

# BANGLADESH

## Xulhaz Mannan: Murdered for defending LGBTIQ rights

It was April 25, 2016 and human rights defender Xulhaz Mannan [pronounced Jhool haz] was in his apartment with a colleague. Suddenly, men wielding machetes burst in and hacked them to death. Despite ample evidence, including CCTV footage and eyewitness testimony, the killers have gotten away with murder.



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Why did this happen? Xulhaz co-founded Bangladesh's only magazine dedicated to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, Intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) issues. It was a daring venture in a country where same-sex relations are illegal. The attackers are believed to belong to Ansar al-Islam. The extremist group is responsible for a spate of similar assaults on bloggers who promoted atheism, feminism, science and other secular issues.

The reluctance or unwillingness of the police to find and charge the killers sends a devastating message to LGBTIQ activists. The government even shifted blame for the murders onto the victims. One minister stated that movements promoting "unnatural sex" are not allowed in Bangladeshi society. Xulhaz's brother Minhaz commented that the inaction of the police shows that "the government ... believes that 'this' issue [same-sex relations] has died with Xulhaz".

**Xulhaz defended LGBTIQ rights. We defend his rights.**

**Tell Bangladesh to bring Xulhaz's killers to justice.**

**To take action, go to the next page.**

Everyone has the right to life...

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy...nor to attacks on his honour. Everyone has the right to protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Articles 3 and 12,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the Home Minister.

- ◆ Start with Dear Home Minister.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the murders of Xulhaz Mannan and his colleague.
- ◆ Ask him to make sure that the killers are brought to justice.

### Send your message to

Asaduzzaman Khan  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Bangladesh Secretariat, Building 8  
Dhaka  
Bangladesh

Postage: \$2.50  
Fax: 011 880 957 3711  
Twitter: @asaduzzaman\_mp  
Email: [stateminister@mha.gov.bd](mailto:stateminister@mha.gov.bd)

### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Mizanur Rahman  
High Commissioner for Bangladesh  
350 Sparks Street, Suite 1100  
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 7S8

Postage: \$.85  
Fax: (613) 567-3213  
E-mail: [bangla@rogers.com](mailto:bangla@rogers.com)

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### Support the family of Xulhaz.

Use a non-religious greeting to send them a message of hope and remind them they are not alone. You could tell them you are supporting their search for justice but it's best not to mention his sexual orientation. You may include your return address and mention Amnesty International.

### Mail your greeting to

The Family of Minhaz Mannan Emon  
c/o Amnesty International East Asia Regional Office  
16/F Siu On Centre  
188 Lockhart Road  
Wanchai  
Hong Kong

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# CANADA:

## Uphold human rights in resource development decisions

**Treaty promises broken. Vital animal habitat destroyed. Graves and cultural sites flooded. Family farms swept away. British Columbia's Site C dam is one of the largest and most destructive resource development projects in Canada.**



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The Site C dam, an \$8 billion hydro-electric dam backed by the government of BC, would flood more than 100km of the Peace River Valley and its tributaries. Amnesty International has stood with First Nations in calling for the Peace River Valley to be protected. Last year, during Write for Rights, people around the world sent over 180,000 messages saying no to Site C.

Today, a new government in BC has promised to respect Indigenous rights, giving hope that the Site C dam may soon be stopped. As we continue this work, it's also crucial to change how governments make decisions about resource projects so that disastrous decisions like the approval of the Site C dam are not repeated.

Canada's constitution protects the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Yet Canada's environmental laws don't require governments to even consider these rights when deciding what projects are given approval.

Furthermore, decisions routinely ignore many other important impacts, such as the effect on the cost and availability of housing when high-paying jobs bring new workers into the local communities. Although changes to the local economy and society can have different impacts on people of different genders, these differences are almost never considered.

The federal government is currently reviewing how decisions are made about resource development projects.

**Ask Canada to learn from its mistakes and ensure that human rights are protected in future decisions.**

States shall establish and implement, in conjunction with indigenous peoples concerned, a fair, independent, impartial, open and transparent process, giving due recognition to Indigenous Peoples' laws, traditions, customs and land tenure systems, to recognize and adjudicate the rights of Indigenous Peoples pertaining to their lands, territories and resources...

Article 27, UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the Minister of Environment.

- ◆ Start with Dear Minister.
- ◆ Describe who you are.
- ◆ Welcome the government's current review of how decisions about resource development projects are made. Urge the government to ensure that human rights are respected in all future decisions about resource development.
- ◆ You may add a few more points:
  - ◇ Decisions must respect the rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples, including the right to say no when projects threaten their cultures and ways of life.
  - ◇ The decision-making process must look at all the potential impacts, not only on the environment, but on the communities that host resource development projects in their backyards.
  - ◇ As part of such an assessment, specific attention must be paid to how the benefits and harms may be different for people of different genders.
  - ◇ Assessment of the social and economic impacts of proposed projects must always consider the context of past harms done to Indigenous peoples and current inequalities experienced by Indigenous peoples and many other groups in society.

