



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UK AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

NEWS from WARRINGTON GROUP

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

HOPE FOR HUMANITY

GROUP MEETING

Thurs. 16th Sept. 7.30pm-9.30pm Nora Street Community House
15-17 Nora Street, Howley, WA1 2JG
Our first Group Meeting since March 2020
Celebrate a return to normality

INDIVIDUALS AT RISK

NIGERIA: ACTIVISTS JAILED FOR ANTI-PRESIDENT T-SHIRTS



Activists Larry Emmanuel, Anene Victor Udoka, Samuel Gabriel, Henry Nwodo, and Ben Mannaseh are being arbitrarily detained in connection to their peaceful activism.

On 4 July, they attended a church service at the Dunamis International Gospel Center in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, when they were arrested and beaten by the Center's security unit for wearing #BuhariMustGo T-shirts. In detention, they have been denied access to their lawyers and family and are at risk of torture and other ill-treatment. Nigerian authorities must immediately and unconditionally release them, in accordance with a court order.

TAKE ACTION ON LINE

https://www.amnesty.org.uk/urgent-actions/activists-jailed-anti-president-t-shirts?utm_campaign

SEPTEMBER GROUP MEETING AGENDA IN BRIEF

- Fund raising ideas for a smaller group
- AIUK news & actions
- A memorial for our late Chair, Jo Busby
- How to mark our 30 years of campaigning
- Write 4 Rights 2021 - ideas
- Israel & Occupied Palestinian territories
- News from Central American

Warrington Group Tree in Walton Gardens



If you are visiting Walton Gardens try to find our Amnesty tree. Access is along a path behind the pond and the area has been tidied up somewhat with a rather nice bench nearby. This photo was taken soon after the tree, a scarlet oak, was planted. There is a commemorative plaque there! The tree was planted to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of AIUK which was in 2001 (tree has 1961 -2002 as it was planted a year later).

Finances

The amount in the bank account is now £607.86. It was agreed we pay the £72 affiliation fee and send AIUK £200.

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GOOD NEWS

Burundi - Great news: Germain Rukuki has been released!!!



This is a victory for human rights! Burundian human rights activist **Germain Rukuki** has been **freed** after

spending more than four years in jail. He should never have been jailed in the first place - as he was arrested, prosecuted and convicted simply for his human rights work. This is a great moment for Germain, his family and friends and the hundreds of thousands of people around the world who tirelessly campaigned for his release. His release came after the appeal court on 4 June reduced his sentence from 32 years to one.

**Pratasevich and Sapega under house arrest
House Arrest is not freedom**



Belarusian journalist Raman Pratasevich and his partner Sofya Sapega have been moved from pretrial detention to house arrest and no longer appear to be at imminent risk of torture and other ill-treatment. They were arbitrarily detained by the Belarusian authorities on 23 May, after their Ryanair flight was illegally forced to land in Minsk, Belarus' capital. Amnesty International will continue calling for their immediate release.



Berta Cáceres

David Castillo, the person in charge of the Agua Zarca hydro-electric project, was found guilty of participating as co-author in the 2016 murder of Honduran human rights defender Berta Cáceres. This is an important step towards justice but much more needs to be done!

**The Crisis Continues in Yemen
Made worse by corona virus**



We mustn't forget the suffering of the Yemeni people who are experiencing the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

Millions are facing starvation as a direct result of the actions of the Saudi-led coalition. This is all made possible by weapons supplied by the UK & others and sustained by its ongoing military support. Inspirational Yemeni groups like Mwatana have shown remarkable dedication in documenting human rights violations by all parties to the war and raising the voices of victims in exceptionally dangerous circumstances.



Mother of the revolution!



Tawakkol Karman was **awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her non-violent struggle for the safety of women** and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work. She is the president of Women

Journalists Without Chains.

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