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👁 Cover: A vigil for British-Egyptian human rights activist Alaa Abd el-Fattah, who went on a long-running hunger strike in 2022 in protest against his unfair conviction and incarceration in Wadi al-Natrun prison north of Cairo © AI/Marie-Anne Ventura

# Rising to the challenge

**In 2022 Amnesty International responded to an array of conflicts and crises around the world, documenting abuses, challenging their causes and supporting the most vulnerable.**

Last year saw Russia begin its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, demonstrations for women's rights face violent suppression in Iran, and the right to protest come under threat across the globe.

Thanks to your support, Amnesty International was there to expose and combat these and many other human rights violations. Our aim is not only to respond to events, but also address the root causes of the violations. We need more people to understand and value human rights. We need to build a powerful movement to defend these rights. And we need to show that human rights victories can be won. This review highlights our progress towards this in 2022.

Amnesty International condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine as an act of aggression and a human rights catastrophe. We went on to investigate war crimes, including indiscriminate attacks on civilians and the forcible transfer of Ukrainian civilians to Russia. This work provides crucial evidence to counter disinformation now – and deliver justice for survivors in the future.

In 2022 Amnesty International documented the growing restrictions on women and girls in Afghanistan. As a result, the UN ordered its own investigation into the matter. Closer to home, Amnesty International UK challenged the government's attempt to strengthen police powers to suppress protest with its draconian Public Order Bill. We will continue to address these issues in 2023 and beyond.

But 2022 also saw some notable successes. In March, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori returned to the UK after years of imprisonment in Iran. We had supported their families' persistent efforts for their release.



Later in the year, in response to an Amnesty International investigation, three companies said they would stop shipping aviation fuel to Myanmar. The fuel was used by the military to carry out hundreds of airstrikes, killing numerous civilians.

By the end of 2022, the UK still had a Human Rights Act to protect everyone in the country from abuse of state power. Efforts to erode rights and the UK's commitment to global human rights standards were temporarily abandoned; although this is a battle that very much continues in 2023.

These successes would have been impossible without the collective action and commitment of our supporters. Thank you for supporting Amnesty International UK and for helping us to achieve change.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Sacha Deshmukh'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Sacha Deshmukh**  
Chief executive, Amnesty International UK



# Amnesty International UK

## Part of a global movement

Since 1961, Amnesty International has grown from our founder's call to action into a global movement of more than 10 million people. We work to defend and promote all the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

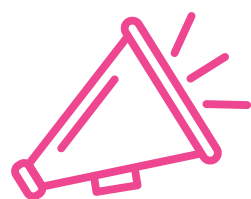
Amnesty International UK is one of the largest international sections in our global movement, with close to 429,000 supporters, members and activists. We provide funding for Amnesty International's work around the world and campaign for positive human rights change globally and in the UK.

### HOW AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVES CHANGE



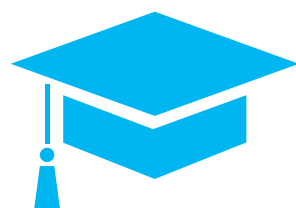
#### INVESTIGATIONS

Our experts on the ground investigate human rights violations by governments and others around the world.



#### CAMPAIGNS AND ADVOCACY

We encourage and influence governments, political organisations, businesses and individuals to support and respect human rights.



#### HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

We support people to know and claim their rights through education and training.



#### A POWERFUL MOVEMENT

The power of our global movement of 10 million people is crucial to achieving positive change for human rights.