### Send your message to Amnesty's national office for delivery at an event in early 2018.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
c/o Amnesty International  
312 Laurier Avenue East  
Ottawa ON K1N 1H9

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Allies come together to deliver a canoe full of messages to the BC legislatures as the government considers the fate of the Peace River valley.

The government-appointed environmental impact assessment for the Site C dam concluded that the impacts on the Dunne-Za, Cree and Métis peoples would be severe, permanent and irreversible. But the federal and provincial governments concluded these impacts were justified by claimed economic benefits of the dam.

The federal and provincial governments later admitted that the decision-making process had ignored the potential violation of Treaty rights. But when challenged by the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations, the federal government said it would not act to protect their Treaty rights until they had proven in court that harm had been done – a legal process that could take decades.

A newly elected government in British Columbia is now reconsidering the approval of the Site C dam. For the latest updates and ways to take action, see: [www.amnesty.ca/sitec](http://www.amnesty.ca/sitec)

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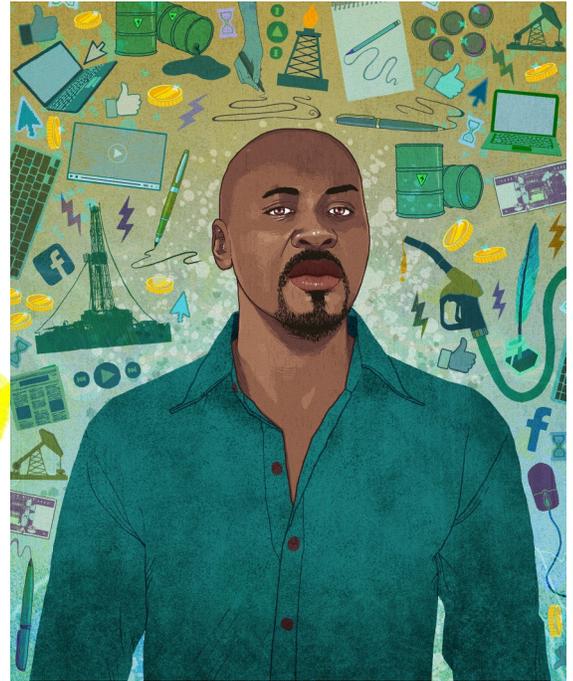


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# CHAD

## Mahadine faces life in prison for criticizing the government on Facebook

His friends call him Mahadine but his full name is Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri. In September 2016, human rights defender Mahadine posted videos on Facebook that are critical of government policies. Now he faces life in prison. He is gravely ill with tuberculosis.



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Making and posting the videos was a bold thing to do in a country where speaking out against government policies carries serious consequences. In the videos, Mahadine accused the government and people close to it of corruption and misusing public money. He also highlighted the impact of the economic crisis gripping this oil-dependent nation as oil prices fall worldwide.

Within days of posting the videos, a group of men snatched the online activist from the street in the middle of the day. The men are likely intelligence officers.

Mahadine says he was beaten, electrocuted and chained up for weeks. His wife and their seven children were told nothing of his location and had to track him down themselves. That was difficult because the authorities moved him from one prison to another. He is battling tuberculosis which he contracted in prison and needs medical attention urgently.

Mahadine now faces charges that include threatening national security. He could be imprisoned for the rest of his life. Mahadine should not have to spend the rest of his life locked up for courageously expressing his opinions.

**Mahadine defended the right to free expression. We defend his rights.**

**Tell Chad to release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri without delay.**

To take action, go to the next page.

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

Everyone has the right to freedom of ... expression.

Articles 5 and 19,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the President of Chad.

- ◆ Start with Your Excellency.
- ◆ Describe who you are.
- ◆ Note that using peaceful methods to criticize the government is not a crime and that punishment for doing so violates the right to freedom of expression.
- ◆ Ask the President to release Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri without delay.

### Send your message to

President Idriss Déby Itno  
c/o Amnesty International  
3-1992 Yonge Street  
Toronto ON M4S 1Z7

Postage: \$.85

Email: [contact@presidence.td](mailto:contact@presidence.td)

### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Mahamat Ali Adoum  
Ambassador for Chad  
350 Sparks Street, Suite 802  
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 7S8

Postage: \$.85

Fax: (613) 695-6622

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### Support Mahadine!

