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## ERITREA

### Where is Ciham?

This is a photo of Ciham Ali Ahmed. She was born in Los Angeles, USA in 1997 and spent her childhood in Eritrea. She is a citizen of both countries.

Ciham has disappeared! Amnesty International thinks she is in an Eritrean jail today. If enough of us ask the government where she is, maybe she will return safely to her family.

Ciham's father used to be a minister in Eritrea's government. He left his position and his country in December 2012. Ciham and her uncle Hassan tried to leave too but they were caught at the border with Sudan and arrested on December 8, 2012.

One month later, soldiers tried to take over the government. Government leaders thought Ciham's father

supported the soldiers' action. Since he had left Eritrea and they couldn't arrest him, Amnesty International thinks the government captured

Ciham and her uncle to punish him. Well, that's not fair, is it?

That's not all.

Ciham has been in a secret place for more than six years. No one has explained why she has been held against her will for so long. Whenever her family asks the government questions about her, the answer

is "the president is handling her case".

Please let the president know you are worried about Ciham. Tell him to do the right thing and release her.

Your letter could be a lifesaver.



*Ciham Ali Ahmed © Saleh Yunis*

## WHAT CAN I DO?

Please write to the president of Eritrea.



- Start with Your Excellency and tell him something about yourself to make your message different from others he will receive.
- Ask him to find Ciham Ali Ahmed and free her right away.
- Ask him to make sure that she is safe until she returns to her family.
- You may include her uncle Hassan in your messages.

If you only have a few minutes, you could write **WHERE IS CIHAM ALI AHMED?** in big, colourful letters on a sheet of paper and add your name, town and country.

### WHERE DO I SEND MY MESSAGE?

President Isaias Afwerki  
P.O. Box 257  
Asmara  
Eritrea

You will need \$2.65 postage.



Map of Eritrea via wikipedia

## WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Ask your parents and teachers to sign Amnesty International's petition for Ciham Ahmed Ali at <https://www.amnesty.org/en/get-involved/take-action/eritrea-where-is-ciham-ali/>  
Thank you.

If you have not received this Lifesaver directly from Amnesty International's Toronto office and would like future actions, reach us at the contact information in the header. There is no cost.