# Amnesty International CAMPAIGN UPDATE/ ACTION



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# **BRAVE** Campaign

Speak up for those who speak up for all of us



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# **Take Action**

## Contact you MP: Call on UK Government to increase its support to Human Rights Defenders

As part of the AIUK Brave campaign we are calling on the UK government to strengthen their commitment and support to Human Rights Defenders around the world and be more vocal about the issue of increased attack and harassment of those standing up for Human Rights around the world – Human Rights Defenders.

Attached is a briefing with key points to help introduce the Brave campaign to your members of parliament highlighting the patterns and scale of attacks and abuses around the world and setting the wider context of why Amnesty is launching a campaign called Brave right now.

The briefing also highlights the urgent need for the increased support and recognition of the work that Human Rights Defenders does and highlighting the important role they play in achieving social change and to uphold freedoms and human rights around the world. Supporting human rights defenders and their space to live and carry out their work is one of the most important ways to ensure human rights for us all. Without them and you promoting people's rights, there'd be no human rights.

## What we would like you to do;

## Write to your MP or set up a meeting with your MP to;

- Raise awareness of Amnesty's Brave campaign & why we are launching a campaign now
- Ask your MP to raise concern in Parliament about the global crackdown on Human Rights Defenders
- Call on the UK government to form a strategic plan of work to improve the protection of Human Rights Defender's abroad, and the civil society space in which they operate.
- Invite your MP to the Amnesty UK Write for Rights launch at Spekaers House in Parliament on 6 December to take action on some of the Human Rights Defender cases.

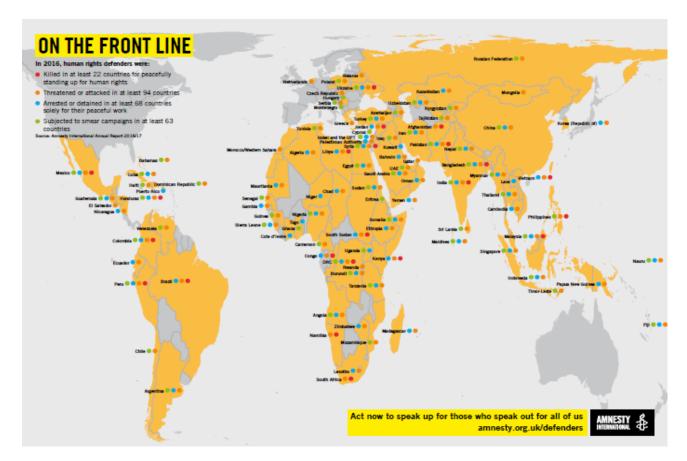
This year's AIUK Write for Rights campaign is focusing on Human Rights Defenders and features several of the key cases within the Brave campaign including the cases of Azza Soliman (Egypt), Rodrogo Mundaco (Chile), Dr Mudawi (Sudan) and Sakris Kupila (Finland).

## Feedback

Please contact Advocacy Team at <u>ccadvocacy@amnesty.org.uk</u> to let us know if you have taken the action and you want more advice on follow up action.

# **BRAVE Campaign materials**

A campaign leaflet, Action cards and placards are now all available to order from the MDA Fulfilment store to use in your local campaigning, stalls and events. The Brave campaign leaflet also features a useful fold out map illustrating the attacks of human Rights Defenders around the world.



Materials	Product Code
BRAVE Campaign leaflet	HRD006
Brave Campaign placards: Free all Human Rights Defenders Placard	HRD007
Stand up for Human Rights Defenders Placard	HRD008
I stand with Human Rights Defenders Placard	HRD009
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 Code to hand.