Send him a non-religious greeting to tell him his courage inspires you and that you won't give up on him. You may mention Amnesty International but **please do not include your return address.**

Mail your message to

Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri  
CAMOJET, Siège  
Boulevard des SAO  
Quartier Moursal  
N'Djaména, République du Tchad

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# CHINA

## Ni Yulan: Evicted and harassed for defending housing rights

**Women human rights defender Ni Yulan has braved years of violent harassment for standing up for people evicted from their homes. She was once beaten so badly that she now uses a wheelchair. That hasn't stopped her activism.**



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The former lawyer has supported scores of people forced from their homes by profitable construction projects. Ni Yulan has experienced the same herself. In one example, she was among thousands whose homes were demolished in the lead-up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In an attempt to stop her work, the authorities have, for nearly 20 years, harassed, monitored, arrested and repeatedly evicted her. Ni Yulan's family members have also been affected. They have endured harassment, threats, surveillance and even eviction from several of their homes.

Nothing has stopped Ni Yulan from championing the right to housing.

While filming the demolition of a Beijing home in 2002, officers took Ni Yulan to a police station. The torture she experienced over several days broke her feet and kneecaps, confining her to a wheelchair. In March 2016, the authorities refused to issue a passport for Ni Yulan to travel to an event in the USA at which she was to accept an international prize celebrating her courage. In April 2017, men descended on her rented apartment, grabbed Ni Yulan, her husband and daughter, and threw them out of their home. After being forced to sleep on the streets, the couple now live in temporary housing within constant sight of the police.

Women human rights defenders like Ni Yulan are often at particular risk of persecution in China, where taking a stand in the public sphere is not considered appropriate behavior for a woman.

**Ni Yulan has no plans to stop helping people stand up for their rights. It's our turn to stand up for her. Tell China to stop harassing Ni Yulan.**

Everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living, including...housing...

Article 25,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the Director of Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau.

- ◆ Start with Dear Director.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the constant harassment of Ni Yulan and her family.
- ◆ Ask him for effective and prompt steps to end the harassment of them.

### Mail your letter to

Wang Xiaohong  
Director of Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau  
No.9 Dongdajie  
Qianmen  
Dongchengqu  
Beijingshi 100740  
People's Republic of China

Postage: \$2.50

### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Shaye Lu  
Ambassador for the People's Republic of China  
515 St. Patrick Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5H3

Postage: \$.85  
Fax: (613) 789-1911

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Ni Yulan in a 2017 photo. © Private

### Support Ni Yulan!

Ni Yulan can't receive mail, so please post a photo of yourself with a message of support on social media, for example:

You are so brave #NiYulan – I stand with you!  
#倪玉兰，你真的很勇敢！我们会与您同心面对！  
#NiYulan

We are thinking about you and support your work.

我们记挂着你，支持你的工作！

May our joint struggle for human rights bring social change and justice one day

愿我们共同为人权奋斗，终有一天会带来社会改变和正义

Ni Yulan loves birds so you might like to include one in your message.

# EGYPT

## Hanan Badr el-Din: Arrested for searching for her missing husband

When Hanan Badr el-Din's husband disappeared in July 2013, her life changed. Her search for him led her to become a human rights defender working with others whose loved ones were also taken by the security forces. It also resulted in her arrest on false charges for which she faces five years in prison.



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Hanan Badr el-Din last saw her husband on television, wounded and at a hospital after he attended a protest in July 2013. But when she went there, she couldn't find him. She searched police stations, prisons, hospitals and even morgues. No one could tell her what had happened to him.

Her husband's disappearance spurred Hanan to co-found a group tasked with finding the truth behind the disappearances. She has become a leading voice in exposing the many who have gone missing.

Hanan is a medical analysis specialist, held in Cairo's Qanatar Prison.

Hanan's husband Khalid Ezz el-Din is one of hundreds of people missing at the hands of Egypt's security forces. Every day, an estimated three to four people – mostly political activists, students, protesters, even school children – are taken by police or military, never to be seen again. Yet the government claims that disappearances don't exist in the country.

Women human rights defenders in Egypt are at often under attack because their activism is seen to threaten traditional power structures and gender roles.

**Hanan defends the rights of the disappeared, we defend her rights. Tell Egypt to drop all charges against Hanan Badr el-Din and free her immediately.**

*No one shall be subjected  
to arbitrary arrest.*

*Article 9,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights*

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the President of Egypt.

- ◆ Start with Your Excellency.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the arrest of Hanan Badr el-Din and the charges against her.
- ◆ Ask him to drop all charges against Hanan Badr el-Din and release her without delay or conditions on her freedom.

### Mail , fax or email your letter to

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi  
Office of the President  
Al Ittihadia Palace  
Cairo, Egypt

Postage: \$2.50  
Fax: 011 202 2391 1441  
Email: [p.spokesman@op.gov.eg](mailto:p.spokesman@op.gov.eg)

### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Moataz Mounir Zahran  
Ambassador for the Arab Republic of Egypt  
454 Laurier Avenue East  
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6R3

Postage: \$.85  
Fax: (613) 234 9347 or (613) 234 4398  
E-mail: [egyptemb@sympatico.ca](mailto:egyptemb@sympatico.ca)

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Hanan Badr el-Din holds up a photo of her husband Khalid Ezz el-Din who vanished in July 2013. Her tireless search for him prompted the authorities to lay charges against her, and take her into custody.

