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25 September

UA 205/15

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Country: Malaysia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/malaysia-release-khairuddin-abu-hassan-ua-20515>

FREE POLITICIAN HELD FOR EXPOSING CORRUPTION

Politician Khairuddin Abu Hassan was arrested on 23 September under a national security legislation for reporting corruption. He is now serving 28 days' detention without trial and there are concerns for his safety.

Names: Khairuddin Abu Hassan (m)

Issues: Arbitrary detention, Fear for safety, Prisoner of conscience

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Country: Russian Federation

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/russian-federation-release-rafis-kashapov-ua-1215>

TATAR ACTIVIST SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN JAIL

Tatar activist and outspoken government critic, Rafis Kashapov, was sentenced to three years in prison on 15 September for criticizing the Russian government.

Name: Rafis Kashapov (m)

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

UA 243/14

Further information on UA: 243/14 (29 September 2014) and updates (27 February 2015 and 21 August 2015)

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Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/egypt-drop-all-charges-against-mahmoud-abu-zeid-ua-24314>

SHAWKAN'S TRIAL TO BEGIN ON 12 DECEMBER

The trial of photojournalist Mahmoud Abu Zeid, known as Shawkan, has been set for 12 December. He will be tried on charges stemming from his journalism. He is a prisoner of conscience.

Name: Mahmoud Abd Al Shakur Abu Zeid ("Shawkan") (m)

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

UA: 174/13

Further information on UA: 174/13 (5 July 2013) and update (9 October 2014)

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Country: Iran

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-couple-sentenced-to-jail-on-security-charges-ua-17413>

COUPLE SENTENCED TO JAIL ON SECURITY CHARGES

Former student activist Arash Sadeghi and his wife, Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee, have been sentenced to imprisonment on national security charges following grossly unfair trials. They have appealed their sentences.

Name: Arash Sadeghi (m) Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee (f)

Issues: Unfair trials, Freedom of expression, Unjust imprisonment

UA: 80/15

Further information on UA: 80/15 (9 April 2015) and updates (22 May 2015, 28 May 2015, 2 July 2015, 8 July 2015)

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Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/egypt-drop-all-charges-against-azza-soliman-and-16-defendants-ua-8015>

VERDICT ON AZZA SOLIMAN AND 16 OTHERS DELAYED

The verdict in the case of Azza Soliman and the 16 other eyewitnesses to a killing in Cairo has been delayed by the five-day Eid al-Adha public holiday. A new date will be set after the holiday, which ended on 27 September.

Names: Azza Soliman (f), Nagwa Abbas (f), Maher Shaker (m), Mostafa Abdelaal (m), Sayed Abu El Ela (m), Elhami El Merghany (m), Adel El Meleegy (m), Mohamed Ahmed Mahmoud (m), Zohdy El Shamy (m), Ahmed Fathy Nasr (m), Talaat Fahmy (m), Taha Tantawi (m), Abdel Hameed Mostafa Nada (m), Mohamed Saleh Fathy (m), Hossam Nasr (m), Mohamed Saleh (m), Khaled Mostafa (m).

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

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UA: 210/15

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Country: India

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/india-end-zabiuddin-ansari-s-solitary-confinement-ua-21015>

HEALTH OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT PRISONER AT RISK

Zabiuddin Ansari, suspected of planning and coordinating the 2008 Mumbai attacks, has been on a hunger strike since 5 August protesting against his indefinite and prolonged solitary confinement at the Mumbai Central Prison. He has been held in solitary confinement in pre-trial detention for over two years and eight months.

Name: Zabiuddin Ansari (m)

Issues: Health concern, Risk of torture/ill-treatment, Legal concern

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Country: Myanmar

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/myanmar-release-labor-activists-ua-21115>

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DEMAND RELEASE OF MYANMAR LABOR ACTIVISTS

Two labor activists are currently on trial for providing striking garment workers in Myanmar advice on their rights. Two other union leaders have already been sentenced to two years and six months in prison for their role in leading and supporting the workers. All four are prisoners of conscience who must be released immediately and unconditionally.

Names: Naing Zaw Kyi Win (m), Thu Zaw Kyi Win (m), Myo Min Min (m), Naing Htay Lwin (m)

Issues: Prisoners of conscience, Human rights defenders, Freedom of expression

GOOD NEWS

UA 83/14

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Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-egypt-last-al-jazeera-journalists-released-ua-8314>

LAST AL JAZEERA JOURNALISTS RELEASED

Journalists Mohamed Fahmy and Baher Mohamed were finally released on 23 September after Egypt's president pardoned them.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all those who took action.

Names: Mohamed Fahmy (m), Baher Mohamed (m), Peter Greste (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: Freedom of expression, Prisoner of conscience, Torture/ill-treatment

GOOD NEWS

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Country: Cuba

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-cuba-prisoner-of-conscience-released-ua-7715>

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE RELEASED

Cuban prisoner of conscience Ciro Alexis Casanova Pérez was released from prison in Villa Clara province on 10 June.

No further action is requested of the UA network. Many thanks to all who took action.

Name: Ciro Alexis Casanova Pérez (m)

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

UA 213/15

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Country: Colombia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/colombia-peasant-farmer-linked-to-peace-community-killed-ua-21315>

PEASANT FARMER LINKED TO PEACE COMMUNITY KILLED

Paramilitaries killed a peasant farmer with close links to the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó in north-western Colombia. Other peasant farmers in the area have been labeled guerrilla fighters and may therefore be at risk.

Names: Ernesto Guzmán (m), members of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó and other civilians living in the area (m and f)

Issues: Extrajudicial execution/killings, Fear for safety, Human rights defenders

UA: 212/15

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Country: Nepal

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/nepal-protect-arbind-kumar-tamoli-and-rajau-nau-ua-21215>

PROTECT DETAINEES FROM FURTHER TORTURE

Arbind Kumar Tamoli and Raju Nau were arrested on 17 September in Banke District, Nepal, after police officers claimed they were in possession of a pistol and bullets. Since their arrests, they have been repeatedly tortured by unidentified police officers. They are currently in detention and remain at risk of further torture and other ill-treatment.

Names: Arbind Kumar Tamoli (m), Raju Nau (m)

Issues: Torture/ill-treatment, Legal concern, Impunity

UA: 214/15

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Country: Cuba

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/cuba-release-danilo-maldonado-machado-ua-21415>

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE ON HUNGER STRIKE

Cuban artist Danilo Maldonado Machado has been on hunger strike since 8 September to protest his detention without trial in Cuba. He was detained in December 2014 and is accused of "contempt". Amnesty International considers him a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

Name: Danilo Maldonado Machado (m)

Issues: Prisoner of conscience, Freedom of expression, Hunger strike

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<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-release-narges-mohammadi-ua-10515>

NARGES MOHAMMADI'S TRIAL TO BEGIN 6 OCTOBER

Iranian human rights defender Narges Mohammadi's trial on national security-related charges will begin on 6 October in Tehran. She is still being denied the specialized medical care she requires.

She is a prisoner of conscience.

Name: Narges Mohammadi (f)

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