

SYRIA

Anas al-Shogre

ACTIVIST HELD INCOMMUNICADO

Anas al-Shogre was arrested on the night of 14 May 2011 in the city of Baniyas and has been detained incommunicado ever since. The Syrian authorities have not said where he is being held, or why he was arrested.

His family and local human rights activists believe that he was arrested for calling for and leading protests in Baniyas and reporting to the media, including BBC Arabic, on human rights violations committed by the Syrian authorities in the city.

Amnesty International believes Anas may be a prisoner of conscience detained for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and assembly. We fear that he has been tortured in detention.



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ONLINE ACTION

ADD YOUR SOLIDARITY MESSAGE AT:

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/anas

Read a blog about Anas (and the situation in Syria) and post an online solidarity message on our website. Solidarity messages will be seen by Anas's family and friends.

'He is so brave. The thing that makes Anas distinct from other people is his courage.'

Ibrahim al-Shogre, Anas's brother

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge President Bashar al-Assad to end the suffering of Anas al-Shogre's family by providing information on his whereabouts.

Write to: In the current situation we believe the postal system in Syria is unreliable, so please fax your appeal letter.

Fax: +963 11 332 3410

Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter:

- Urge the Syrian authorities to disclose immediately to Anas al-Shogre's family or lawyer his fate, whereabouts and legal status.
- Urge them to ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, and granted immediate access to his family and a lawyer of his choice, and all necessary medical treatment.
- State that Anas should be released immediately and unconditionally, or else charged with a recognisably criminal offence and tried according to international fair trial standards.