# Amnesty International

## STATISTICS

### OUR GLOBAL MOVEMENT

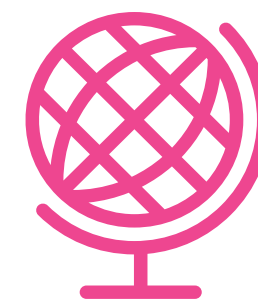
**60 YEARS**

of fighting for human rights



**10+ MILLION**

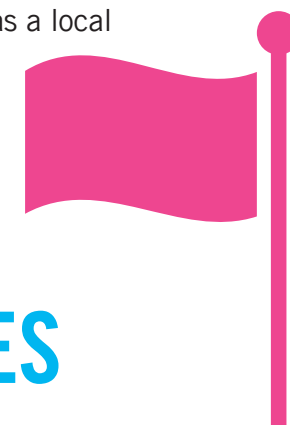
supporters, members and activists worldwide in more than 150 countries and territories, including almost 480,000 in the UK



Amnesty International has a local presence in more than

**70 COUNTRIES**

including the UK



Amnesty International's 2022 report on the state of the world's human rights covered

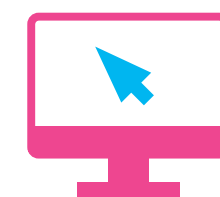
**156 COUNTRIES**



### ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

**NEARLY 200,000**

people took action for human rights via the Amnesty International UK website in 2022



Amnesty International UK staff had

**100+**

meetings with parliamentarians and government officials in 2022





# CRISIS INVESTIGATION

# UKRAINE

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine resulted in countless human rights violations and created the biggest refugee crisis in Europe since the Second World War. In 2022 Amnesty International gathered vital evidence of war crimes that could help bring perpetrators to justice.



👁 Fleeing the Russian assault, Irpin, Ukraine, March 2022 © Aris Messinis/AFP/Getty Images



👁 Amnesty International delegation to Ukraine: Secretary General Agnès Callamard visits residential buildings destroyed by Russia's bombardment, Borodyanka, Ukraine, 2 May 2022 © AI/Eduardo Quiros Riesgo

Within hours of the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, Amnesty International was at work verifying reports and video footage of indiscriminate attacks on civilians. Our teams subsequently amassed evidence of human rights abuses, war crimes and other violations of international law in real time, speaking to hundreds of victims and survivors. Their stories illuminate the brutal reality of Russia's war of aggression.

## EVIDENCE, ACTION, JUSTICE

Our reports, briefings and investigations have been critical in countering disinformation, pressuring international decision-makers to take action, and paving the way for perpetrators to be brought to justice.

We highlighted issues that are often overlooked. In November we published 'Like a prison convoy' – a report showing how Russian authorities forcibly transferred civilians from occupied areas of Ukraine to Russia. These actions amount to war crimes and likely crimes against humanity. Civilians were forced through abusive screening processes – known as 'filtration' – which sometimes led to arbitrary detention, torture and other ill-treatment.

We also investigated the plight of older people, who have been disproportionately killed and injured in the invasion. Our report, 'I used to have a home', also showed that older people often remain in conflict-affected areas – sometimes because they cannot flee. This exposes them to harm and dangerous living conditions in severely damaged housing. Those who do flee often cannot afford to pay rent, while thousands have had to

stay in overstretched state institutions that cannot provide the care they need.

Amnesty International is impartial and independent, which means investigating all sides to a conflict. In August we published evidence reporting that Ukrainian military fighting tactics had on occasion put civilians at risk. We understand that was difficult for some to hear and that we have a duty to publish such evidence as sensitively and responsibly as possible. Nothing we documented about the conduct of Ukrainian forces in any way justifies Russia's human rights violations.

Amnesty International's Global Relief Programme supports people who defend human rights, and victims and survivors of human rights violations. Since the start of the invasion the Global Relief Programme has provided support to 11 civil society organisations in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus and surrounding areas, who are supporting more than 3,000 displaced, vulnerable or at risk people.

