



ANGOLA

WRITE FOR

NETH NAHARA
ANGOLA

TIKTOKKER ARRESTED FOR CRITICISING PRESIDENT

Ana da Silva Miguel, known as Neth Nahara, is a singer and influencer from Angola. In August 2023, Neth criticised President João Lourenço on TikTok. The next day, she was arrested and sentenced to six months in prison. This was later increased to two years. To silence critical voices, Angolan authorities use a law that criminalizes criticism of the president.

HARD AND FRUSTRATING LIFE

For Ana da Silva Miguel, a 32-year-old singer and mother of two young children, life in Angola was frustrating and hard. How could a country with so much potential allow huge numbers of people to live in poverty? Fed up with the lack of schools, jobs and opportunities, she expressed her frustration on social media under the name 'Neth Nahara'.

HONEST TIKTOK VIDEOS

Neth shared stories about her life, both the beautiful and difficult moments, on TikTok. In the videos, she is open and honest. Neth also encouraged women to pursue education and become independent. She bravely shared that she has HIV and urged people to take good care of their health.

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ARRESTED AFTER CRITICAL VIDEO

On 12 August 2023, Neth went live on TikTok and openly criticized President João Lourenço. The next day, she was arrested. She was sentenced to six months in prison. Later, the sentence was increased to two years.

CONTROVERSIAL LAW

Angolan authorities use a controversial law to stifle critical voices. This law makes 'insulting the president' a criminal offence. The only reason Neth and others like her are arrested, detained and mistreated is because they dare to speak out.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on the President of Angola** to release Neth Nahara immediately and unconditionally, as she was only detained and sentenced for speaking out.
-  **Send Neth a card** so she knows you support her.

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Your Excellency,

I am writing on behalf of Ana da Silva Miguel, known as 'Neth Nahara'. In August 2023 Neth took to TikTok criticizing your conduct as president. The next day she was arrested and subsequently tried, convicted, and sentenced to six months in prison, which was later increased to two years. Your authorities are using Article 333 of the Penal Code to make legitimate criticism of you a criminal offence.

I urgently request that Ana da Silva Miguel is immediately and unconditionally released, since her conviction and ongoing arbitrary detention stem solely from the peaceful exercise of her human rights, including the right to freedom of expression.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Call on the Angolan authorities to release Neth Nahara immediately and unconditionally.

← SUGGESTED TEXT

SEND YOUR LETTER TO

President of Angola
Palácio Presidencial
Cidade Alta
Rua 17 de Setembro
LUANDA
ANGOLA

2. SEND A CARD

To show Neth that you support her.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card reaches Neth

Muita força Neth!
Desejo que você saia da prisão o mais rápido possível. Você foi forte por exercer seu direito deliberdade de expressão e desejo que você continue se expressando sem medo. Com carinho,

[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT

TRANSLATION

Lots of strength, Neth. I hope you are released soon. It was very brave of you to speak out. I hope you can continue to say what you want without fear. Heartfelt greetings,

TIP: YOU CAN ALSO WRITE YOUR MESSAGE IN ENGLISH.



ARGENTINA

WRITE FOR

JOEL PAREDES
ARGENTINA

BLINDED BY RUBBER BULLETS DURING PEACEFUL PROTEST

Joel Paredes is a 29-year-old ceramicist and father of two children from Argentina. On 30 June 2023, he participated in a peaceful protest opposing changes to the provincial constitution. Police fired rubber bullets at the protesters. Joel was hit and is now permanently blind in his right eye. He also suffers debilitating nerve pain. No one has been called to account.

RICH IN LITHIUM

Joel lives in Humahuaca, a small town in the northern province of Jujuy. The province is rich in lithium, a metal used to make batteries. Argentine authorities want to expand exports of lithium. But people living in the area, like Joel and his family, have strong objections to this.

SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

In June 2023, the local government made changes to the provincial constitution without consultation. These adversely affect the environment and land rights of indigenous people. Although he does not belong to the indigenous people himself, Joel sympathizes with them. He is also concerned about his children's future. That is why he joined a demonstration in his hometown on 30 June 2023.

