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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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BRAVE Campaign

Campaigning for the increased recognition & protection of Human Rights Defenders



Content:

- Good news – BRAVE campaign case Dr Mudawi release
- Take action for Housing rights Defender Tep Vanny
- New BRAVE campaign materials available to order from MDA

On 16 May 2017, Amnesty International launched a new global campaign, BRAVE, to strengthen the recognition and protection of human rights defenders around the world. The campaign is in response to the increased attacks and targeting of Human Rights Defenders (HRD), Activists and civil society organisations around the world. The campaign will run until the end of 2019 and will also be a priority campaign at Amnesty International UK.

GOOD NEWS – Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam released!

On 29th August, Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam, a human rights defender from Sudan was given a Presidential Pardon and released from prison. Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam is one of five human rights defender cases that Amnesty UK are campaigning on as part of our Brave campaign.

Dr Mudawi was released, along with five other human rights defenders, late on 29 August. He faced six trumped-up charges, including 'undermining the constitutional system' and 'waging war against the state', both of which carry either the death penalty or life imprisonment. These false charges are part of a wider patterns of smear campaigning targeting Dr Mudawi and other Human Rights Defenders in Sudan. All charges against him have been dropped.

Sarah Jackson, Amnesty International's Deputy Regional Director for East Africa, the Horn and the Great Lakes, said:

"It is a great relief that this awful chapter has drawn to a close. Dr Mudawi, a prisoner of conscience, has been reunited with his family and is once again a free man.

"Dr Mudawi's eight months in prison represent a grave miscarriage of justice and his release must serve as a first step towards ending the criminalisation of human rights work in Sudan. The authorities' relentless assault on any form of criticism endangers anyone who dares to speak out, and it must stop."

You can see a photo of him at home with his family here <https://twitter.com/HMAMichaelAron/status/902794539659878400>

Dr Mudawi's case will be one of the cases included in this year's Write for Rights, so there will be opportunities to write to him from the 1st November welcoming him home.

Write for Rights Campaign Nov – Dec 2017

Four of our BRAVE key campaign cases will also be featured in this year's Write for Rights campaign launching 1 November.

These four cases are:

Azza Soliman a Women's Rights Defender from Egypt,
Sakris Kupila a Transgender Defender from Finland,
Rodrigo Mundaca an environmental defender from Chile,
Dr Mudawi a Human Rights Defender from Sudan
(we will continue to support Dr Mudawi through solidarity action after his release)

For more info please see [Write for Rights Campaigns](#), our annual letter-writing campaign, which will be launched on 1st November.

You can find More information on [Human Rights Defenders cases](#) and how your group can get involved.

Take Action for Tep Vanny – Cambodian Housing Rights Defender

Tell Cambodia to release Tep Vanny

Tep Vanny is a housing rights activist, human rights defender and a community representative. She was arrested on 16th August 2016 for defending her community's land following their forced eviction from their homes in Phnom Penh.

Write to the Prime Minister, Samdech Hun Sen:

- Stating that Tep Vanny is a human rights defender and prisoner of conscience, detained on baseless charges for her peaceful activism defending the right to housing and freedom of expression
- Calling for her immediate and unconditional release, the dropping of all charges and the end of all criminal investigations against her
- Calling on the authorities to publicly condemn and order an end to harassment and violence against human rights defenders, including unwarranted legal action and imprisonment.

Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen,
Office of the Prime Minister,
Jok Dimitrov Boulevard,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

If your group is interested to take on Tep Vanny case long term, you can e-mail Chris Peel, Cambodia Country coordinator at Chris.Peel@amnesty.org.uk and please copy Community Organising Unit at activism@amnesty.org.uk.

New BRAVE Campaign materials

Action cards and a campaign leaflet for the AIUK BRAVE campaign is now available to order from our Fulfilment store to use in your local campaigning, for stalls and events. The campaign leaflet also features a useful fold out map illustrating the attacks of human Rights Defenders around the world.

Materials	Product Code
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BRAVE Campaign leaflet	HRD006
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Action cards for BRAVE key cases:

Azza Soliman	HRD001
Sakris Kupila	HRD003
Tep Vanny	HRD004
Rodrigo Mundaca	HRD005

To order, please call 01788 545553 making sure that you have the product to hand.