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### Support Hanan Badr el-Din!

Send her messages of friendship and solidarity in a letter, postcard or on a non-religious card. You may mention Amnesty International and you may include your return address.

Mail your greeting to

Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms  
(Attention: Mr. Halim Henish)  
32 Abdel Azeem Rashed Street, 12th floor  
Cairo 11511  
Egypt

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the Prime Minister.

- ◆ Start with Dear Prime Minister.
- ◆ Describe who you are.
- ◆ Say that you support Sakris Kupila's right to legally change his gender without having to submit to humiliating requirements.
- ◆ Ask the Prime Minister to change the law and support transgender rights.

### Send your message to

Prime Minister Juha Sipilä  
Finnish Government  
PL 23, 00023 Valtioneuvosto  
Finland

Postage: \$2.50

Facebook: <http://amn.st/60028tb22>

Email: [juha.sipila@vnk.fi](mailto:juha.sipila@vnk.fi)

Twitter: @juhasipila

### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Vesa Ilmari Lehtonen  
Ambassador for the Republic of Finland  
55 Metcalfe Street, Suite 850  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6L5

Postage: \$.85

Fax: (613) 288-2244

E-mail: [embassy@finland.ca](mailto:embassy@finland.ca)



### Sample Tweets

.@juhasipila Please respect #transgender rights in #Finland. Drop humiliating requirements to legally change gender #LGBTI #TransRights

Ask @juhasipila to ensure Finland's government supports #transgender rights through legislation. #WriteforRights #LGBTI



Sakris Kupila in March 2017 © Amnesty International

### Support Sakris!

Send him a message of courage. He would appreciate greetings that carry the colours of the Trans flag: white, pink and light blue. He also likes Nintendo games. You may use any card and mention Amnesty International if you wish. You may include your return address.

### Send your greeting to

Sakris Kupila  
Amnesty International Finnish Section  
Hietaniemenkatu 7 A  
00100 Helsinki, Finland

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# HONDURAS

## Indigenous movement risks lives to save their land

**For the Indigenous Lenca people in Honduras, the land is their life. But the government is promoting dams, mines and other projects to exploit the land against the wishes of the Lenca.**

MILPAH, the Independent Lenca Indigenous Movement of La Paz, is at the forefront of the struggle to protect their environment. MILPAH's members brave smear campaigns, death threats and physical assault. Are their attackers brought to justice? Rarely.

Their experience is typical for activists in Honduras because that country is one of the most dangerous places on earth to be a human rights defender. Women human rights defenders are at particular risk because their activism challenges stereotypes about the role of women in society.

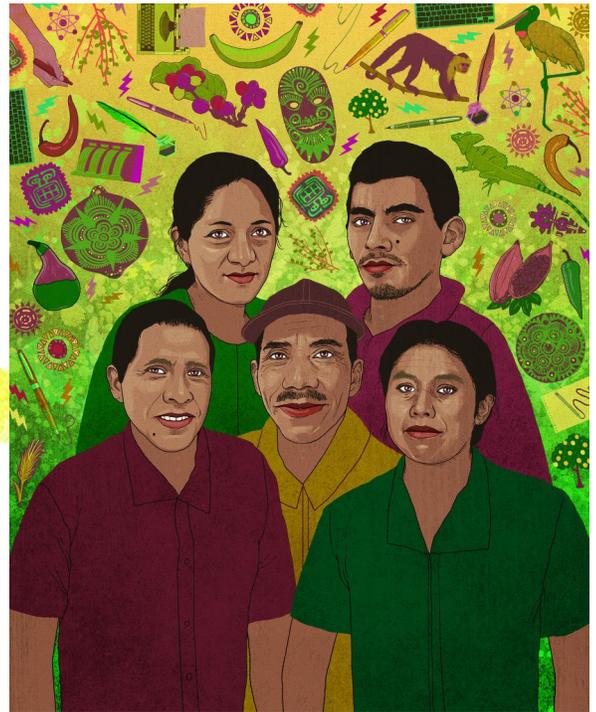
Some are lucky enough to survive. Others, like Berta Cáceres, are not. She campaigned against a hydroelectric dam through a partner organization named COPINH. To stop her activism, she was murdered in 2016.

In October 2015, armed men stormed the home of MILPAH's Ana Miriam Romero. They were looking for her husband. They beat her up despite the fact that she was pregnant. Months later, her house was set on fire. In July 2016, two men threatened to kill her colleague Martín Gómez. Still, MILPAH vows to keep speaking out in order to protect the land on which they depend.