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

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BLIND IN ONE EYE

The police arrived and fired rubber bullets at the crowd at random. Joel was hit in his right eye. He underwent surgery, but doctors could not prevent him from losing sight in his eye. Joel is now permanently blind in his right eye. He also has debilitating nerve pain. No one has been held accountable for what happened to Joel and the other protesters.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on Argentina's Attorney General's Office** to bring to justice those responsible for Joel Paredes' injuries and all other violations against protesters.
-  **Send Joel a card** so he knows you support him.

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Dear Attorney General,

I am writing to demand justice for Joel Paredes. On 30 June 2023 Joel attended a peaceful protest against local constitutional change, including restrictions on the right to peaceful assembly – changes that may cause damage to the environment and risk violating Indigenous Peoples' land rights. Police recklessly fired rubber bullets at protesters. Joel was hit, permanently blinding him in the right eye, and leaving him with debilitating nerve pain. No one has been held accountable.

Those responsible for Joel Paredes's injuries and all other violations against protesters must be identified and brought to justice in accordance with international law and standards.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Call on the Attorney General to bring those responsible for Joel Paredes' injuries to justice.

← SUGGESTED TEXT

SEND YOUR LETTER TO

Attorney General of the Public
Prosecutor's Office
Sarmiento 427
4600 SAN SALVADOR DE
JUJUY
ARGENTINA

2. SEND A CARD

To show Joel that you support him.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card gets to Joel

Estimado Joel,
¡Mantente fuerte,
estamos contigo en tu
lucha por la justicia!

[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT

TRANSLATION

Dear Joel, stay strong!
We are with you in your
fight for justice!



BELARUS

WRITE FOR

MARYIA KALESNIKAVA
BELARUS

ABDUCTED AND JAILED FOR DEMANDING CHANGE

42-year-old Maryia Kalesnikava is a professional musician, art director and prominent political activist. She was brave enough to challenge the oppressive government of Belarus. As a result, she was abducted by the authorities of Belarus. On false charges, she was sentenced to 11 years in prison. Maryia's family has not heard from her for over a year.

CALL FOR CHANGE

Mariya dreams of a Belarus where everyone is respected and allowed to speak freely. Together with Svyatlana Tsikhanouskaya and Veranika Tsapkala, she challenged incumbent President Lukashenko during the presidential elections of 2020 and led mass demonstrations. It is widely believed the opposition won, but the election was rigged, and Lukashenko returned for his sixth term. Svyatlana and Veranika were forced into exile. Maryia emerged as the highest profile opposition figure.

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

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NO CONTACT FOR OVER A YEAR

On 7 September 2020, Maryia was abducted by the Belarus authorities. Dragged into a van by masked men, she was taken to the border, intimidated and pressured to leave the country. She escaped through the van's window and tore up her passport to resist deportation. Maryia was arrested, detained and sentenced to 11 years in prison on charges including 'undermining the national security' and "extremism". Maryia is imprisoned in appalling conditions. Her family and friends have not heard from her for over a year.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on the foreign minister of Belarus** to immediately release Maryia from prison.
-  **Send Maryia a card** so she knows you support her.

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Dear Minister,

I am calling on you to take all necessary steps to immediately release Maryia Kalesnikava, who has been arbitrarily arrested and prosecuted under trumped-up charges. Maryia has been sentenced to 11 years in prison simply for exercising her right to freedom of expression and association, speaking out against arbitrary arrests and abuses of the electoral process during the widely disputed presidential election in Belarus in 2020.

Furthermore, I urgently request that all necessary measures are taken to protect Maryia from torture and other ill-treatment. She should be provided with access to adequate healthcare and allowed contact with her lawyers and family. Maryia's unjust conviction should be overturned, and her name should be deleted from the government's list of individuals involved in "terrorist activities".

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Call on the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus to ensure that Maryia is immediately released.

← SUGGESTED TEXT

SEND YOUR LETTER TO

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Belarus
vul. Lenina 19
MINSK, 220030
BELARUS

2. SEND A CARD

To show Maryia you support her.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card reaches Maryia

Держитесь, мы вас
не забудем!

[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT

TRANSLATION

Keep courage, we won't forget you!

