

## EGYPT

## AZZA SOLIMAN

## Women's rights lawyer faces jail

Azza Soliman is a well-known lawyer who has dedicated her life to defending victims of torture, domestic abuse and rape. She helped to set-up two organisations, the Centre for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance and Lawyers for Justice and Peace, to provide women in poverty and survivors of abuse with legal support and help with reading and writing.

The authorities have responded to Azza's courageous work by calling her a 'spy' and a 'threat' to national security. She has been put under surveillance, harassed and had lies about her spread around by the security forces and parts of the media.

She now faces made-up charges including not paying her taxes and damaging the country's image by claiming that Egyptian women are at risk of rape. She has been prevented from taking money out of her bank account and banned from travelling. If found guilty, Azza faces jail.



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## SOLIDARITY ACTION

## Send a message of support

- » **Language:** English or Arabic
- » **Suggested messages:** Dear Azza, you are not alone, we are here in solidarity with you. Or: Dear Azza, thank you for all your efforts, with love from.

## APPEAL ACTION

Write a letter to President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi demanding that he immediately drops the charges against Azza Soliman, and allows her to travel and take money out of her bank account. Start your letter with: 'Your Excellency'.

## GET CREATIVE

Create your own 'Women's Rights are Human Rights' postcard, and write a message of support for Azza on the back.



## SEND ALL YOUR ACTIONS TO:

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## CHINA

## NI YULAN

## Housing activist under attack

Ni Yulan is an award-winning activist. For nearly 20 years, she has bravely defended people who have been forced out of their homes in Beijing, particularly in the run-up to the 2008 Olympic Games.

As a result of her work, Ni Yulan has been harassed, put under surveillance, detained, physically attacked and prevented from moving around freely. In 2002, she was badly beaten by the police and now has to use a wheelchair.

Ni Yulan was released from prison in 2013 after two-and-a-half years behind bars on false charges. Since then she and her family have been evicted from their home or prevented from renting accommodation at least seven times.

Her bravery and determination earned her the Dutch government's 2011 Human Rights Tulip award. In 2016, she won the International Women of Courage Award from the US government, but couldn't accept the prize in person because the Chinese government banned her from travelling.



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## SOLIDARITY ACTION

## Send a message of support

- » **Language:** English or Chinese (Chinese is preferred)
- » **Suggested messages:** You are so brave. We stand by you, Ni Yulan. We are thinking about you and support your work. May our joint struggle for human rights bring social change and justice one day.

## APPEAL ACTION

Write a letter to the director of Beijing's Municipal Public Security Bureau and demand that he stops the harassment of Ni Yulan and her family. Tell him to allow Ni Yulan and her family to find adequate accommodation, let her travel freely, and give her a valid passport. Start your letter with: 'Dear Director'.

## GET CREATIVE

Create a card or paper placard in the shape of a house and with 'Housing is a Human Right' written on it. Write a message of support on the back.



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## IRAN

## ESMAIL ABDI

## Teacher at risk

Maths teacher Esmail Abdi is the leader of the Tehran branch of the Teachers' Trade Association of Iran, a trade union. He was arrested after organising peaceful protests that called for more money for teachers and schools.

Esmail had an unfair trial for which his lawyer was prevented from preparing properly. In 2016, he was convicted of made-up charges, given a six-year prison sentence, and put behind bars. After going on hunger strike and then making a large bail payment, Esmail was temporarily released on 25 June. But he could be thrown back in prison at any moment.



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## SOLIDARITY ACTION

## Send a message of support

- » **Language:** English or Farsi
- » **Suggested message:** You are not alone. From the UK, I support your struggle to defend human rights in Iran and call for a decent education for everyone.

## APPEAL ACTION

Write a letter to the head of the judiciary in Iran demanding that he overturns Esmail Abdi's conviction and protects human rights. Start your letter with: 'Your Excellency'.

## GET CREATIVE

Take photos of teachers in your school or college holding up messages of support for Esmail. Try to include the name of your school or college somewhere in the photo.



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UK

# IMMIGRATION DETENTION

## Thousands held indefinitely

Tens of thousands of people are held in immigration detention in the UK every year, often in terrible conditions.

For almost all, there is no fixed time-limit on their detention. This uncertainty damages their mental and physical health and has harmful knock-on effects for their loved ones left behind, including children. The UK is the only EU country with no limit on how long people can be held in immigration detention.

The harm will continue, unless the government takes into account the impact of the UK's immigration detention system on the lives and families of the people it detains.

Immigration detention should only ever be a last resort. Instead it is used all the time.



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## SOLIDARITY ACTION

### Send a message of support

» **Language:** English

» **Suggested message:** You are not forgotten. Amnesty UK and its partners are calling for the government to introduce a time limit for immigration detention. We support your aspirations for freedom, dignity and a safe place to live.

### GET CREATIVE

Create and decorate paper birds as symbols of freedom. Write messages of support on the front or back of the birds.



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