"We have no weapons, we have no money," says Martín. "But we do have a voice... and that has enabled us to make real progress."

**MILPAH activists defend their land rights; we defend their rights. Tell Honduras to protect members of MILPAH.**

To take action, go to the next page.



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Everyone has the right  
to...security of person.

Article 3,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the President of Honduras.

- ◆ Start with Dear President.
- ◆ Describe who you are and why you're concerned about the violent attacks on members of MILPAH.
- ◆ Ask him to give MILPAH members and other human rights defenders the protection they demand.

### Mail your letter or tweet a message to

Sr. Presidente Juan Orlando Hernández  
Casa Presidencial  
Bulevar Juan Pablo II  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Postage: \$2.50  
Twitter: @JuanOrlandoH

### Please send a copy to

Her Excellency Sofía Lastenia Cerrato Rodríguez  
Ambassador for Honduras  
151 Slater Street, Suite 805A  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H3

Postage: \$.85  
Fax: (613) 232-0193  
E-mail: [ambassador@embassyhonduras.hn](mailto:ambassador@embassyhonduras.hn)



Martín Gómez is one of the members of MILPAH. His safety, and that of his colleagues, is in constant danger.  
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**Support members of MILPAH!** Send letters, cards or drawings to encourage them. Avoid religious or seasonal references. You may mention Amnesty International and you may include your return address.

MILPAH  
c/o CEHPRODEC  
Colonia 15 de Septiembre  
Calle Clemente Marroquin Rojas  
Avenida Independencia, Casa 1902, CP 2571  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

You could also record a solidarity message for MILPAH to be broadcast on community radio in mp3 format. Send the file to [individuals@amnesty.org](mailto:individuals@amnesty.org).

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Join Amnesty's efforts to protect the rights of those who defend our rights.  
[www.amnesty.ca/wedefend](http://www.amnesty.ca/wedefend) #WeDefend*

### Sample Tweets

.@JuanOrlandoH Please protect MILPAH  
#DefendersUnderAttack from further violence in  
#Honduras.

Call on @JuanOrlandoH to fully protect  
#DefendersUnderAttack in #Honduras.  
#IStandWithMILPAH #WriteforRights

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# ISRAEL / OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

**Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro  
face baseless charges for peaceful protest**

**Human rights defenders Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro peacefully oppose the existence of Israeli settlements wherever they discriminate against Palestinians. The government has levelled ridiculous charges against them in order to stop their protests.**

The settlements are considered a war crime stemming from Israel's 50-year occupation of Palestinian land. Israel has made many parts of the occupied territories impossible for Palestinians to move about in freely.

Dedicated to non-violence, Farid and Issa brave constant threats and attacks by Israeli soldiers and settlers.

- Farid, a lawyer who exposes abuses by the Palestinian and Israeli authorities, faces harassment.
- Issa encourages Palestinian youth to find non-violent ways to oppose Israel's occupation and discriminatory laws in Hebron. For this, Israeli forces have arrested him more than once. They have beaten, blindfolded, and interrogated him. "The Israeli occupation forces target us to silence us," he says. He was detained briefly in September 2017.

In February 2016, Farid and Issa joined a peaceful protest in the city of Hebron to mark 22 years since Israel first closed one of its streets to Palestinians. The men now face 23 charges like shouting "no retreat" and waving Palestinian flags. The charges are clearly designed to obstruct their human rights work. They are on trial in an Israeli military court where 95% of cases of Palestinians end in conviction. If they are found guilty and sent to prison, Amnesty International would consider them to be prisoners of conscience.

**Farid and Issa defend their right to freedom of expression.  
We defend their rights.**

**Tell Israel to drop all charges against Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro immediately.**



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*Everyone is entitled to a  
fair and public  
hearing...in the  
determination... of any  
criminal charges against  
him.*

*Article 10,  
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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the prime minister.

- ◆ Start with Dear Prime Minister.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the constant threats and attacks Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro endure by Israeli soldiers and settlers.
- ◆ Ask him to drop all charges against Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro immediately.

### Send your message to

Benjamin Netanyahu  
Office of the Prime Minister  
3 Kaplan Street, PO Box 187  
Kiryat Ben-Gurion  
Jerusalem 91950, Israel

Postage: \$2.50  
Fax: 011 972 2 560 5000  
Email: [pm\\_eng@pmo.gov.il](mailto:pm_eng@pmo.gov.il)  
Twitter: @IsraeliPM

### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Nimrod Barkan  
Ambassador for Israel  
50 O'Connor Street, Suite 1005  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6L2

Postage: \$.85  
Fax: (613) 750-7555  
E-mail: [info@ottawa.mfa.gov.il](mailto:info@ottawa.mfa.gov.il)

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### In solidarity with Palestinian human rights defenders Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro



### Support Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro!

Farid and Issa would welcome a message from you so they can feel your support from afar. Use a non-religious greeting. You may mention Amnesty International and include your return address, if you wish.