IMPORTANT! WRITE
YOUR MESSAGE TO
MARYIA IN RUSSIAN



CANADA



WRITE FOR

**WET'SUWET'EN NATION
LAND DEFENDERS**
CANADA

**CRIMINALIZED FOR
DEFENDING THEIR LAND**

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The construction of a fossil fuel pipeline threatens the area in Canada where the Wet'suwet'en Nation has lived for generations. Members of the advocacy organization Wet'suwet'en Nation Land Defenders have been charged for blocking pipeline construction sites, despite them being on their ancestral land. They could face jail time and a criminal record.

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS

Sleydo' belongs to the indigenous Wet'suwet'en Nation. She lives in an area in the province of British Columbia that has been inhabited by her ancestors for thousands of years. The Wet'suwet'en feel deeply connected to the land they live on, the water, the crops that grow there, their culture and their way of life. All this is now threatened by the construction of the pipeline.

NO PERMISSION

In 2019, Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd (CGL) began building a fossil fuel pipeline through the Wet'suwet'en Nation ancestral territory, without the consent of the Hereditary Chiefs and their clans. They never agreed to the pipeline and the Nation has the right to decide what happens on their territory.



VIOLENT POLICE RAIDS

Sleydo' and other land defenders began taking action to stop the pipeline construction. In 2018, the Supreme Court of British Columbia granted CGL an injunction to prevent any interference with pipeline construction. The police have enforced this injunction with four violent raids on the Wet'suwet territory. More than 75 land defenders have been arrested.

RISK OF IMPRISONMENT

Sleydo' was among those arrested. The land defenders have made an application to the BCSC stating that their human rights were violated by police during the raids. Their future depends on the outcome of the application. If unsuccessful, they face prison.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on the premier of British Columbia** to stop criminalizing Wet'suwet'en and other indigenous land defenders.
-  **Send the Wet'suwet'en a card** so they know you support them.

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Dear Premier,

I am writing to you regarding the ongoing criminalization of Wet'suwet'en land defenders. For years, British Columbia has criminalized Wet'suwet'en land defenders for opposing construction of a fossil fuel pipeline on their ancestral territory. They face time in prison and a criminal record if found guilty.

The Wet'suwet'en are deeply connected to their ancestral lands and waters, which are threatened by the pipeline. Their Hereditary Chiefs (on behalf of their clans) did not consent to its construction.

I demand the Government of British Columbia to stop the criminalization and harassment of Wet'suwet'en land defenders and their allies.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Call on the Premier of British Columbia to stop criminalization of the Wet'suwet'en and other Indigenous land defenders.

← SUGGESTED TEXT

SEND YOUR LETTER TO

Premier of British Columbia
PO box 9041
STN Prov. Govt
VICTORIA BC V8W 9E1
CANADA

2. SEND A CARD

To show the Wet'suwet'en you support them.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card gets to the Wet'suwet'en

*Missyh for protecting
the Yin'tah and
Wedzin kwa!*

[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT

TRANSLATION

Thank you for protecting
the land and the river!

TIP: YOU CAN ALSO
WRITE YOUR MESSAGE
IN ENGLISH.



EGYPT

WRITE FOR

OQBA HASHAD
EGYPT

ARRESTED AND TORTURED OVER HIS BROTHER'S ACTIVISM

27-year-old Egyptian student Oqba Hashad was abducted and tortured in May 2019. He has since been in pre-trial detention solely because of his brother Amr's human rights activism. While Egyptian authorities hold him in deplorable conditions, they have opened a new fake case against him to justify his detention.

RAID ON STUDENT HOUSE

Oqba Hashad was studying business administration at the university in Sadat City in Egypt when, on 20 May 2019, security service agents raided the student dorm where he lived. The agents arrested all the students present. After a few days, they released everyone except Oqba.

TORTURED FOR MONTHS

For almost 3 months, Oqba's family had no idea where he was. During this time, Oqba was tortured. After an accident in his childhood, Oqba's leg was amputated. The prosthetic leg he has needed since then broke in prison in August 2022.

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HEALTH SEVERELY THREATENED

It took 16 months for Oqba to receive a new prosthetic leg. This left him physically dependent on others. The replacement prosthesis does not fit properly, leaving him with wounds on his leg. He does not receive proper medical care and does not even have a bed to sleep in. Oqba's mental and physical health are seriously deteriorating.

