

TAKE ACTION FOR SHACKELIA JACKSON



Shackelia Jackson is a human rights defender from Jamaica, who speaks out against the unlawful killings perpetrated by police and the rampant impunity in her country that prevents families from securing justice for their loved ones. Since the day that her brother, Nakiea, was shot by police, Shackelia has fought for those responsible to be held to account. [Read more about her case here](#). Shackelia's is only one of a number of such cases in Jamaica, her fight resonating with many other families in the country.

Write for Rights 2017

Many of you wrote letters of solidarity and support for Shackelia during last year's Write for Rights campaign. You also called on Prime Minister Andrew Holness to protect Shackelia and her family and urgently reform the legal system to support families like hers to receive justice. The amount of solidarity that Shackelia received was overwhelming – [read her blog to hear about what your support meant to her and her ability to keep fighting for justice](#).

15 March: International Day Against Police Brutality

In March a delegation of Amnesty representatives, along with Shackelia, will be travelling to Jamaica. They hope to meet with Prime Minister Holness, marking the International Day Against Police Brutality, where they will be handing in actions and petitions from

around the world gathered throughout Write for Rights.

Please take this opportunity to take further action on Shackelia's case and make sure that Prime Minister Holness hears our call. Write to him ahead of International Day Against Police Brutality and call for justice for Shackelia and her family.

Suggested text:

Dear Honorable Andrew Holness,

On 20th January 2014, Nakiea Jackson was shot dead by the police in Kingston. Since then his family has suffered intense intimidation from the police and faced an unresponsive legal system. But Nakiea's sister, Shackelia Jackson, continues her campaign to bring those responsible for the killing to justice.

The 15th of March is the International Day Against Police Brutality, a day that reminds us that none of us are above the law. I urge you to:

- Ensure Shackelia and her family are protected from police harassment.
- Urgently reform the legal system to ensure justice for Shackelia and other relatives of people allegedly unlawfully killed by the police.

Address to letters to:

Prime Minister Andrew Holness
Office of the Prime Minister
1 Devon Road
Kingston 10
Jamaica

And send copies to:

HIS EXCELLENCY SETH GEORGE RAMOCAN
Jamaican High Commission
1-2 Prince Consort Road
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To take on Shackelia's case for long-term campaigning, contact the Country Coordinator:
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