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THE BRIGHTON AND HOVE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP NEWSLETTER



October 2018

Forthcoming Brighton & Hove Amnesty Group Meetings/Events

*Group meetings take place on
the first Thursday of each
month from 8-10pm at Com-
munity Base, Queens Road,
Brighton*

4th October
All welcome

Monthly Collection

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Monthly Stall

13th October
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Amnestea

Tea Party
28th October
2pm to 5pm
The Verdict Cafe
Edward Street

Write for Rights 2018

1st December
10am to 4pm
Friends Meeting House

Write for Rights 2019

7th December
10am to 4pm
Friends Meeting House

AMNESTEA

Join us to drink
tea and raise
money for
human rights



28th October - 2pm to 5pm

The Verdict Cafe

Edward Street

Brighton

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Some Good News!



Tep Vanny, for whom we campaigned Is free!

Cambodian land rights defender Tep Vanny has received a royal pardon and is free from prison - thanks to people like us who stood up to campaign for her freedom. Tep was detained for 2 years for peacefully protesting the forced eviction of her community from Boeung Kak Lake, Phnom Penh. A luxury tourist development on the site has seen thousands of families lose their homes.

ANNUAL STREET COLLECTION



We started with such hope but, alas, the weather was not on our side. Despite an extremely wet Saturday afternoon on the 22nd September, 11 brave volunteers including Noemie went out for our annual fund raising in the streets. Fewer people about and an obvious inward focus from those who were meant that we only raised £118.53.

But it was a brave effort and our thanks to those who took part and to those who did contribute. Hopefully our Amnestea event will be more successful.

Peter Gwilliam

Ahed Tamimi



In March 2018 Palestinian teenager Ahed Tamimi was sentenced to eight months in prison after being convicted of incitement, aggravated assault and obstructing Israeli soldiers. The sentence started with her arrest in January. At the end of July she was set free 21 days short of completing the sentence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Who is she?

On 15 December 2017, Ahed Tamimi and her family were protesting against Trump's decision to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In a horrifying turn of events, Ahed's 14-year-old cousin, Mohammed, was shot in the head at close range by an Israeli soldier. He required intensive surgery, where part of his skull was removed, in order to dislodge the rubber bullet.

Later that day, Ahed also came face to face with Israeli soldiers, when they entered the yard of her family's house.

A video from the event shows the unarmed teenage girl slapping, shoving and kicking two armed Israeli soldiers who are wearing protective gear. It was clear she posed no actual threat to them.

She was swiftly arrested and detained. Following a trial where she was accused of aggravated assault and 11 other charges, Ahed was then sentenced to eight months in prison on 21 March 2018. She was also given a 5,000 shekel fine (around £1,000).

Israel's treatment of Palestinian children

Ahed Tamimi was imprisoned in a blatant attempt by the Israeli authorities to intimidate those who dare to challenge the ongoing brutal repression by occupying forces.

In detention, Ahed endured aggressive interrogations, sometimes at night, and threats made against her family.

Her imprisonment shows that the Israeli authorities have no regard whatsoever for the rights of Palestinian children.

There are currently around 350 Palestinian children in Israeli prisons and detention centres, according to local human rights organisations.

The Israeli army prosecutes hundreds of Palestinian children in juvenile military courts every year, often after arresting them in night raids and subjecting them to ill-treatment, including blindfolding, threats, harsh interrogations without the presence of their lawyers or families, solitary confinement and in some cases physical violence.

However, Israeli settlers living in the West Bank are never subjected to the military court system and instead are governed by Israeli civil law

Notices

25th November 2018, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will be holding a candlelit vigil on the Steine by the dolphin fountain for just one hour between 4.00-5.00pm. It will be in solidarity with women all over the world who have experienced or are experiencing violence in their home, their workplace, their school, their community or from their state.

We would like to have as many people present to show strength of feeling and our abhorrence at such violence and are hoping other groups will join us. If you already have plans for some event to mark the day we would be interested to hear about it if it is open for the public to join in and of course we do not want to clash with our timings.

We would be grateful if you could forward this information to any relevant groups or individuals you think may be interested to come along.

On **Remembrance Day, Sunday 11th November at 2.00pm at the War Memorial** we shall have a White Peace Poppy Wreath laying to commemorate all people killed in war and to show our objection to wars. We hope to have the Guernica banner that was made mostly by local people using cloth to re-create Picasso's images which show the tragedy of war.

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