FAKE CASE TO HOLD OQBA

On 20 February 2024, a judge ordered Oqba's release because he had been in pre-trial detention for longer than the permitted 2 years. To evade this, prosecutors opened a new fake case against him to keep him detained. Oqba is solely in jail as retaliation for his brother Amr's human rights work.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on Egypt's president** to release Oqba immediately and unconditionally.
-  **Send Oqba a card** so he knows you support him.

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Your Excellency,

I am writing you concerning the case of Oqba Hashad. The 27-year-old student has been held in pretrial detention since May 2019.

Egyptian authorities forcibly disappeared and tortured Oqba. For 16 months they denied him the prosthetic leg he had used since a childhood accident. Held in terrible conditions without adequate healthcare, a new bogus case against him has been opened to justify his continued detention.

I urgently request you to immediately and unconditionally release Oqba Hashad, as his detention is related solely to his brother's human rights activism.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Call on the President of Egypt to ensure Oqba's immediate and unconditional release.

← SUGGESTED TEXT

SEND YOUR LETTER TO

President of Egypt
Office of the President
Al-Ittihadiya Palace
Al Nadi, El-Montaza, Heliopolis
CAIRO GOVERNORATE
4460210
EGYPT

2. SEND A CARD

To show Oqba you support him.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card gets to Oqba

*Stay strong Oqba!
We're thinking of you,
and we'll keep on
campaigning for your
release.*

[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT



SAUDI ARABIA

WRITE FOR

MANAHEL AL-OTAIBI
SAUDI ARABIA

11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PROMOTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Manahel al-Otaibi is a fitness instructor and a brave advocate for women's rights in Saudi Arabia. In November 2022, she was arrested after posting photos on Snapchat of herself in a shopping mall. In the photos, she is not wearing an abaya, a traditional loose long-sleeved robe. Manahel was sentenced to 11 years in prison.

PROMISE OF MORE WOMEN'S RIGHTS

In recent years, Saudi Arabia's authorities claimed they would give women in the kingdom more rights. 30-year-old Manahel al-Otaibi believed this promise and felt freer to express her opinions and wear what she wanted.

ARRESTED FOR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Manahel is a fitness instructor, and a brave and outspoken advocate for women's rights. Through social media, she called for more freedoms for women in her country. On Snapchat, she posted photos of herself at a mall not wearing an abaya, a traditional loose long-sleeved robe. Soon after, she was arrested and charged with violating the Anti-Cyber Crime Law.



TERRORIST OFFENCES

Her case was referred to the Specialized Criminal Court, a court notorious for its highly unfair trials and harsh sentences. On 9 January 2024, Manahel was given an 11-year jail term for 'terrorist offences'.

BROKEN LEG IN PRISON

In April 2024, Manahel was able to call her family for the first time in months. She sounded upset and told them that she was in solitary confinement and had been beaten up for the second time, resulting in a broken leg. She received no medical treatment.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on Saudi Arabia's justice minister** to release Manahel immediately and unconditionally.
-  **Send Manahel a card** so she knows you support her.

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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding the case of Manahel al-Otaibi. In November 2022, Manahel was arrested for campaigning for women's rights online and posting photos to Snapchat of herself at a shopping mall without wearing a traditional abaya. Manahel has been sentenced to 11 years in prison. In recent years, Saudi Arabia's authorities have claimed they are advancing women's rights in the Kingdom. Manahel believed these promises and felt freer to express her views and wear what she liked. Now she is sentenced to serving a decade behind bars.

I demand that Manahel al-Otaibi is immediately and unconditionally released, and all charges against her are dropped.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Demand from Saudi Arabia's Minister of Justice that Manahel al-Otaibi is immediately and unconditionally released and all charges against her are dropped.

← SUGGESTED TEXT

SEND YOUR LETTER TO

Minister of Justice for
Saudi Arabia
PO box 7775
11472
RIYADH
SAUDI ARABIA

2. SEND A CARD

To show Manahel you support her.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card reaches Manahel

Manahel,
we are with you
and support you!

[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT



SOUTH KOREA

WRITE FOR

KYUNG SEOK PARK
SOUTH KOREA

FIGHTS FOR THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

When he was 22, Kyung Seok Park suffered a spinal cord injury after a hang glider accident. He soon discovered that daily life for people with physical disabilities in South Korea is incredibly difficult and even dangerous. With peaceful protests in Seoul's public transport, Kyung Seok tried to draw attention to these problems. Police responded with violence and two court cases are pending against him and other protesters.