Issa reads both English and Arabic. Farid prefers to receive messages in Arabic; otherwise use English.

Farid and Issa  
Amnesty International  
PO Box 42 626  
Jerusalem  
Israel



### Sample Tweets

.@IsraeliPM Please drop charges against Farid al-Atrash, Issa Amro now. Respect freedom of opinion and expression. #W4R17 #Write4Rights

I'm writing to @IsraeliPM to ask him to drop the charges against human rights defenders #FaridAndIssa. #W4R17 #WriteforRights

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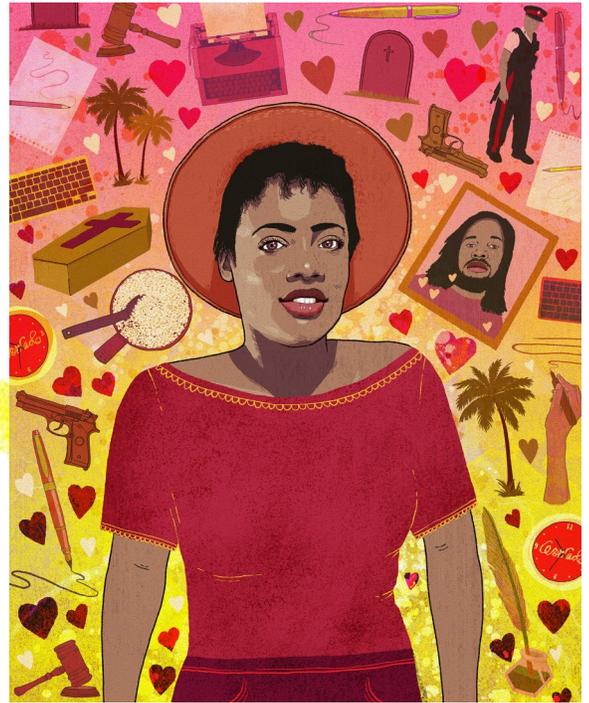


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# JAMAICA

## Shackelia Jackson: Harassed for standing up to police violence

Shackelia Jackson will not give up searching for justice. When police gunned down her brother, she rallied dozens of families whose loved ones were similarly killed and took them with her to court. In response, the police have repeatedly raided and harassed her community.



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The day that Shackelia's brother died in 2014, the police had been chasing a "Rastafarian-looking" suspect in a robbery, and Nakiea fitted that description. They found him in his small restaurant and shot him dead. Shackelia made sure that independent investigators secured the crime scene and launched a case in court.

Since then, police raids in the community have coincided with many of the court dates and they have continuously intimidated Shackelia and her family for defending the right to live free from violence, including police violence. This has not silenced Shackelia. She says their attempts only reinforce her belief in what's right.

*"I fight because I have no other choice," she says. "To stop would mean I am giving another police officer permission to kill another of my brothers."*

Police killings of mainly young and poor men is all too common in Jamaica. Officers have killed about 2,000 in the past decade. Police are not above the law. Even though they are issued weapons and allowed to use force to arrest someone or protect people, they must use the least amount of force necessary in each situation. Any excessive use of force must be investigated.

**Shackelia defends the right to live free from police violence. We defend her rights.**

**Tell Jamaica to protect Shackelia and ensure justice for all those killed by police.**

Everyone has the right  
to...security of person.

Article 3,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the Prime Minister.

- ◆ Start with Honourable Andrew Holness.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the intimidation experienced by Shackelia Jackson and her family.
- ◆ Ask him to fully protect Shackelia Jackson and her family.
- ◆ Urge him to ensure justice for all those killed by police.

### Send your message to

Honourable Andrew Holness  
Office of the Prime Minister  
1 Devon Road  
Kingston 10  
Jamaica

Postage: \$2.50

Email: [primeminister@opm.gov.jm](mailto:primeminister@opm.gov.jm)

Twitter: @AndrewHolnessJM

### Please send a copy to

Her Excellency Janice Avonne Miller  
High Commissioner for Jamaica  
151 Slater Street, Suite 1000  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H3

Postage: \$.85

Fax: (613) 233-0611

E-mail: [jamaica@jhcottawa.ca](mailto:jamaica@jhcottawa.ca)

### Sample Tweets

@AndrewHolnessJM Women like Shackelia Jackson are threatened by police & live in fear in #Jamaica. Protect them. It's #Time4JusticeJA

Call on @AndrewHolness to provide justice for 2000 ppl killed by Jamaican police in last 10 years #Time4JusticeJA #WriteforRights



Shackelia Jackson in the cookshop where police killed her brother. Photo taken July 2016 © Amnesty

### Support Shackelia!

Send her a message of courage or tweet a photo or video message of you with the hashtags #Time4JusticeJA and #WriteforRights ([www.time4justice.org](http://www.time4justice.org))

