



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
WARRINGTON GROUP
 NEWS SHEET APRIL 2017

DATES

GROUP MEETING

Thursday 20th April 2017 – 7.30 to 9.30

Nora Street Community House, 15-17 Nora Street, Howley, WA1 2JG

8th to 9th April.

The AIUK Conference Nottingham

Saturday 22nd April

Collection in Stockton Heath.

URGENT REQUEST We have couple of afternoon slots unfilled so if you are available to do an hour please let me know asap.

GROUP FINANCES

OUTGOINGS

£38 Room hire-Write4Rights 2017

£300 to AIUK

£50 to Nora Street Community House

BALANCE: £167.95

VIETNAM – Trần Huỳnh Duy THứ'c



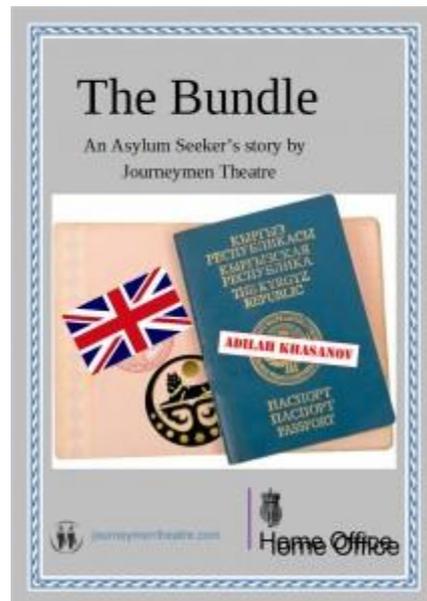
Vietnamese engineer, entrepreneur and human rights activist was the founder, president of an international internet and telephone line provider. **Arrested in 2009 and charged with attempting to overthrow the state.** In January 2010 after a trial lasting only one day he was given a **16-year prison sentence plus 5 years house arrest.** He is a **prisoner of conscience imprisoned** for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression. He was transferred to a prison **1,500 miles from his family.**



If possible please send the attached letter to the embassy in London.

THE JOURNEYMEN THEATRE

After seeing the excellent production of 'Feeding the Darkness' in Chester we have decided to ask Journeymen Theatre to bring their latest production 'The Bundle' to Warrington. Subject to confirmation we have booked The Friends Meeting House in Academy way for the evening of Friday 15th September. Look out for further details.



About The Bundle

Based closely on the story of a real woman and her three young children, The Bundle follows Adilah's domestic persecution and denial of human rights in Chechnya.

Removed from her Russian homeland by her Chechen father, abducted into a forced marriage and then subjected to a life of servitude, she takes the ultimate risk in plotting her escape to the UK.

Here she finds a home but also encounters the Home Office's 'hostile environment' with regard to asylum seekers and refugees.

The play moves from the tradition of the folk story to that of biting satire as it charts Adilah's bid for freedom, safety and hope.

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CENTRAL AMERICA NEWS

MEXICO



In 2016 there were 3,000 more homicides compared to 2015. Policing increased after protests from teachers' movements; some resulted in civilians being killed and injured. The number of extrajudicial executions continue to rise; at least eight people were killed and dozens injured in Oaxaca, during a police operation. Impunity for torture and other ill-treatment remained almost absolute.

Human Rights Watch Film Festival 500 YEARS



On 14 March, Human Rights Watch screened **500 YEARS** at London's Barbican as part of this year's film festival. The film looks at Mayan resistance from the historic first trial to prosecute the genocide of indigenous people in 2013.

The film exposes a world of brutality, entrenched racism and impunity that challenges the historical narrative of Guatemala. Driven by universal themes of justice, power and corruption, the film provides a platform for the majority indigenous Mayan population, who now stand poised to reimagine their society.

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES - NEWS

Hunger-striking detainee in Hebron



Muhammed al-Qiq, a Palestinian journalist from Dura, Hebron, has ended the hunger strike that brought him into uncharted medical territory and to the brink of death after 94 days without food.

The 33-year-old journalist and father of two ended his protest as part of a compromise deal with Israel to free him from detention without charge or trial.

Palestine - Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro,



Two Palestinian human rights defenders from the West Bank city of Hebron facing charges before an Israeli military court relating to their rights to freedom of expression and assembly. **Issa Amro** runs the **Youth against Settlements** group in Hebron – a group committed to non-violent activism against the illegal settlements. **Farid Atrash** is a Palestinian lawyer, human rights defender, and the head of the Hebron office of the Independent Commission for Human Rights. They were arrested in connection with a peaceful protest on 26 February 2016.

Amnesty International believes that the charges against Farid al-Atrash and Issa Amro are baseless, and are solely related to their work as human rights defenders.