

Itai Dzamara Zimbabwe



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Activist missing for six years

Itai Peace Dzamara, a journalist and pro-democracy activist, was taken from a barber shop in Harare's Glen View suburb by five unknown men, on the morning of 9 March 2015. The men accused him of stealing cattle, then handcuffed him and drove off with him in a white truck with concealed number plates. Family members and human rights lawyers have tried to find him, but to no avail.

Immediately after Itai Dzamara's abduction, his wife filed a missing person report at Glen Norah Police Station in Harare. Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) approached the High Court, which ruled that the state should expend all available resources to investigate and locate Itai Dzamara. But he is still missing.

APPEAL Urge the head of the Zimbabwe Police to comply fully with the High Court order to report progress of the search for Itai Dzamara fortnightly until he is found. Ask the authorities for an independent, judge-led commission of inquiry to comprehensively investigate the disappearance of Itai Dzamara, establish his whereabouts and bring to justice those responsible for his enforced disappearance.

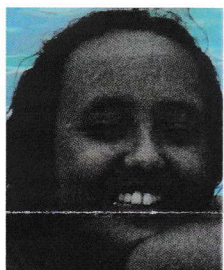
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Salutation: Your Excellency

Ciham Ali Ahmed Eritrea



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Eight years in secret detention

Ciham Ali Ahmed is a victim of enforced disappearance. She has been held incommunicado in secret detention since 8 December 2012. She was never charged and no explanation was ever given for her arrest and prolonged detention. It is believed that this could be the government's way of punishing her father's alleged involvement in an attempted coup in Eritrea.

Ciham Ali Ahmed was born on 3 April 1997 in Los Angeles, California, USA, but she was raised in Eritrea, the country from which her family originates. She is a dual national of both Eritrea and the United States.

APPEAL Urge the Eritrean authorities to release Ciham Ali Ahmed and all others held arbitrarily immediately and unconditionally, unless they are charged with a recognisable offence. Urge them to allow everyone placed in detention immediate access to family, lawyers and an independent court.

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Ahmadreza Djalali Iran



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Academic faces execution

Ahmadreza Djalali, an Iranian-Swedish medical doctor and academic living in Sweden, was on a business trip to Iran when he was arrested on 26 April 2016. He was accused of spying. In October 2017, after a grossly unfair trial, he was sentenced to death for 'corruption on earth'. The court relied primarily on 'confessions' that Ahmadreza says were obtained under torture and other ill-treatment while he was held in prolonged solitary confinement without access to a lawyer.

Since 24 November 2020, when he was told his death sentence was about to be carried out, Ahmadreza has been held incommunicado in Tehran's Evin prison. In late December, his family learned that the execution had been postponed for a month. He remains at imminent risk of execution.

APPEAL Ask the head of Iran's judiciary to halt plans to execute Ahmadreza Djalali, quash his conviction and sentence, and immediately provide him access to his family and lawyers. Urge him to release Ahmadreza Djalali immediately and accord him an enforceable right to compensation.

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