Shackelia Jackson  
184 Orange Street  
BLK J Apt 10  
Kingston, Jamaica

Email: [brokenbutnotdestroyedinfo@gmail.com](mailto:brokenbutnotdestroyedinfo@gmail.com)

*Human rights defenders like Shackelia are at risk around the world. Join Amnesty's efforts to protect the rights of those who defend our rights.*  
[www.amnesty.ca/wedefend](http://www.amnesty.ca/wedefend) #WeDefend

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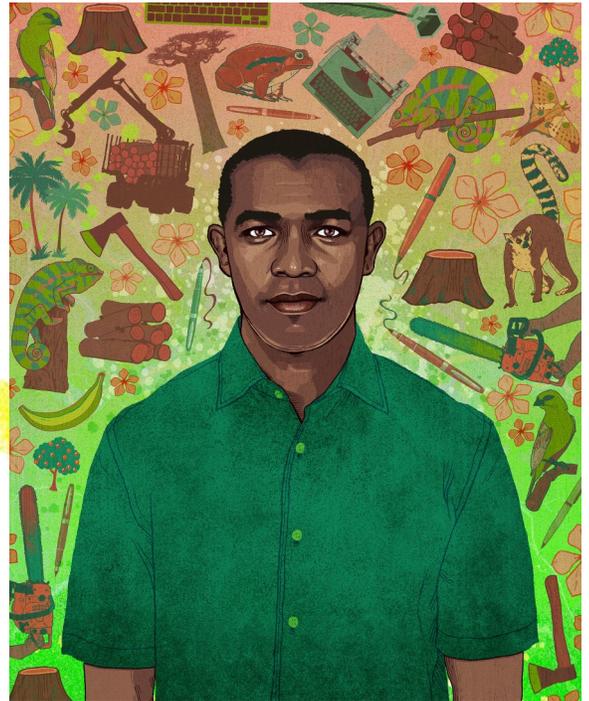


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# MADAGASCAR

## Clovis Razafimalala: Convicted for protecting rare rainforest

**Clovis Razafimalala is doing everything he can to protect Madagascar's vanishing rainforest. But not everyone appreciates his efforts to defend the environment. Authorities have invented charges against him and could use them to jail him at any moment.**



Artwork © Rebecca Hendin

Clovis Razafimalala loves Madagascar's rainforest. One of his priorities is to protect its endangered, ruby-coloured rosewood trees. They are a precious resource.

But a corrupt network of smugglers will stop at nothing to silence Clovis and other environmental rights defenders like him. The smugglers are driven by the billions of dollars they can pocket from the illegal sale of this exquisite tree.

Despite laws against it, the black market in rosewood is booming. Clovis and his fellow activists are bravely standing up to the smugglers while the government looks away.

His activism has come at a cost. In September 2016, Clovis was jailed after authorities accused him of leading a violent protest, even though he was at a restaurant when the protest took place. In 2009, his house was fire bombed. He has often been offered money to stop his activities. He always refuses to take it.

In July 2017, Clovis was convicted on fabricated charges and given a five-year suspended sentence. He could be jailed at any time if he dares to continue his activism.

**Clovis protects the rainforest, we protect his rights.  
Tell Madagascar to cancel Clovis' sentence immediately.**

**No one shall be subjected  
to arbitrary arrest...**

**Article 9,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights**

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the Minister of Justice.

- ◆ Start with Your Excellency.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the attacks on Clovis Razafimalala, including the current threat of imprisonment.
- ◆ Ask him to overturn the sentence against Clovis Razafimalala immediately.

### Send your message to

Minister of Justice Rasolo Elise Alexandrine  
Ministry of Justice  
43 Rue Joel Rakotomolala  
Faravohitra – Antananarivo  
Madagascar

Postage: \$2.50  
Email: [spminjus@yahoo.fr](mailto:spminjus@yahoo.fr)  
Facebook: <http://amn.st/60028tymn>

### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Simon Constant Horace  
Ambassador for Madagascar  
3 Raymond Street  
Ottawa, ON K1R 1A3

Postage: \$.85  
Fax: (613) 567-2882  
Email: [ambamadcanada@bellnet.ca](mailto:ambamadcanada@bellnet.ca)

*Human rights defenders like Clovis are at risk around the world. Join Amnesty's efforts to protect the rights of those who defend our rights. [www.amnesty.ca/wedefend](http://www.amnesty.ca/wedefend) #WeDefend*

#WriteForRights



Clovis Razafimalala in a rosewood forest, April 2017 © Private

### Support Clovis!

Send him your messages of encouragement and friendship to boost his courage. Use any kind of greeting. You may mention Amnesty International and you may include your return address.

