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Country: Uzbekistan

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/uzbekistan-release-azam-farmonov-ua-11415>

FIVE MORE YEARS FOR 'VIOLATING PRISON RULES'

Human rights defender and prisoner of conscience, Azam Farmonov, has been sentenced to a further five-year imprisonment for allegedly violating prison rules. He was due to be released at the end of April after serving nine years in prison.

Name: Azam Farmonov (m)

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

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Country: Venezuela

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/venezuela-guarantee-the-safety-of-horacio-giusti-ua-11515>

JOURNALIST BEATEN AND THREATENED

Horacio Giusti, a journalist and volunteer press officer has reported being beaten. This attack appears to be directly linked to his work at the Venezuelan Penal Forum (Foro Penal Venezolano), a lawyers' network that has represented hundreds of people detained during anti-government protests.

Name: Horacio Giusti (m)

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

Further information on UA: 67/15 (23 March 2015)

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Country: Democratic Republic of Congo

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/democratic-republic-of-congo-release-yves-makwambala-and-fred-bauma-ua-6715>

RELEASE DETAINED HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

Two human rights activists, Yves Makwambala and Fred Bauma remain in detention at Makala prison in Kinshasa. The two are facing charges of "treason, attempted coup and an attempt to take the life of a Head of State".

Name: Yves Makwambala (m) and Fred Bauma (m)

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

Further information on UA: 80/15 (9 April 2015)

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Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/egypt-drop-charges-against-human-rights-defender-and-others-ua-8015>

TRIAL OF WITNESSES TO KILLING CONTINUES

Women's rights defender Azza Soliman and 16 other people who witnessed the killing of Egyptian activist Shaimaa Al-Sabbagh in a peaceful march forcibly dispersed by security forces are due in court for their second hearing on 23 May. They are charged with illegal protest and could face up to five years in jail.

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, Freedom of expression, Legal concern

Further information on UA: 81/15 (8 April 2015) and updates (17 April 2015, 7 May 2015)

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Country: Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/israeloccupied-palestinian-territories-release-khalida-jarrar-on-bail-ua-8115>

PARLIAMENTARIAN STILL HELD AFTER BAIL GRANTED

A military judge has ruled that Khalida Jarrar can be freed on bail, but then agreed to the Israeli military prosecution's request to keep her in detention while they consider appealing. The judge noted that she could be placed in administrative detention, which allows for indefinite detention without charge.

Name: Khalida Jarrar (f)

Issues: Arbitrary detention, Legal concern, Unjust imprisonment

25 May

Further information on UA: 78/15 (8 April 2015)

Issue Date: 25 May 2015

Country: Angola

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/angola-release-jose-marcos-mavungo-ua-7815>

LAWYER AND ACTIVIST RISK 10 - 15 YEARS IN JAIL

Human rights lawyer, Arão Bula Tempo, was conditionally released on 13 May. However, human rights activist, José Marcos Mavungo, remains in detention at Cabinda civil prison (Cadeia Civil de Comarca de Cabinda) as authorities continue to conduct investigations into his case. They have both been charged separately with crimes against the security of the state and risk jail sentences of between 10 – 15 years.

Names: Arão Bula Tempo (m), José Marcos Mavungo (m)

Issues: Human rights defenders, Health concern, Unjust imprisonment

Further information on UA: 33/14 (18 February 2014) and updates (20 March 2014, 16 February 2015)

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Country: Venezuela

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/venezuela-protect-and-release-daniel-ceballos-ua-3314>

SAFETY FEARS FOR DETAINED OPPOSITION MEMBER

Opposition politician and former Mayor of San Cristóbal in Táchira State, Daniel Ceballos, was transferred from a military prison to a high-risk civilian prison in San Juan de los Morros, Guarico State, in the early hours of the morning on 23 May. There are fears for his safety.

Name: Daniel Ceballos (m)

Issues: Fear for safety, Harsh prison conditions, Arbitrary detention

26 May

UA: 113/15

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Country: Gambia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/gambia-reveal-the-whereabouts-of-yusupha-low-and-other-detainees-ua-11315>

JOURNALIST BEATEN AND THREATENED

Yusupha Lowe, the 16 year old son of Bai Lowe, a man accused of being involved in the 30 December 2014 attempted coup in Gambia, was arrested on 1 January. Initial reports indicated that he was being held at the National Intelligence Agency headquarters, but credible sources now indicate that he is no longer being held there.

Name: Yusupha Lowe (m)

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

Further information on UA: 109/15 (19 May 2015)

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Country: Peru

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/peru-investigate-the-killings-of-victoriano-huayna-henry-checlla-chura-alberto-vasquez-duran-and-ra>

STATE OF EMERGENCY IMPOSED AFTER LATEST KILLING

Four people, including one police officer, have been killed and hundreds injured during protests against a planned copper mining project in southern Peru. The authorities imposed a state of emergency in the region following the latest killing on 22 May.

Name: Victoriano Huayna (m), Henry Checlla Chura (m), Alberto Vasquez Duran (m), Ramón Colque (m) and those injured during anti-mining protests in Peru

Issues: Unlawful killings, Economic, social and cultural rights, Freedom of expression

27 May

UA: 116/15

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Country: Colombia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/colombia-guarantee-the-safety-of-witnesses-and-members-of-human-rights-organization-ua-11615>

KEY WITNESSES AND LAWYER HARASSED

A key witness in an enforced disappearance case has received death threats. The witness' lawyer and other members of the human rights organization Fundación Nydia Erika Bautista, have also been threatened. Another witness in an emblematic case of enforced disappearances has been attacked.

Name: Jacqueline Ramírez, (f), Luis Carlos Ramírez (m), Andrea Torres Bautista (f), other members of the human rights organization Fundación Nydia Erika Bautista (both)

Issues: Enforced disappearance, Human rights defenders, Death threats

UA: 117/15

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Country: Gambia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-release-mostafa-azizi-ua-11715>

FILM PRODUCER TO FACE TRIAL IN IRAN

Iranian writer and film producer Mostafa Azizi, a permanent resident of Canada, will stand trial before Branch 15 of the Revolutionary Court in Tehran on 1 June on national security-related charges, apparently stemming from his posts on social media. Amnesty International fears that he is a prisoner of conscience.

Name: Mostafa Azizi (m)

Issues: Prisoner of conscience, Harsh prison conditions, Health concern

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Country: Niger

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/niger-release-moussa-tchangari-and-nouhou-azirka-ua-11815>

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS HELD WITHOUT CHARGE

Two human rights defenders, Moussa Tchangari and Nouhou Azirka, were arrested on 18 and 24 May respectively after making public statements on human rights violations during the state of emergency in the Diffa region in Niger and the poor working conditions of security forces. Both are being detained without charge in Niamey, Niger.

Name: Moussa Tchangari (m) and Nouhou Azirka (m)

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

****Stop Action****

Further information on UA: 256/14 (10 October 2014) and update (21 May 2015)

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Country: United Arab Emirates

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-united-arab-emirates-hamad-ali-mohammad-al-hamadi-pardoned-ua-25614>

QATARI NATIONAL PARDONED AND DEPORTED

Qatari national, Hamad Ali Mohammad al-Hamadi, who had been sentenced to 10 years in prison, was pardoned by the president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and deported back to Qatar on 22 May.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. This is the second update of UA 256/14.

Name: Hamad Ali Mohammad (m)

Issues: Legal concern, Freedom of expression, Unfair trial