

Amnesty International URGENT ACTIONS - June 3 to June 10, 2016

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Country: Belarus

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/belarus-commute-the-death-sentence-of-siarhei-vostrykau-ua-13416>

BELARUS ISSUES THIRD DEATH SENTENCE IN 2016

Siarhei Vostrykau was sentenced to death by the Homel Regional Court on 19 May. He is the third person to be sentenced to death in Belarus this year.

Name: Siarhei Vostrykau

Gender m/f: m

Country: Egypt

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/egypt-release-malek-adly-ua-9816>

MALEK ADLY'S DETENTION RENEWED FOR 15 DAYS

A Cairo court renewed on 1 June the detention of prisoner of conscience Malek Adly for 15 days. The human rights lawyer is in poor health, has been ill-treated and is held in solitary confinement. He is one of hundreds arrested in the wake of protests in Cairo on 25 April.

Name: Malek Adly

Gender m/f: m

Country: Thailand

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/thailand-drop-all-charges-against-the-fac ebook-eight-ua-13216>

EIGHT FACEBOOK USERS CHARGED, AWAITING TRIAL

Eight persons linked to a satirical Facebook community page were charged with sedition and computer crimes on 28 April. They are scheduled to appear in a military court on 3 July. Two of them are still detained on the additional charge of offending the monarchy.

Name: Harit Mahaton (m), Noppakao Kongsuwan (m), Worawit Saksamutnan (m), Yohtin

Mangkhangsanga (m), Thanawat Buranasirim (m), Supachai

Saibutr (m), Kannasit Tangboonthin (m), and Natthika Worathaiyawich (f)

Gender m/f: both

Stop Action

Country: United Arab Emirates

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/stop-action-united-arab-emirates-four-libyan-men-acquitted-and-released-ua-23614>

FOUR LIBYAN MEN ACQUITTED AND RELEASED

Four Libyan men, three of them with dual nationality, were acquitted on 30 May by the Federal Supreme Court in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) of providing support to "terrorist" groups. They were released the next day. The fate of three others remains unknown.

Names: Kamal Eldarat, Mohammed Eldarat, Salim el-Aradi, Mohammed al-Fighi, al-Sadiq al-Kikli, Mahmoud bin Gharbiya, 'Issa al-Manna'

Gender m/f: m

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Country: Angola

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/angola-drop-all-charges-against-jose-marcos-mavungo-7815>

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER FREED, LAWYER RISKS JAIL

The Angolan Supreme Tribunal acquitted human rights defender José Marcos Mavungo on 19 May and he was released the following day. He is now home with his family. Human rights lawyer Arão Bula Tempo still risks 5 to 12 years in jail if the court allows his case to proceed to trial.

Names: José Marcos Mavungo, Arão Bula Tempo

Gender m/f: m

Country: Greece

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/greece-halt-the-return-of-asylum-seekers-and-refugees-to-turkey-ua-13516>

SYRIAN REFUGEES AT RISK OF RETURN TO TURKEY

Two Syrian refugees are the first at risk of being forcibly returned to Turkey under the illegal EU-Turkey deal, after their asylum applications were dismissed by the Greek authorities. They are currently in police custody in the Greek island of Lesbos and at imminent risk of return to Turkey, where their safety and protection is not guaranteed.

Name: M.F. (name withheld for security reasons)

Gender m/f: m

7 June

Country: Bahrain

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/bahrain-three-death-sentences-upheld-ua-4715>

THREE DEATH SENTENCES UPHELD

The Bahraini High Court of Appeal has upheld the death sentences imposed against three Bahraini men and life sentences against seven others after an unfair trial in relation to the killing of three policemen in March 2014. It also confirmed that eight of the 10 men had their nationality revoked.

Name: Ali Abdulshaheed al-Sankis, Sami Mirza Mshaima', Abbas Jamil Taher Mhammad al-Samea, Ahmad Jaafar Mhamad 'Ali, 'Ali Jamil Taher Mhamad al-Samea, Taher Youssif Ahmed Mhamad al-Samie, Hussein Ahmad Rashed Khalil, Redha Mirza Mshaima', Hussein Sabah Abdulhussein and Ahmad M'touq Ibrahim

Gender m/f: m

Country: Iran

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/iran-release-hossein-ronaghi-maleki-ua-23613-0>

SICK BLOGGER BEING FORCED TO RETURN TO PRISON

Blogger and pioneering anti-censorship activist Hossein Ronaghi Maleki was released on temporary medical leave on 4 May. He suffers from major health conditions and was assessed in April by a state forensic institute as being unfit to serve his prison sentence. Despite this, he will be forced to return to prison in July if his leave is not extended.

Name: Hossein Ronaghi Maleki

Gender m/f: m

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Country: Saudi Arabia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/saudi-arabia-waleed-abu-al-khair-starts-hunger-strike-ua-9814>

WALEED ABU AL-KHAIR STARTS HUNGER STRIKE

Imprisoned human rights defender and lawyer, Waleed Abu al-Khair, began a hunger strike on 7 June to protest the prison authorities' refusal to provide him with adequate medical care and because of his ongoing ill-treatment.

Name: Waleed Abu al-Khair

Gender m/f: m

Good News!

Country: Saudi Arabia

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/good-news-saudi-arabia-mohammed-saleh-al-bajadi-released-ua-9111>

MOHAMMED SALEH AL-BAJADI RELEASED

Human rights defender Mohammed Saleh al-Bajadi was released on 7 April from a rehabilitation centre where he had spent four months after being discharged from prison in November 2015. He remains banned from travelling until 2020.

Name: Mohammed Saleh al-Bajadi

Gender m/f: m

Country: Venezuela

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now/venezuela-protect-human-rights-defenders-in-venezuela-ua-13616>

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS ASSAULTED

A group of hooded people hit the front and side windows of the vehicle in which human rights defenders Raquel Sánchez and Oscar Alfredo Ríos Santos from the Venezuelan Penal Forum were traveling. Raquel Sánchez was hit on the head, which caused a severe wound. There are concerns that the attack was an attempt to stop Raquel Sánchez and Oscar Ríos from carrying out their legitimate human rights work.

Name: Raquel Sánchez (f) and Oscar Alfredo Ríos Santos (m)

Gender m/f: both