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Take action for Alexandre Anderson De Souza

Brazil

Population: 207.8 million

Capital: Brasília

Language: Portuguese is the most widely spoken language

Question: Over 60% of the Amazon rainforest is in Brazil – which animals is it home to?



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ALEXANDRE'S STORY



Alexandre is a fisherman in the state of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, and is the leader of a group of fishermen and women in Guanabara Bay.

As part of a project run by the Brazilian government, Brazil's biggest oil company, Petrobras, is constructing a huge petrol plant in the Guanabara Bay. The fishermen think this will harm the environment and kill the fish in the bay. Without the fish, these fishermen will be unable to make a living.

In 2009, Alexandre led a non-violent protest with the other fishermen against the oil company's actions. Since then, Alexandre and his wife have been violently threatened many times, and Alexandre says that he has survived six attempts on his life. He is not alone: since 2009 five fishermen have been murdered and two have disappeared.

Alexandre feels that the police investigations have not been good enough. No one has been found guilty and sent to prison.

His family keep having to move home so that they are safe. Every time they move, his children have to change school. The government should be protecting them, but the guards protecting them are poorly trained and the family is scared to leave their home. It is still also very dangerous for the other fishermen in the bay.

Right in the Spotlight



ARTICLE 8

“We can all ask the law to help us when we are not treated fairly”

Universal Declaration of Human Rights Simplified Version

TALKING POINTS

- Alexandre and his family have had to leave their home and cannot work because of the threats – how do you think they feel?
- Do you think that Alexandre and the fishermen have been treated fairly?
- Why have the government not been protecting the fishermen?
- What do you think the government should have done?



*"They took away my right to fish.
They took away my freedom."*

Alexandre Anderson in 2012

Take Action!



We take action for people all over the world, like Alexandre, who have had their rights taken away from them. We do this through solidarity actions and appeal actions.

What does solidarity action mean? Solidarity actions are sent to the people who have had their human rights taken away, and to their family and friends, to let them know that people are supporting them in their struggle for justice.

What does appeal action mean? Appeal actions are to make people in power sit up and take notice of a cause that you care about. Amnesty is made up of ordinary people across the world standing up for humanity and human rights. Your voice helps to ensure that when we speak, governments listen.



Get creative – Take solidarity action

Draw a picture of a green space near where you live – maybe this could be your local park.

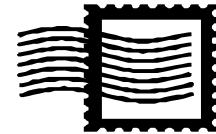
Tell Alexandre about this place and why it is special. Tell him that you agree that it is important to protect the environment and that you hope he feels safe soon.

We are sending your messages of solidarity to Alexandre and hope that this will give him some warmth and strength. We want him to know that we care about him and his cause, to try to encourage him to keep fighting for fairness for him and the other fishermen.

Take appeal action

We are writing appeal letters to Ideli Salvatti, the Secretary of Human Rights in Brazil. We want her to provide Alexandre and his family with the protection that they have the right to, and to speak out against the injustices the fishermen have suffered.

Dear Minister,



Tell her about Alexandre's case.

Urge her to provide Alexandre and his family adequate protection.

Urge her to speak out publicly against everything the fishermen have been going through.

CAN I?



Send a religious card or message



Mention Amnesty International



Include my full name and address.
(You can add your first name if you wish.)



Send your letters and cards to us and we will forward them on:

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Don't forget to include your name and the name of your school with your cards and letters (but not on the cards themselves).

Junior Urgent Action Cover Letter

Please include this with any items you submit

Name of teacher/guardian submitting these items:

Are you a: Teacher
 Parent

Email:

School name:

School address:

Home address:

Number of items included in this envelope:

Please can you tell us the following?

How many young people did you use these resources with?

If a teacher, which year groups did you use these resources with?

How would you rate the quality of these resources? (Tick one box)

5 excellent 4 3 2 1 poor

Any other comments?

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Tick if you would like to join our Teachrights e-newsletter which is a great way to receive info on future educational packs.

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