🗨 **These are the same stories I heard [in Syria]... Each time we allow these crimes to happen in any place we give the green light for other war crimes. There's still a chance today to save lives in Ukraine by making justice and the fight against impunity a global reality** 🗨

**Syrian human rights activist Mazen Darwish**, who joined Amnesty International's delegation to Ukraine in May 2022

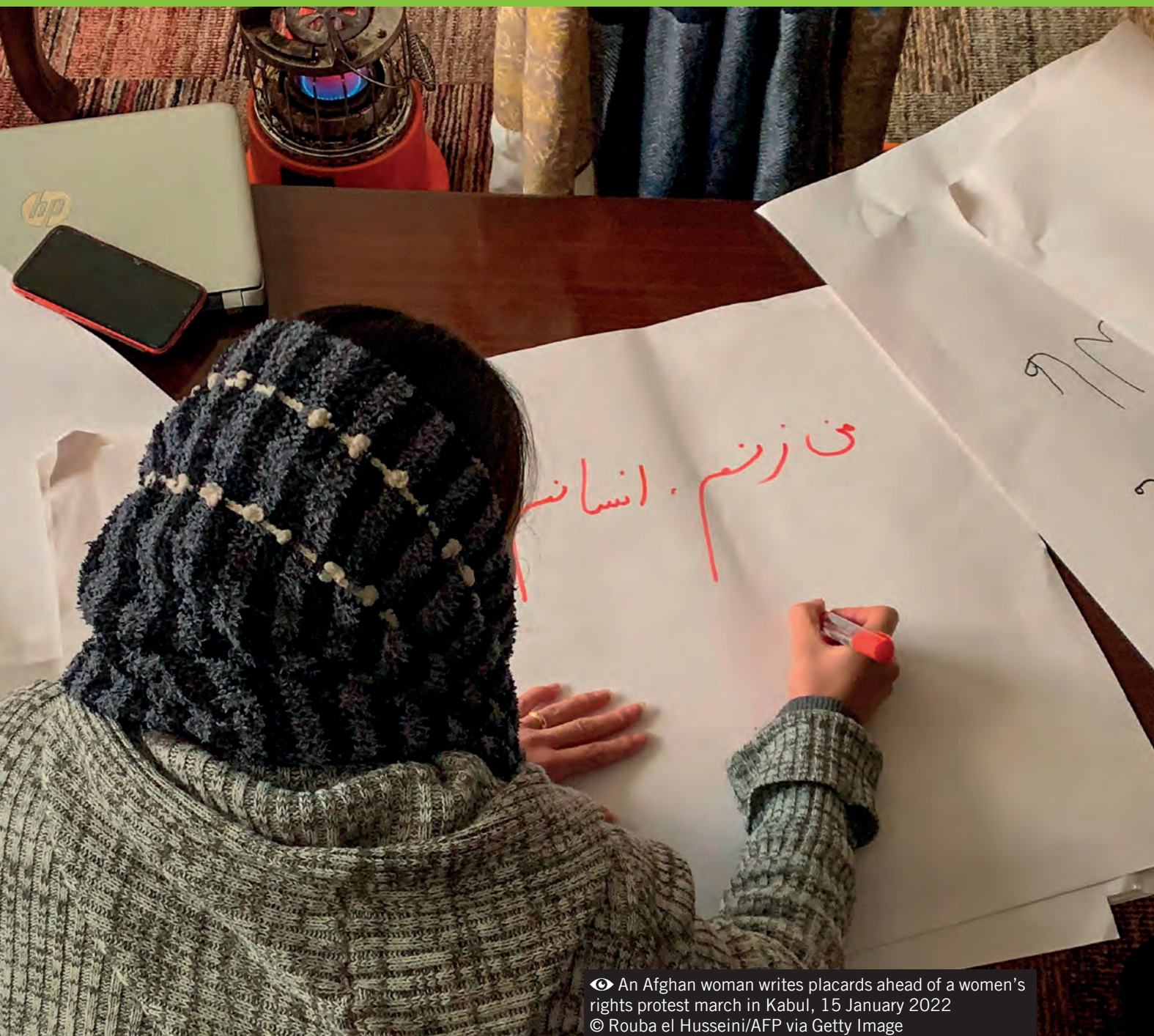


# Investigating crises around the world

Amnesty International's Be There programme responds to human rights crises across the globe. It conducts field research on the ground and verifies digitally recorded evidence. In 2022 we produced incisive reports, briefings and films that helped persuade international decision-makers to take action.

