



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UK JANUARY 2023

NEWS from WARRINGTON GROUP

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

HOPE FOR HUMANITY

GROUP MEETING

The meeting January has been cancelled. The February meeting will be the AGM.

Happy New Year to you all from the Warrington Amnesty group!

TESCO COLLECTION – Sat 19th November

The Tesco, collection on 19th Nov. 2022 raised £252.98 for Amnesty's charitable section. We thank Jane, Mary, Roger, Eleanor, Gill, Bryan and Evelyn for their help. This was the highest amount except for Feb 2018 our first Tesco collection.

NOVEMBER MEETING DECISIONS

Finances

We have £222.57 in our account and will make a donation to Nora Street.

Social event

We will try to arrange another event in the spring – possibly a walk finishing at a cafe. We will invite mailing members.

Lead Activists

There is now mandatory training for lead activists which included group secretaries and treasurers.

NW Conference,

Suggested date 11th March 2023, possibly in Leeds. Our suggestions: local groups displays and a street action for women in Iran. Gill hopes to go to the conference.

Individual Actions

- E-mailed MP about aspects of the National Security Bill
- 'Unreported World' programme about young victims of sexual violence in Guatemala.
- Concerns at the World Cup being held in Qatar.
- Office sweepstake made a donation to Amnesty

CULCHETH CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT

Many thanks to Gill for arranging this and organising the setting up and taking down of our tree. Thanks also to Jane for the photo and for helping with this event.



NO REFUGEES SHOULD BE SENT TO RWANDA



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The High Court ruled that the Government's Rwanda refugee relocation policy is lawful but consideration must be given to the individual circumstances of persons affected. "Transporting people thousands of miles away to Rwanda - a country with its own asylum and human rights challenges - is expensive, unjust and deeply cruel. The Rwanda scheme should be abandoned in its entirety - it's a cynical distraction from the pressing need to radically reform the chronically failing asylum procedures, which are slow, increasingly chaotic and leave thousands of people stranded in limbo for years. Suella Braverman should fix the UK's massively dysfunctional asylum system and patently unjust policies.

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JEWISH VOICES FOR PEACE

The new government in Israel has proved to be the most shamelessly racist in its history. Yes, but racism has been there from the beginning, a founding credo, when Palestinians were radically dispossessed in 1948 to make way for Jewish lives whose right to land and sanctuary was considered immeasurably more important than the lives and rights of the Palestinian people. In the intervening years, supporters of the Jewish State told themselves that the State of Israel is a democracy even though they conceded that some of its policies were wrong. But "democracy" cannot describe a country founded through violence and dispossession, whose entire history is punctuated by violent detention, bombardment, siege, illegal land acquisition, and imperial expansion.

Although the political conflicts at Jewish dinner tables across the diaspora are a sure sign that the consensus on the "democratic" character of the State of Israel has broken apart, this dawning realization comes very late in the history of the oppression of the Palestinian people. Of course, it is good that we are shocked by Israeli racism, now increasingly shameless, for the world should not be this way. And yet, many of us are coming late to this sense of shock and outrage. It is time to act now, knowing that it has been time to act for a very long time!

Our numbers are our power, and our power to act is crucial to reverse the tide of injustice that consolidates state racism.

JVP is at the forefront, showing what an ethical Jewish life can be — a Jewish life lived in solidarity with the oppressed, working to expand the network of activists who support the long struggle for justice in Palestine.

Jana Zakarneh, 16, killed by Israeli forces in Jenin.



12 Dec.22 - Jana, was on the roof in her pyjamas, playing with her cat on Sunday evening, when Israeli forces

shot her multiple times, twice in the face. The raid on Jenin had started at around 9.30pm, and about 20 minutes after the soldiers withdrew,

Jana's body was found. Let your MP know how unhappy you are about the situation for Palestinians!

SOME OF 2022 GOOD NEWS STORIES



detention.

Belarusian human rights defender Nasta Loika was released on 6 October after spending 30 days in arbitrary



of blasphemy.

Activist Mohamed Rusthum Mujuthaba has been relieved from further imprisonment on charges



conscience Ibrahim Ezz el-Din was released on 26 April 2022.

Human Rights Defender Released – Egyptian human rights defender and prisoner of



CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE

This January, **CAAT will again take the UK government to court** to demand an end to the UK complicity in the war in Yemen. The war in Yemen has been raging for almost eight years. It has led to the deaths of over 370,000 people through direct and indirect causes, according to the UN, with the UK supplying over £23 billion worth of arms.

The fighter jets, bombs, missiles and other equipment used in this conflict could be manufactured in a town or city near you - check out our interactive map that displays manufacturing sites across the UK.

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