

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UK

**June 2019** 

# **NEWS from WARRINGTON GROUP**

**ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS** 

**HOPE FOR HUMANITY** 

**DATES** 

Sat.8th June

Collection in Winwick Road Tesco (

Thurs. 20th June 7.30 – 9.30 pm

OUP MEETING - Nora Street Community

GROUP MEETING - Nora Street Community House, Howley. WA1 2JG

#### INDIVIDUAL @ RISK -Dr Scott Warren



The US authorities are prosecuting Dr Scott Warren, 36, for "harbouring" two undocumented migrants by providing them with humanitarian aid in the form of food, water and clean clothing in the desert town of Ajo where he lives. If convicted Dr Warren could face up to 20 years in prison. His trial is scheduled to begin on 29 May.

Earlier this year, Warren and 8 other volunteers with the organisation *No More Deaths* were also prosecuted for littering and trespassing, specifically for leaving water and other humanitarian aid in desert areas where migrants have frequently died. Arizona has the deadliest border area in the USA, accounting for more than a third of the 7,242 border deaths recorded over the last 20 years. "The US Government is legally required to prevent the arbitrary deaths of migrants and asylum-seekers in border



If you can please send the attached letter to the US Embassy in London.

# WI CAR BOOT SALE – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May Antrobus Village Hall

We raised £70.20 at the car boot sale .There were plenty of traders but not many punters as the car boot sale didn't seem to have been advertised widely.

## **Town Centre Stall in Market Gate Sat. 18th**

We had a small amount of interest in Nazanin and couple of people brought their knitting contributions to us but on the whole still a very quiet day with only marginal interest in Amnesty. We collected £60.20 which will be sent to AIUK Charity and about 25 people signed our petition letter to Iranian Embassy in London.

## Appleton plant sale Mon 27th May

We had a very successful day on Bank Holiday Monday raising the magnificent sum of £335 in the 2 hours we were open. The sale was well supported by locals and members of Stockton Heath Methodist Church.

Much of the success was due to the hard work of Gill and Bryan who hosted the event. Gill and I both agreed that it is quite a challenge to grow plants for a sale whilst also keeping our own gardens looked after.



CONTACT: Evelyn Kinsella, 39 Beechways, Appleton, WA4 5ER. Tel: 268871

website: www.amnesty.org.uk/warrington

y

@AmnestyWarrngtn

www.facebook.com/AmnestyWarrington

## Children's Human Rights network.

Members signed a petition asking the UK to ratify Optional Protocol 3 to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 years old this year), which would allow individuals to bring complaints to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

## **EGYPT**

#### Aser Mohamed



14-year-old Aser Mohamed was arrested on 12 January 2016 when armed police and National Security Agency (NSA) officers raided his home in Cairo, Egypt.

He was tortured into 'confessions' and his torture was never investigated. Years later, Aser is still in pre-trial detention and his trial has recently been postponed again.

He faces up to 15 years imprisonment if convicted.

Write a letter to President Abdel Fatah el-Sisi to this address:

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi Office of the President Al Ittihadia Palace Cairo Arab Republic of Egypt

Salutation: Your Excellency,

In your letter

- appeal for the release of Aser Mohamed,
- ask for an investigation into his enforced disappearance and allegations of torture and other ill-treatment
- demand those responsible are brought to justice and given a fair trial.

As a signatory party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child Egypt has an obligation to ensure all of its children are free from torture. This is also enshrined in the Egyptian constitution under Article 80.

## **MEXICO**

Indigenous Rarámuri leader, Julián Carrillo leader killed on 24 October 2018



Three months after the murder, Mexican authorities have still not identified those responsible.

The Mexican state failed in its obligation to protect environmental human rights defender Julián Carrillo,

On 24 October, armed men entered the community of Coloradas de la Virgen, in the northern Mexican state of Chihuahua, and killed Indigenous Rarámuri leader, Julián Carrillo.

Carrillo had previously received threats and harassment and at least five other members of his family have also been killed in recent years.

Amnesty is calling on Mexican authorities to take urgent measures to end the impunity for attacks against inhabitants of Coloradas de la Virgen, and carry out thorough, independent and impartial investigations into the killing of Carrillo and other members of his family.

Two weeks before Carrillo was killed, community members reported to the authorities that 3 individuals had been granted a mining concession on their land. Due to extreme violence generated by organised crime they requested urgent measures to guarantee the safety of members of the community. Days before he was killed Carrillo expressed at a public meeting his opposition to the mining concession because of its environmental and social impact.



If possible email the attached letter to the Mexican Embassy in London.

mexuk@sre.gob.mx.