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	Details of case	Tie in with Brave campaign	Country Coordinator details
	<p>Sakris Kupila, Finland Sakris Kupila is a 21 year old medical student, youth activist and a defender of transgender rights. Sakris is being denied legal gender recognition because he refuses to fulfil the requirements of Finland's current process – which requires a diagnosis of mental disorder and enforced sterilisation.</p> <p>Because of his work advocating for the rights of Trans people, Sakris has faced harassment, intimidation, threats of violent beatings and open hostility, forcing him to take a year away from his education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women HRDs and LGBTI defenders • Smear and stigmatisation 	<p>Richard Kotter</p> <p>richard.kotter@amnesty.org.uk</p>
	<p>Azza Soliman, Egypt Azza Soliman is a lawyer, a long-standing women's human rights defender, and co-founder of the Centre for Egyptian victims of torture and arbitrary detention (CEWLA). She was first arrested for her work defending women's right in 1998. Since then she has been arrested several times and harassed by both the Egyptian authorities. She has also been constantly harassed and targeted by security forces and pro-government media through</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misuse / regressive use of law • Women HRDs and LGBTI defenders • Smear and stigmatisation 	<p>Hugh Sandeman</p> <p>Hugh.sandeman@amnesty.org.uk</p> <p>Mick Venables</p> <p>mick.venables@amnesty.org.uk</p>




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	<p>smear campaigns. Several TV anchors and newspapers showed her photos and labelled her as an enemy of Egypt. She has also been under surveillance by Egyptian authorities for several years.</p> <p>Azza is facing three false charges: tax evasion, operating a civil society organisation without proper registration, and slandering Egypt's image by claiming that women in Egypt face rape. She is banned from travel and her assets have been frozen. She risks imprisonment for up to 25 years for her activities as a human rights defender.</p>		
	<p><i>Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam, Sudan</i></p> <p>Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam is a human rights defender known for bringing attention to human rights violations in Sudan. He is also a professor of engineering at the University of Khartoum. He was the winner of the 2005 Human Rights First Award and the 2005 Front Line Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk for his human rights work in Sudan.</p> <p>Dr Mudawi has been arrested several times for his humanitarian and human rights work. He was most recently arrested on 7 December 2016. Dr Mudawi faces six false</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misuse / regressive use of law • Surveillance • Stigmatisation 	<p>Beatrice Mahoney</p> <p>beatrice.mahoney@amnesty.org.uk</p>



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	<p>charges. These charges lead to penalties ranging from six months in prison to the death penalty.</p>		
	<p>Rodrigo Mundaca and members of MODATIMA Rodrigo Mundaca is a member and spokesperson of the Defence Movement of Earth, Environmental Protection and Access to Water (MODATIMA) in Chile. MODATIMA works to highlight how politicians and businesses interfere with the right of rural communities to water, and the broader impact of water policies on rural communities in Petorca Province, a region that has been seriously impacted by water security.</p> <p>Between 2012 and 2015, the Chilean authorities initiated four criminal cases against Rodrigo in relation to his public denunciations of the illegal extraction of water in Petorca. Rodrigo reported that defenders of the right to water also face serious obstacles in obtaining employment and are losing their jobs because of their work campaigning for the right to water in the region.</p> <p>Threats and attacks against Rodrigo and other members of MODATIMA have been recurrent in recent year. In 2015, Rodrigo was physically</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical attacks / killings / enforced disappearances 	<p>Graham Minter Graham.minter@amnesty.org.uk</p>





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	<p>attacked from behind. He and other members of MODATIMA have received death threats.</p>		
	<p>Tep Vanny, Cambodia Tep Vanny, a housing rights activist, human rights defender and community representative was arrested on 16 August 2016 and has been in jail since then. In less than a year, she has undergone three separate court proceedings, and there is another pending.</p> <p>For almost 10 years Tep Vanny has been defending the right to housing for her community at the former Boeung Kak Lake area. Despite protests and international concern, thousands of families have been forcibly evicted from the area to make way for a tourist development.</p> <p>By supporting activists from other communities who have been forcibly evicted or are at risk of eviction, Tep Vanny has become a symbol of peaceful activism in Cambodia. She has faced harassment, beatings, short-term arbitrary arrests and imprisonment. Now, the Cambodian authorities are going to extraordinary lengths to ensure that she remains in prison to send a chilling message to other human rights defenders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women HRDs and LGBTI defenders • Misuse / regressive use of law 	<p>Chris Peel</p> <p>Chris.peel@amnesty.org.uk</p>