

Urgent Actions for August 18 to 22, 2014

18 August

UA: 207/14

Issue Date: 18 August 2014

Country: Mexico

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa20714.pdf>

ACTIVISTS HARRASSED AT PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION

Three community activists in the central state of Mexico were threatened by members of Antorcha Campesina, a movement with close ties to the ruling political party. The three activists were publicly sharing information that was critical of the movement and the municipal government. Their safety remains at risk.

Name: Basilio Lara Hernández (m), José Mateo Martínez (m), Taurino Cruz (m) and other members of the Alianza Única del Valle

Issues: Fear for safety, Human rights defender, Freedom of expression

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Country: Sudan

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OPPOSITION LEADER AT RISK OF DEATH PENALTY

Ibrahim El Sheikh, a leading member of the political opposition in Sudan, has been in detention since 8 June. His health is deteriorating and he is at risk of receiving the death penalty

Name: Ibrahim El Sheikh(m)

Issues: Prisoner of Conscience, Health Concern, Death Penalty, Freedom of Expression

19 August

Stop Action

Further information on UA: 47/14

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Country Kuwait

BIDUN ACTIVISTS RELEASED

Kuwaiti Bidun activists 'Abdulkhalek al-Fadhli and 'Abdullah 'Atallah were released on 6 and 14 August, respectively.

On 6 August, a judge ordered the release of 'Abdulkhalek al-Fadhli who had been detained pending an investigation. However, he will appear before a court in another case on 4 September reportedly on charges including "attacking a security officer".

'Abdullah 'Atallah was released on bail of 50 Kuwaiti Dinars (approximately US\$176) on 14 August: he had filed a grievance on 10 August about the new extension of his detention which contravened Article 69 (3) of Law No. 3 of 2012, which stipulates that the period of remand should not exceed 40 days from the date of arrest. His preventive detention had been renewed four times for a period of 10 days. It is unclear if he will appear in court on charges of "illegal gathering", "disobeying police officers' orders to disperse" and "inciting to gathering".

No further action is requested by the UA Network. Amnesty International will continue to monitor 'Abdulkhalek al-Fadhli and 'Abdullah 'Atallah's cases. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. This is

the fourth update of UA 47/14. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. This is the second update of UA 90/14.

Names: 'Abdulhakim al-Fadhli and 'Abdullah 'Atallah (m)
Issues: Unlawful detention

20 August

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Political Activist Arrested, Risks Torture

Azerbaijani political activist Murad Adilov was arrested on 11 August on what appears to be a trumped-up charge of drug possession. He is held incommunicado, putting him at risk of torture.

Name: Murad Adilov (m)

Issues: Incommunicado detention, Torture, Unlawful detention, Freedom of expression, Impunity

UA 209/14

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Country: Colombia

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Death Threats to Women Land Claimants

Several members of the rural women's association ASOMUPROCA have received death threats since trying to reclaim their land in Magdalena Department, northern Colombia.

Name: Sol Carranza(f), Mauris Herazo López(f) and other members of ASOMUPROCA

Issues: Human Rights Defender, Death threats, Fear for safety, Intimidation

21 August

UA 210/14

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Country: Colombia

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Indigenous Defenders Receive Death Threat

Defender of Indigenous Peoples' rights Juan Pablo Gutiérrez received a death threat from a paramilitary group targeting him and other Indigenous organizations in Colombia. He has received numerous threatening phone calls since. His life and that of his colleagues is at risk.

Name: Juan Pablo Gutiérrez (m)

Issues: Death Threats, Human Rights Defenders, Harassment, Fear for safety

Further Information on UA 42/14

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Country: Mozambique

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa04214_4.pdf

Concerns Remain in Draft Criminal Code

The latest draft of the Mozambique Criminal Code was approved by the National Assembly (parliament) on 11 July. The Code is now with the President, who has to sign and promulgate it into law, however concerns still remain about certain provisions.

Name: Civil Society

Issues: Impunity

Further Information on UA 201/14

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Country: Saudi Arabia

http://www.amnestyusa.org/sites/default/files/uaa20114_0.pdf

HAJRAS AL-QUIREY DAYS AWAY FROM EXECUTION

Hajras al-Qurey, a Saudi Arabian man sentenced to death for drug trafficking after an unfair trial, is now scheduled to be executed on Monday 25 August.

Name: Hajras bin Saleh bin Muhammad al-Qurey(m)

Issues : Death Penalty, Unfair trial, Torture, Ill-treatment