

# BRAVE CAMPAIGN

Standing up for Human Rights Defenders



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As part of the BRAVE Campaign we are calling for the increased recognition and protection of Human Rights Defenders (HRD's). This is following a continued increase of attacks, intimidation and killings of those on the frontline defending Human Rights with 2017 being the deadliest year yet with over 300 HRD's killed according to the organisation Frontline Defenders.

Amnesty considers this to be a global crisis and believe the UK Government must respond with renewed efforts to ensure HRDs all over the world receive support consistently from the UK.

**To achieve this, we are calling on the UK Government to develop a coherent strategy to counter the unprecedented surge and global scale of attacks against human rights defenders (HRDs).**

This strategy needs to have the following key components:

1. Ministerial leadership
2. Prioritisation in-country, through UK Embassies and High Commissions
3. Significant funding
4. A focus on women human rights defenders (WHRD's)

Such action would build on the UK Government's existing work in this area, ensure more consistency in how they support Human Rights Defenders and that their efforts help counter the widespread repression and shrinking of civil society space that Amnesty has documented.

**To achieve this, we need cross parliamentary support. We are asking you to contact your MP to support our call to action targeting Boris Johnson, UK Foreign Secretary and Lord Ahmed, UK Human Rights Minister.**

**TAKE ACTION: Call on UK government to support Human Rights Defenders**

- 1) *Write a letter to your MP and raise following key points using information in attached briefing*

- Raise awareness of Amnesty’s BRAVE campaign – why we launched this campaign – and to the two cases, Azza Soliman (Egypt) and Istanbul 10 and Taner Kilic (Turkey).
- Highlight to them the unprecedented nature and scale of the current threats facing human rights defenders. Amnesty sees this as a global crisis which requires a renewed response from the UK government.
- Ask them to raise concern in Parliament about the global crackdown on HRDs and to urge the Foreign Secretary to launch a coherent strategy to address this– this could be through;
  - Your MP writing to the Foreign Secretary (Boris Johnson) or Human Rights Minister (Lord Ahmad)
  - Your MP tabling parliamentary questions or putting in for a debate on the issue

Attached is a briefing for you to use as background information when contacting your MP. Do not send your MP this briefing but pull key information from to feature in your letter.

*2) Meet with your MP / invite them to an event*

Beyond writing to your MP a very good way to engage with your member of parliament is to set up a face to face meeting or to invite them to one of your event with focus on the Brave Campaign. This provides a good opportunity to talk to them about our campaign, key cases such as Azza Soliman but also Amnesty’s call on UK government to adapt a more coherent strategy to support HRD’s.

A nice way to invite your MP to one of your group meetings can be to host an AmnesTea with Brave actions. For more information and to order AmnesTea kit please go here; <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/amnestea>

## RESOURCES

### BRAVE Campaign Materials & new BRAVE T-shirts

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Product Code</b>
BRAVE Campaign leaflet	HRD006
<i>Action cards for BRAVE key cases:</i>	
Azza Soliman	HRD001
Tep Vanny	HRD004
Rodrigo Mundaca	HRD005
<b>Placards:</b>	
‘Free all Human Rights Defenders’ Placard	HRD007
‘Stand with Human Rights Defenders’ Placard	HRD008

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

## **BRAVE T-shirts**

We also have a limited number of T-shirts available free to groups. order from the [Community Organising Team](#).



## **Keep us in the loop!**

We would love to hear from you. Please forward any information, responses from your MP's to [Advocacy Team](#).