-secret-detention-ukraine-ua-18016>

DISAPPEARED MAN FREED FROM SECRET DETENTION

Dmytro Koroliyov was released on 2 August after spending one year in secret detention in the Security Service of Ukraine compound in Kharkiv, northeast Ukraine. At least 12 others were also released from secret detention between 25 July and 2 August.

Name: Dmytro Koroliyov

Gender m/f: m

Further information on UA: 180/16 Index: EUR 50/4675/2016 Issue Date: 29 August 2016

Country: China

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-release-guo-feixiong-china-ua-9916>

DETAINED ACTIVIST ENDS HUNGER STRIKE

Imprisoned Chinese Human Rights Defender Yang Maodong (better known by his pen name Guo Feixiong) ended his hunger strike on 18 August after being moved to another prison and promised humane treatment. He is a prisoner of conscience and should be released immediately and unconditionally.

Name: Yang Maodong (a.k.a Guo Feixiong)

Gender m/f: m

Further information on UA 99/16: Index: ASA 17/4718/2016 Issue Date: 29 August 2016

30 August

Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-free-14-year-old-boy-tortured-to-confess-egypt-ua-19716>

14-YEAR-OLD BOY TORTURED TO CONFESS

Egypt's National Security Agency subjected 14-year-old Aser Mohamed to enforced disappearance for 34 days. The boy claims that he was tortured and ill-treated to confess to offences he did not commit. He is at risk of an unfair trial based on his "confessions" obtained under torture. If convicted he could face up to 15 years imprisonment.

Name: Aser Mohamed

Gender m/f: m

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Country: Thailand

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-end-investigation-into-speak-for-freedom-event-thailand-ua-19916>

ACTIVISTS SUMMONED BY POLICE RISK IMPRISONMENT

Police have summoned six individuals, including two staff of a human rights organization, in relation to a criminal investigation into a "Speak for Freedom" event held on 31 July. All six are expected to report to the police station on 31 August.

Name: Jatupat Boonphattharaksa (m), Chatmongkhon Jenchaiwchan (m), Narongrit Oopachan (m), Natthapon Ardharn (f), Duangthip Khanrit (f), Niranut Niamsap (f)

Gender m/f: both

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31 August

Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/help-release-activist-beaten-and-detained-egypt-ua-18716>

BEATEN AND STILL DETAINED AFTER BAIL WAS PAID

One week since Islam Khalil's bail of 50,000 Egyptian pounds (US\$5,510) was paid, the 27-year-old survivor of enforced disappearance and torture has yet to be released. Instead of complying with a court order for his release, police officers have fabricated a new charge against him and subjected him to severe beating.

Name: Islam Khalil

Gender m/f: m

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Good News

Country: Indonesia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-defamation-investigation-suspended-indonesia-ua-18916>

DEFAMATION INVESTIGATION SUSPENDED

Indonesian police suspended their investigation into a defamation complaint against human rights activist Haris Azhar. An investigation is currently underway into his allegations linking security and law enforcement officials to drug-trafficking.

Name: Haris Azhar

Gender m/f: m

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