

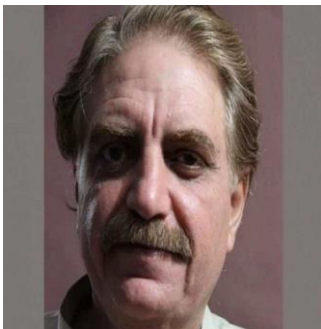
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IDRIS KHATTAR

Idris has been held at an unknown location by the military in Pakistan since he was forcibly abducted in November 2019. His detention was only revealed in June 2020 and his family still do not know where he is or the charges against him.



November 19th was his birthday and Chris has sent an article on the case to the Stockport Express.

We are writing each month to different officials in Pakistan. This month we are asking you to write to Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Prime Minister Imran Khan
Prime Minister's Office
Constitution Avenue G-5/2
Islamabad, Pakistan (or by email to info@pmo.gov.pk)

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS ILL-TREATED IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Between 15 and 19 November 2020, Egyptian security forces arrested Mohamed Basheer, Karim Ennarah, and Gasser Abdel-Razek, senior staff at the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR), a leading independent human rights NGO. They are arbitrarily detained pending investigations into "terrorism" and other unfounded charges, solely in retaliation for EIPR's human rights work. EIPR Executive Director Gasser Abdel-Razek is being held in solitary confinement in cruel and inhuman conditions at the Liman Tora Prison.

Please take action through [this link](#).



OUR MEETINGS are currently held by conference call at
8pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The meeting code is sent out monthly to our googlegroup members, or you can ask for details by emailing amnestystockport@gmail.com

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COLOMBIA

Jonh Fredy Alvarez Quinaya, President of ASTRACAL, were killed 11 January 2020. We ask you to take action to protect Colombian human right rights defenders by signing a petition demanding that Congress establish a commission to verify and guarantee their protection. Although there are numerous laws and institutions that are supposed to protect HRDs and their communities, killings and threats continue to multiply. Congress should demand accountability via a commission of experts. One of the cases in this year's Write for Rights campaign features Jani Silva, a Colombian environmental defender who, despite threats to her life, continues to fight for the conservation of the Amazon ecosystem and for the rights of hundreds of campesinos. You can sign an [online petition here](#) and take the actions set out in the Write for Rights booklet.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 24th April 2021 8pm

STOCKPORT AMNESTY 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Streamed Video and virtual meeting

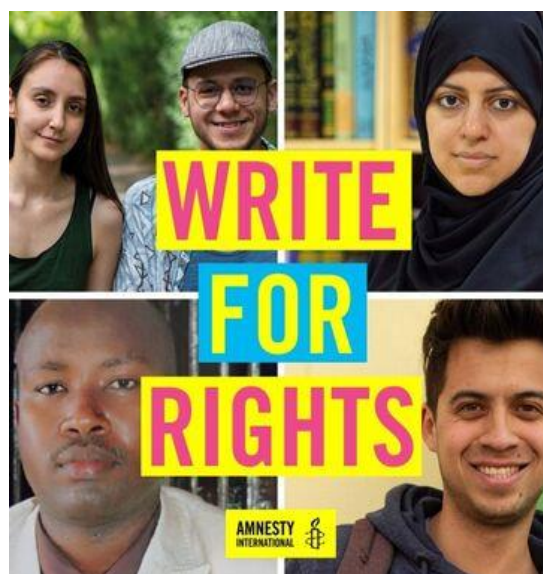
We'd love you to save the date and join us for a streamed video celebrating 60 years of Amnesty International and 50 years of the Stockport Group. To be followed by a get together online to raise a toast and remember the people and campaigns we have worked for over the years.

For more information nearer the date please RSVP to amnestystockport@gmail.com

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

From 7-16 December hundreds of thousands of people will be writing letters, sending SMS messages and taking action online as part of an Amnesty International day of action to mark International Human Rights Day.

Among those who could benefit from the Write for Rights campaign this year are the residents of **Bodo** in Nigeria who made a living from fishing and farming for generations until their serene way of life was changed by two major oil spills from a Shell pipeline in 2008. The land and water around Bodo has been polluted by thousands of barrels of oil, destroying people's livelihoods and devastating the environment. No proper clean up has taken place; four years on the land and water remain polluted and unproductive. The damage done to fisheries and farming led to food shortages and rising food prices in the area.



[Take action on this and other Write for Rights cases here](#)

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#WhatsHappeningInThailand: 10 things you need to know

Images of thousands of people peacefully rallying in Thailand's main cities have travelled around the world, in the latest illustration of how youth-led protests are defying growing repression. Thailand's protesters previously made headlines for their use of the Hunger Games salute, Harry Potter memes and the Japanese anime hamster, Hamtaro.

But behind the light-hearted fun, the movement keeps growing, based on calls for political reforms and denouncing the harassment of people who criticize the government.

The Thai authorities have responded by intensifying their crackdown and harassing peaceful protesters even more. The rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly are enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – and in Thailand, these rights are increasingly under attack.

On social media, the hashtag #WhatsHappeningInThailand has become a space for people to share views and footage from the streets. So, what *is* happening in Thailand?

Read these 10 things you need to know, and [take action to support the rights of peaceful protesters](#).

VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER

Like many not-for-profit organisations, our fundraising has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Amnesty International UK depends on the generosity of our supporters to fund our ongoing fight for human rights. Our usual work must continue, and we must now also ensure governments around the world are doing enough to protect vulnerable people during this pandemic.

In absence of our usual fundraising events we have launched a Just Giving site for the Amnesty Charitable Trust. Your donation, however big or small, is valuable. Please share this site on social media and help us reach our £300 target

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stockport-amnesty>

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Our google group is where all messages go to all our members.

To join our googlegroups for minutes and for general membership, send a message to: amnestystockport@gmail.com

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