

STOCKPORT Amnesty SUMMER 2021



GIVE ROHINGYA REFUGEES A VOICE IN THE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEM



In 2017 nearly a million refugees crossed into Bangladesh. Most are still living in appalling conditions in overcrowded camps. We urge the Bangladesh government to protect, respect and fulfil the rights of these refugees, including ensuring their participation in decisions that affect them. Amnesty has documented human rights violations faced by the refugees, including their rights to health, education and access to information. Amnesty is concerned by the confinement of refugees on a remote silt island that is prone to floods and is

vulnerable to cyclones. In April at least 15 refugees were killed in fires.

The government has failed to investigate extrajudicial executions. Amnesty has received reports of human trafficking and sexual and gender-based violence. Amnesty calls on the Bangladesh government to ensure the refugees are included in decision-making on issues that will affect their lives and rights.

[Sign the petition to urge Bangladesh's government](#) to ensure the participation of Rohingya refugees in the decisions that affect them to protect their human rights.

NB: When signing the petition, because we are targeting the Bangladesh government and not our own, please remove the words "you to work with" and replace them with "the". i.e.: **I urge you to work with the Bangladesh's government to ensure the participation of Rohingya refugees in the decisions that affect them in order to protect their human rights.**

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Our google group is how we send messages go to all our members.

For information on how to join our googlegroups for minutes and for general membership, send a message to:

amnestystockport@gmail.com

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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

GREAT WALK TOGETHER



Follow this link to book a free place on our Great Walk together for Refugee Week. Please pass on the link to anyone who is interested.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/amnesty-stockports-great-walk-together-for-refugee-week-tickets-157520089829?ref=eios>

On Sunday 27 June we're inviting you to join us in coming together for a walk in celebration of The Great Get Together's 'More In Common' message and the Refugee Week 2021 theme 'We Cannot Walk Alone'.

Meet at the large car park on Little Moor Lane (off Turncroft Lane) at 2pm for a leisurely walk in the beautiful Goyt Valley with members of Stockport Amnesty Group, finishing at the cafe in Woodbank Park (5 minutes across the park from the car park start point).

June Meeting – Thursday 10th June 8pm

The Human Rights Act

As we know Human Rights in the UK are at risk. The UK Government is attempting to review the law which could lead to a reduction in our rights and our ability to challenge government. Part of this is a review of the Human Rights Act itself. At this month's virtual meeting We have Anne Walker, Amnesty trainer joining us to give a briefing on why the Human Rights Act matters and what we can do to save it.

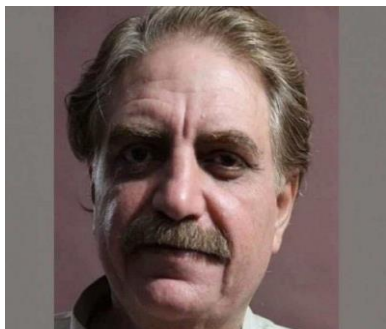
If you aren't yet part of our google group please email amnestystockport@gmail.com for our monthly meeting code

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IDRIS KHATTAR – Our Individual at Risk (IAR)



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, although his brave daughter Talia has been able to meet him at a secret location after campaigning tirelessly on his behalf.

This month please send your letter using the template below or your own wording to:

Shah Mahmood Qureshi
Pakistan Minister of Foreign Affairs
Foreign Office
Constitution Avenue
Islamabad

Pakistan Send by email to: spokesperson.office@mofa.gov.pk

Your Excellency Minister,

I wrote to you in January this year to express my deep concern about Muhammad Idris Khattak who forcibly disappeared on *13 November 2019*.

I am disappointed that, on 1 February 2021, the Peshawar High Court dismissed Idris Khattak's petition that challenges the jurisdiction of the Field General Court-Martial on his case. The verdict means that Idris Khattak's trial, which was paused in the Military Court, will now resume. Pakistan is party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). ICCPR gives individuals the right to public hearing, but the trial by the Military Court will deny Idris Khattak of the right for a public trial.

In respect of Idris Khattak's disappearance I call upon you to:

- Immediately disclose the location of Idris to his family.
- Ensure that Idris' enforced disappearance is promptly, thoroughly, independently and impartially investigated.
- Release Idris unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence – determined by an independent court - that he has committed an internationally recognized offence.

If Idris is committed to trial, ensure he receives a fair public trial in line with international law and standards

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COLOMBIA

Since 28 April, thousands of people took the streets across the country calling for the withdrawal of a tax reform and for better social and economic measures in a national strike (“Paro Nacional”) called by several social movements. The authorities responded by deploying the military to several cities, publicly stigmatizing protestors, and crushing protests with excessive use of force, including with weapons causing dozens of deaths, and hundreds of injured, arbitrarily detained and disappeared. We call on the President to guarantee the people’s right to peaceful assembly.



Follow [this link to sign the petition](#).

Amnesty UK AGM Saturday 19th June

The Annual General Meeting is a chance to participate in our decision-making by debating and voting on a range of issues. All Amnesty International United Kingdom Section members can attend and vote, whether individual, groups or affiliates.

This year's AGM will take place online on Saturday 19 June. This one-day event will include presentations from the Chair, Treasurer and Director, as well as debates and voting on resolutions. [You can read this year's resolutions online.](#)

More details about this year’s AGM can be found [here](#)

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