PARAPLEGIA AFTER ACCIDENT

Before Kyung Seok suffered a spinal cord injury, he never thought about the lives of people with disabilities. He was 22 and busy studying at university, playing guitar and having fun with friends. After the accident, he faced many obstacles in his daily life. This fueled his activism.

DEATHS AND INJURIES DUE TO UNSAFE STATIONS

As representative of Solidarity Against Disability Discrimination (SADD), a disability rights organization, Kyung Seok focuses his activism on public transport. Countless wheelchair users in Seoul have been injured or even killed by unsafe wheelchair lifts in train and underground stations.

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
VIOLENCE AND LAWSUITS

Kyung Seok and other SADD activists demanded an increase in the government budget for the rights of people with disabilities. They started peaceful protests in 2021. Police forcibly dragged the activists out of stations. Politicians spread negative reports about the activists and called them troublemakers. The local government filed multiple lawsuits against peaceful protesters, in a further attempt to quell their activism.

A JUST WORLD

Kyung Seok was almost strangled by police officers and Seoul Metro employees during a peaceful protest. Several lawsuits are also pending against him for his activism. Yet he continues to fight, saying: 'We refuse to wait any longer. We demand a world where no one is left behind.'

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on the mayor of Seoul** to protect Kyung Seok Park's rights.
-  **Send Kyung Seok a card** so he knows you support him.

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Dear Mayor of Seoul,

I am writing to you regarding Kyung Seok Park, who represents Solidarity Against Disability Discrimination (SADD). By organizing peaceful protests, Kyung Seok Park has drawn attention to the difficulties people with disabilities face in accessing public transport safely. In response, Kyung Seok Park has faced the use of unlawful force by police, public smear campaigns, and punitive litigation by the authorities.

I urge you to end the use of unlawful force, retaliatory litigation, and smear campaigns against Kyung Seok Park and SADD activists, so they can keep campaigning for a world where people with disabilities can fully participate in all aspects of life.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Call on the mayor of Seoul to protect Kyung Seok's rights.

← SUGGESTED TEXT

SEND YOUR LETTER TO

Mayor of Seoul
6F, Seoul Metropolitan
Government
110 Sejong-daero
Jung-gu
SEOUL 04524
SOUTH KOREA

2. SEND A CARD

To show Kyung Seok you support him.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card gets to Kyung Seok

I hope the police abuse against your peaceful protest ends, and you can continue the activism. I support your campaign!

[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT



TURKEY

WRITE FOR

ŞEBNEM KORUR FINCANCI
TURKEY

CONVICTED FOR
DEFENDING HUMAN
RIGHTS

Professor of forensic medicine Şebnem Korur Fincancı has dedicated her life to eradicating torture and defending human rights. Turkish authorities are not happy with her work and have subjected her to unsubstantiated criminal investigations, detention and prosecution for years.

LIFE'S WORK

At home, Şebnem Korur Fincancı enjoys playing with her cats Simone and Ulula, cooking and listening to music. Beethoven is her favourite composer. In her professional life, the 65-year-old professor is an expert in forensic medicine and is known for her work to eradicate torture. She contributed to the development of a UN protocol on the investigation of torture and a handbook on sexual violence for the World Health Organization. Until June 2024, she was the head of the Turkish Medical Association. Şebnem also fought for the protection of human rights in Turkey, including the right to freedom of expression.



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

CALLING FOR INVESTIGATION

Şebnem called for an investigation into allegations that the Turkish army was using chemical weapons in Iraq. After that she was convicted for 'making propaganda for a terrorist organization'. Şebnem is appealing against her conviction but could be imprisoned for almost 2 years if her appeal is unsuccessful.

NOT BOWING TO AUTHORITY

The Turkish government is cracking down on people's freedom of expression and putting restrictions on the work of human rights defenders like Şebnem. But Şebnem is not intimidated and says: 'I have never had the habit of bowing to any authority to this day.'

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on the Turkish authorities** to immediately stop harassing Şebnem and refrain from bringing any other charges against her for defending human rights.
-  **Send Şebnem a card** so she knows you support her.

