

Newsletter: June 2018

Bognor Regis, Chichester & District Group



Dates for your diary	Tue 19/06/18. Kate Allen in Chichester Cathedral 6.30 pm Sat 28/07/18. Pumble, Canal Basin Chichester 10 am for 1030
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Dear writers

Local events

A timely plea to all members, friends, sympathisers or just curious to come to the CATHEDRAL to hear our UK Director Kate Allen **STANDING UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**. She will remind us that, 70 years after the great UN Declaration of Human Rights, we need to stand up for those human rights defenders in all parts of the world. The meeting starts at 6.30, followed by a question-and-answer session until 7.45 pm; FREE with a retiring collection. Further details can be found here: <http://festivalofchichester.co.uk/spoken-word/>

Other events

In addition to the Amnesty talk on 19 June, there are a number of interesting events coming up in the **Festival of Chichester** which have a human rights-related theme.

- 14/07/2018 Concert organised by guitarist and friend of Amnesty, Amanda Cook. Having survived the Genocide of 1994 in Rwanda, singer, songwriter, and peace activist **Jean Paul Samputu** is one of the most prominent African artists on the world stage. <https://chichesterboxoffice.ticketsolve.com/shows/873586356>
- 23/06/2018 Hosted by the Chichester Quakers, Ruth Cadbury MP on **Conscience in Politics today**.
- 05/07/2018 Hosted by the UNA Chichester Branch **Pardon and peace - a critical relationship**, with the Very Rev Nicholas Frayling, Dean Emeritus of Chichester Cathedral.
- 12/07/2018. Talks at Six: **Mandela - life inside**. Presented by Colin Chambers, who was the Chaplain on Robben Island when Nelson Mandela was imprisoned there in the 1960s, will tell us the stories of the time, the regime and conditions under which Mandela lived for 18 years.

Further details, including venues and times of these events, can be found here: <http://festivalofchichester.co.uk/spoken-word/>

Conflicting Views: Pacifist Painters. At the Otter Gallery, Bishop Otter Campus, University of Chichester, 25/06/2018 - 07/10/2018. Marking the centenary of the end of the First World War, this exhibition explores the way artists who were conscientious objectors and pacifists responded to conflicts. Find out more here: www.chi.ac.uk/ottergallery

Carry on writing!

Bob Dewick, Amnesty

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Amnesty action: campaigns & letter-writing

Sudan: Noura Hussein Hamad Daoud, sentenced to death

Nineteen year old, Noura Hussein Hamad Daoud, was sentenced to death on 10 May for killing her husband in self - defence after he tried to rape her for a second time . A Court in Sudan, on 29 April, found her guilty of the murder of her husband Abdulrahman Mohamed Hammad. Noura's case highlights the failure of the Sudan government to tackle the tragedy of early and forced marriage as well as marital rape.

Her trial began in July 2017 and the Central Court of Omdurman on 29 April found her guilty of murdering her husband . The judge who presided in the case applied an outdated law which does not recognise marital rape as an offense. However, the sentencing was scheduled for a later date to allow for the relatives of the deceased husband to choose between pardon and financial compensation (customarily known as Diya or " blood money") or demand the application of the death penalty. The family opted for the death penalty.

According to her testimony, Noura Hussein was betrothed to Abdulrahman Mohamed Hammad against her will at the age of 16 and they were married in April 2017. Under Sudanese law, children can be married off from age 10. When Noura Hussein refused to consummate the marriage, on 2 May 2017 Abdulrahman Mohamed invited two of his brothers and a male cousin to hold her down as he forced himself on her, raping her. The next morning on 3 May 2017 he tried to rape her again and Noura Hussein used a knife to defend herself. Her 27-year-old husband died as a result of the injuries he sustained. A medical examination conducted on Noura Hussein indicated that she also sustained injuries as a result of the scuffle between her and her husband .

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases without exception regardless of the nature or circumstances of the alleged crime .

Please write immediately:

- Calling on the Sudanese authorities to immediately quash the conviction and death sentence against Noura Hussein Hamad Daoud;
- Urging them to take into consideration the mitigating circumstances in this case in a retrial in proceedings that fully comply with international standards for a fair trial and without recourse to the death penalty;
- Urging the m to implement the recommendation of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and amend the Sudan Personal Status Law to raise the legal age of marriage from 10 to 18 years old.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS **BEFORE 26 JUNE 2018** TO:

President: HE Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir, Office of the President, People's Palace, PO Box 281, Khartoum, Sudan

Salutation: Your Excellency

Legal Advisor: Khadija al-Fadil Mohamed Moussa Department of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law in the Ministry of Justice, PO Box 302, Al Nil Avenue, Khartoum, Sudan Email : Khadiga@moj.gov.sd

Salutation: Your Excellency

HIS EXCELLENCY MR MOHAMMED ABDALLA ALI ELTOM Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan, 3 Cleveland Row St James's SW1A 1DD. Email: info@sudan-embassy.co.uk

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