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The „Bolotnaya 3“

Dear Prosecutor General

Vladimir Akimenkov, Artiom Saviolov and Mikhail Kosenko were detained during a protest in Bolotnaya Square, Moscow, on 6 May 2012, but released shortly afterwards. However, the following month they were rearrested and have been in detention as criminal suspects ever since, which has taken a toll on their health. Vladimir Akimenkov is losing his eyesight, Mikhail Kosenko is not receiving regularly the medication he needs, and Artiom Saviolov's speech impediment is reportedly getting worse in detention. The three are prisoners of conscience.

All three are charged with participation in “mass riots”. In addition, Artiom Saviolov and Mikhail Kosenko are accused of using violence against police officers.

All three firmly deny the charges and deny having acted violently or disorderly. Video footage supports their claims. Police statements against Vladimir Akimenkov and Artiom Saviolov made during the investigation substantively differ from what was later said in court. The police officer who had allegedly been beaten by Mikhail Kosenko said that he did not recognize him and had never seen him before.

I am urging you to

- drop all charges against all peaceful protesters and immediate and unconditional release Vladimir Akimenkov, Artiom Saviolov, Mikhail Kosenko and all other possible prisoners of conscience in this case.
- ensure a prompt and fair trial for all.

Yours sincerely

Sender:

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Eskinder Nega

Dear Prime Minister

Ethiopian journalist Eskinder Nega is serving an 18-year prison sentence for “terrorism”. He was charged in 2011 after giving speeches and writing articles criticizing the government and supporting free speech. Amnesty International considers him to be a prisoner of conscience.

Eskinder Nega has previously been harassed, arrested and prosecuted a number of times for his writing. Between 2006 and 2007, Eskinder and his wife Serkalem Fasil were tried detained and tried on treason and other charges along with 129 other journalists, opposition politicians and activists.

I am urging you to

- ensure the immediate and unconditional release of Eskinder Nega,
- stop using criminal proceedings to silence critics of the authorities and to end other forms of harassment of journalists and members of civil society including human rights activists.

Yours sincerely

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Date _____

Ihar Tsikhanyuk

Dear General Prosecutor

Ihar Tsikhanyuk, an openly gay man and LGBTI gay rights activist, was having hospital treatment for a stomach ulcer when two police officers entered the hospital ward and asked him to go with them. At the police station he was punched repeatedly by police officers. He was then verbally abused for being gay, and threatened with more violence.

This incident occurred in February 2013, shortly after Ihar Tsikhanyuk tried to register the Human Rights Centre Lambda, an organization that supports the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people in Belarus. Nobody has been brought to justice for ill-treating him.

I am therefore urging you to

- investigate the ill-treatment of and threats against Ihar Tsikhanyuk by police officers at the October District police station in Hrodna,
- ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.

Yours sincerely

Sender:

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Justice for Miriam López /Justicia para Miriam López

Dear Federal Attorney General

In February 2011, moments after dropping off her children at school, housewife Miriam Isaura López Vargas was grabbed by two men wearing balaclavas. She was tied up, blindfolded and driven to a military barracks in the city of Tijuana. For the following week she was raped repeatedly by soldiers, who tortured her until she signed a statement falsely implicating herself in drug offences. She was sent to prison to await trial, but was released without charge seven months later.

Despite the fact that Miriam has identified some of the perpetrators and their accomplices, no one has been brought to justice for the torture she suffered, which included sexual violence.

Miriam López is not the only one. Reports of torture and other ill-treatment rose by 500% in Mexico between 2006 and 2012, according to the National Human Rights Commission.

I am urging you to

- carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the torture of Miriam López in 2011.
- make the results of the investigation public and bring those responsible to justice.

Yours sincerely

Sender:

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Nabi Saleh village

Dear Minister

The 550 people living in Nabi Saleh village are facing frequent violent repression from the Israeli army.

Since 2009, the villagers have held weekly peaceful protests against Israel's military occupation and the illegal Israeli settlement of Halamish, which has taken over most of their farmland. Despite court orders, the settlers have also turned the village water spring into a tourist attraction, which Nabi Saleh residents are prevented from using.

The Israeli army responds to the villagers' peaceful protests with excessive and unnecessary force. So far they have killed two people, Mustafa Tamimi and Rushdi Tamimi, and injured hundreds, including women and children.

The Israeli army also intimidates the villagers by, for example, declaring the whole village a closed military zone, carrying out night raids, arresting children, and arbitrarily using weapons such as tear gas, which is fired at homes and causes injury and damage.

I am therefore urging you to

- stop the Israeli security forces using excessive and unnecessary force against demonstrators in Nabi Saleh,
- ensure that security officers responsible for the killings of Mustafa Tamimi and Rushdi Tamimi and the injury of others in the village are brought to justice.

Yours sincerely

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Free Yorm Bopha / យើងគាំទ្រអ្នក និងសូមជូនពរអ្នកឱ្យមានស្ថានភាពល្អ និងសុខភាពល្អ !

Your Excellency

Yorm Bopha is a passionate campaigner for the rights of her community in Phnom Penh. Thousands of people from the Boeung Kak Lake community have been forced to leave their homes since 2007, when the government leased the land to a company for development. The company filled the lake with sand, flooding and destroying houses.

Yorm Bopha has been imprisoned since 4 September 2012, accused of planning an assault on two men. The trial was unfair and no evidence was provided linking Yorm Bopha with the crime. Amnesty International believes that the real reason for her imprisonment has been her peaceful housing rights activism on behalf of the Boeung Kak Lake community. While in prison, Yorm Bopha has been separated from her 10-year-old son and her husband, who is in poor health. On 22 November, after 14 months of imprisonment, Cambodia's Supreme Court released Yorm Bopha on bail. The court also ordered that the Appeals Court reconsider her case. Yorm Bopha could still be sent back to jail.

I am urging you to

- drop all charges against Yorm Bopha and to order an end to harassment, legal action and violence against human rights defenders and peaceful protesters.

Yours sincerely