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Dear Minister,

I call on you to ensure the criminal justice system is not misused to harass forensic medicine expert Şebnem Korur Fincancı and no other charges are brought against her for defending human rights.

Şebnem has been subjected to baseless criminal investigations, detention and prosecutions for years, in a bid to silence her. In January 2023 she was convicted for allegedly “making propaganda for a terrorist organization” after she had called for an investigation into allegations that the Turkish military was using chemical weapons in Iraq.

Calling for the eradication of torture should never be criminalized.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Call on the Turkish authorities to stop harassing Şebnem and stop bringing charges against her.

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SEND YOUR LETTER TO

T.C. Adalet Bakanlığı
Kızılay
Milli Müdafı Cd. No:5
06420 Çankaya
ANKARA
TURKIYE

2. SEND A CARD

To show Şebnem that you support her.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card gets to Şebnem

Sevgili Prof Şebnem Korur Fincancı, yanınızdayım. İnsan haklarını korumak hiçbir zaman suç değildir. Hak arayışında yaptığınız çok değerli çalışmalarınız için teşekkürler, dayanışma ile.

[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT

TRANSLATION

I am one hundred per cent behind you, Professor Şebnem Korur Fincancı. Defending human rights should never be a crime. Thank you for all your great work.

TIP: YOU CAN ALSO WRITE YOUR MESSAGE IN ENGLISH.



VIETNAM

WRITE FOR

DANG DINH BACH
VIETNAM

**IN PRISON FOR PROTECTING
NATURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Lawyer Dang Dinh Bach works tirelessly for the people and nature in Vietnam. On 24 June 2021, Bach was arrested and imprisoned for alleged tax evasion. He was sentenced to five years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

FIGHT AGAINST GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATIONS

Bach is the founder of the Law and Policy of Sustainable Development Research Centre (LPSD). This organization holds the government and large companies accountable when they, for example, illegally dump pesticides or other chemical waste into nature. LPSD also educates citizens what rights they have if their habitat is polluted.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

On 24 June 2021, Bach was arrested and jailed. LPSD was forced to cease operations. Bach was charged with tax evasion and sentenced to five years in prison. According to United Nations experts, the trial against him was unfair. Indeed, the court refused to hear Bach's defense and the prosecutor did not release any evidence.



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ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT THWARTED

At least five environmental and climate justice advocates have been charged with tax evasion in Vietnam since 2021. Authorities use this excuse more often to silence the growing environmental movement.

NOT SEEN HIS SON

Bach should be able to get involved in the communities he cares deeply about. Instead, he is locked up in very poor conditions. His health has deteriorated, and he is harassed by prison staff. Since his arrest, he has not seen his infant son.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Call on the President of Vietnam** to release Dang Dinh Bach immediately and unconditionally.
-  **Send Bach a card** so he knows you support him.

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Your Excellency,

I am calling on you to immediately and unconditionally release environmental lawyer Dang Dinh Bach.

Bach has dedicated his life to improving the health and livelihoods of people in Viet Nam and protecting them from the threats of pollution and climate change.

On 24 June 2021 Bach was arrested and jailed for alleged tax evasion, a crime he did not commit. He was later sentenced to five years in prison following a trial which UN-experts considered unfair. Pending his release, Bach must be protected from all forms of torture and other ill-treatment and be provided access to adequate healthcare.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name + country]

1. WRITE A LETTER

Call on the President of Vietnam to release Dang Dinh Bach immediately and unconditionally.

← SUGGESTED TEXT

SEND YOUR LETTER TO

President Office
No 02 Hung Vuong street
Ba Dinh District, HANOI
VIETNAM, 11100

2. SEND A CARD

This is how Bach knows you support him.

SEND YOUR CARD TO

Amnesty International
Postbus 1968
1000 BZ Amsterdam

Amnesty will make sure your card gets to Bach

*Thân gửi Bach,
Chúng tôi hy vọng rằng
bạn sẽ sớm được tự do!*
[Your name + country]

← SUGGESTED TEXT

TRANSLATION

Dear Bach, we hope you will be released soon!

**TIP: YOU CAN ALSO
WRITE YOUR MESSAGE
IN ENGLISH.**