ClovisRazafimalala  
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Antananaviro – 101  
Madagascar

Email: [clovisrazafimalala@yahoo.fr](mailto:clovisrazafimalala@yahoo.fr)

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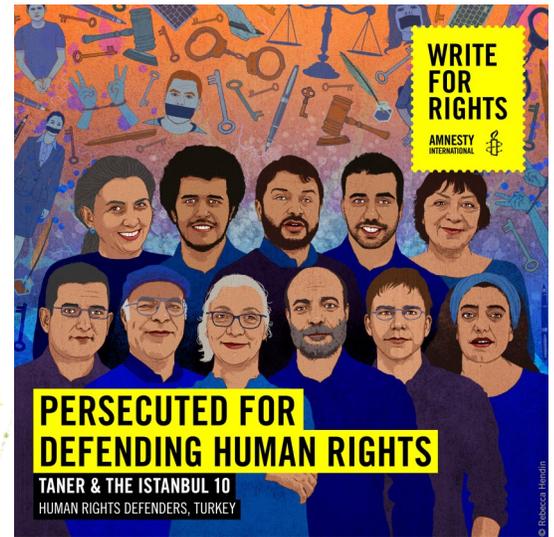


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# TURKEY

## Taner and the Istanbul 10 Persecuted for defending human rights

Right now, 11 people who have dedicated their lives to defending the human rights of journalists, activists and other dissenting voices in Turkey are themselves in danger. Among them are Amnesty International's Taner Kılıç and İdil Eser. All are on trial for "terrorism" related crimes – an absurd attempt to choke their human rights activism.



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9 June 2017 should have been an ordinary day for Taner Kılıç but his work to expose human rights abuses was suddenly interrupted. He was thrown in prison on the preposterous charges of membership in an "armed terrorist organization".

One month later, İdil Eser, head of Amnesty Turkey was attending a routine workshop for human rights activists in Istanbul. With her was friend and fellow activist Özlem Dalkıran, founder of Amnesty Turkey, now with Avaaz and the Citizens' Assembly, and eight other activists.

The third day of their workshop was about to start. Suddenly police raided the building, detaining them all.

In Rebecca Hendin's illustration are, **top row** (L-R): Özlem Dalkıran (Citizens' Assembly), Şeyhmus Özbekli (lawyer), Taner Kılıç (Chair, Amnesty International Turkey), Veli Acu (Human Rights Agenda Association), Nalan Erkem (Citizens' Assembly); **bottom row** (L-R): Günel Kurşun (Human Rights Agenda Association), Ali Gharavi (Digital strategy and wellbeing consultant, writer), İdil Eser (Director, Amnesty International Turkey), Nejat Taştan (Association for Monitoring Equal Rights), Peter Steudtner (non-violence and wellbeing trainer), and İlknur Üstün (Women's Coalition).

These detentions were a part of a series of government efforts to silence its critics. Since the attempted coup of July 2016, over 150,000 people have been placed under criminal investigation.

Following a global outcry, the Istanbul 10 were released on bail. But Taner is still in prison and the Istanbul 10 are still at risk. Laying criminal charges against them leaves everyone vulnerable to the government's ongoing crackdown on freedoms.

These brave individuals have dedicated their lives to defending the rights of others. We defend theirs rights.

Tell Turkey to stop persecuting these human rights defenders and drop the charges against them.

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression. This right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media.

Article 19,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!



### Please write to the Minister of Justice.

- ◆ Start with Dear Minister.
- ◆ Describe who you are.
- ◆ Share your concern that Taner Kılıç and the Istanbul 10 are burdened with the unfounded charges that stifle their rights to freedom of expression and of association.
- ◆ Insist that he stops the persecution of these human rights defenders and drops the charges against them without further delay.

### Send your message to

Minister of Justice Abdulhamit Gül  
c/o Amnesty International  
312 Laurier Avenue East  
Ottawa ON K1N 1H9

Postage: \$.85  
Amnesty International will collect all appeals and deliver them en masse in early January.

### Support Taner, İdil, Özlem and the other 8 members of the Istanbul 10!

Create a message of greeting, courage and solidarity. Upload a photograph of it to [freeistanbul10.tumblr.com](http://freeistanbul10.tumblr.com) to show that you support their struggle and that you are insisting on an end to the persecution of human rights defenders in Turkey.



### Sample Tweets

[@abdulhamitgul](https://twitter.com/abdulhamitgul) Drop the unfounded charges against Taner Kilic & the #Istanbul 10 #FreeRightsDefenders #Turkey

Tell @abdulhamitgul to drop charges against Taner Kilic, Idil Eser & 9 other Turkish activists #HumanRightsDefenders #WriteForRights

*Human rights defenders like the Istanbul 10 are at risk around the world. Join Amnesty's efforts to protect the rights of those who defend our rights. [www.amnesty.ca/wedefend](http://www.amnesty.ca/wedefend) #WeDefend*

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