



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UK

July 2019

NEWS from WARRINGTON GROUP

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

HOPE FOR HUMANITY

DATES

Thurs. 18th July 7.30 – 9.30 pm

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

INDIVIDUAL @ RISK – Asia Bibi left Pakistan for Canada



Asia Bibi is a Christian farm worker who is the first woman to be sentenced to

death for 'defamation against Mohammad'. After an eight-year ordeal, Pakistan's Supreme Court acquitted her of all charges and released her in October 2018. But due to mass protests by anti-Christian hardliners, she was barred from leaving the Pakistan while an appeal against her acquittal was launched. The Supreme Court upheld her acquittal and on 9th May the foreign office announced that she had left Pakistan and reunited with her family who had been granted asylum in Canada in 2018.

Finances

We have £725.76 in our account. We agreed to send £400 to AIUK and then decide on another donation at the July group meeting.

Have we an accountant among the Warrington Amnesty supporters?

There is a requirement for Borough Council collections to be audited by an accountant. This is not an onerous task as it only involves checking the balance sheet.

Israel & the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Members signed a group letter on behalf of **Mustafa al-Kharouf**, a Palestinian journalist at risk of deportation to Jordan,



Israel Seeks to Deport East Jerusalem Photographer to Jordan

The Interior Ministry has ordered the expulsion of Palestinian press photographer Mustafa al-Kharouf, 31, who was born in Algeria but has lived in Jerusalem with his family since age 12 and is married to a woman from E. Jerusalem. Al-Kharouf's wife, Tamam, 26, and their daughter, Asia, were born in Jerusalem and are permanent residents of Israel. Musafa's parents, who also live in Jerusalem, also have permanent resident status, but Mutafa has no status anywhere in the world. The Israeli Interior Ministry is demanding nevertheless that he be expelled ("removed") to [Jordan](#), where he also has no status.

Jewish Voices for Peace

This organisation in the USA publicised facts regarding Palestinian children - since the year 2000, over 10,000 Palestinian children between the ages of 12 and 17 have been detained, prosecuted and incarcerated by the Israeli military in the occupied West Bank.

We are right to be shocked by these numbers!

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EL SALVADOR Evelyn Hernandez at risk of imprisonment after still birth



In July 2017 Evelyn Hernandez was sentenced to 30 years in prison after she gave birth to a stillborn baby at home. Hernandez gave birth in the makeshift bathroom of her home in the central Cuscatlan region. She was 18 years old and eight months pregnant at the time. Once at the hospital, health officials reported Evelyn to authorities

She said her son was stillborn but was convicted of murdering him. A pathologist's report indicated the baby had choked to death while still in the womb.

Prosecutors argued Hernandez was culpable for not having sought prenatal care.



In 2018, however, a higher court overruled this sentence and ordered a retrial. The new trial date was set for 24th June 2019.

Currently Evelyn has been freed having served 33 months of the sentence. The court in Cojutepeque, east of the capital, ruled that she will be retried but while living at home. She got pregnant as the result of a rape, which she did not report out of fear because her family had been threatened.

Abortion is illegal under all circumstances in El Salvador and women who suffer from

obstetric emergencies are often accused of aggravated homicide, due to a belief that an abortion might have taken place.

Evelyn's trial date has now been moved to 15 July 2019. She is still at risk of being convicted of aggravated homicide because of the obstetric emergency that she suffered. Please continue to call on El Salvador's Attorney General to ensure #JusticiaParaEvelyn.



If you have time please send the attached letter to the embassy.

LGBTI CAMPAIGNER KILLED FOR HER ACTIVISM IN BRAZIL



Marielle Franco was murdered in a drive-by shooting in March 2018. Her killers and those behind the plot to assassinate her have still not been brought to justice, over a year later. Marielle dedicated her life to speaking out for LGBTI, black and women's rights in Brazil. She paid the ultimate price for defending human rights

Demand a full, independent investigation into her murder by signing our petition to the Brazilian president, Jair Bolsonaro. You can sign the petition on line: [Take Action](#) ADD MY VOICE

GOOD NEWS

- Two Myanmar journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, have been released.
- The UK government has now stopped all arms sales to Saudi Arabia after losing a landmark case at London's Court of Appeal but what about the arms sales already in the pipeline! #StopArmingSaudi

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King, Jr.