**“I am so grateful for the chance to raise my voice, and to share this information with you. We don't have another way... This kind of interview helps us to inform the world of what is happening to us. It gives me hope”**

A 22-year-old university student in Nangarhar, Afghanistan



👁️ An Afghan woman writes placards ahead of a women's rights protest march in Kabul, 15 January 2022  
© Rouba el Hussein/AFP via Getty Image

In addition to our work in Ukraine (see pages 4-5) and Iran (pages 8-9), we investigated human rights violations in Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ethiopia, northeast Syria, northern Iraq, Kenya, Indonesia, Cambodia, Peru, the Spanish/Moroccan border and many other places.

We carried out the first on-the-ground human rights investigation in Afghanistan by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) since the Taliban took control in 2021. We focused on the plight of women and girls. We also carried out extensive investigations in Myanmar, identifying war crimes and likely crimes against humanity by the military in Kayin and Kayah states and widespread use of landmines in civilian areas in Kayah. Later in the year, in response to an investigation by Amnesty International and partner organisations, three companies said they would stop shipping aviation fuel to Myanmar.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch worked together to expose the Ethiopian authorities' responsibility for ethnic cleansing in the Western Tigray region. Our landmark 240-page report took a year to produce – involving five investigation trips and more than 400 interviews – and received global media coverage.

## IMPACT

As a result of the Be There programme:

- The UN Human Rights Council ordered its own report into the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan.
- A partner organisation credits our recommendation to the UN Security Council – that travel bans be applied to Taliban members – as prompting action from four member states.
- Three companies announced they would leave Myanmar or suspend aviation fuel shipments after being presented with Amnesty's findings on Myanmar military airstrikes.
- The authorities of both Armenia and Azerbaijan wrote to us about our report on the plight of older people in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone, indicating that they took our findings and recommendations seriously.
- Our documentary film about two former Yazidi child soldiers who escaped from the Islamic State armed group was shown at international film festivals. We arranged a screening for US government officials, who committed to finding ways to improve US support for the Yazidi community, particularly former child soldiers.

## In 2022, the Be There programme

Worked on human rights issues in

**51**  
COUNTRIES



Carried out

**18** FIELD  
INVESTIGATIONS



Published

**18**  
REPORTS  
AND MAJOR  
BRIEFINGS



Made a video on cluster munitions in Ukraine that had

**1.3 MILLION**  
VIEWS





# IRAN International investigation secured

In November the UN Human Rights Council passed a landmark resolution establishing a fact-finding mission to look into human rights violations in the ongoing protests in Iran. It will focus especially on violations against women and children.

Amnesty International had been campaigning for a fact-finding mission – a vital step towards pursuing accountability for serious crimes – for a long time, so this was a major victory. The Iranian authorities used lethal force, executions and mass arrests to silence the outcry for human rights. Action by the international community is the only hope for justice. More than 760,000 people across 218 countries and territories signed our petitions calling for the UN to investigate.

Amnesty International's own investigations boosted the pressure on the international community. Iranians had taken to the streets in September, following the death in custody of a young woman, Mahsa (Zhin) Amini. We revealed how Iran's highest military body instructed the armed forces to 'severely confront' protesters. And we documented the unwarranted use of lethal force and firearms by security forces, as well as death sentences and executions.

We will continue to investigate and expose human rights violations in Iran to show the world what is happening and gather evidence for future prosecutions.

Photo: Protest in Tehran, Iran, September 2022  
© AP/Alamy



# Tackling racism

In 2022 Amnesty International UK developed a more coherent approach towards confronting racial injustice in the UK and around the world. Internationally, our campaigning focused on Israel's apartheid against Palestinians. In the UK, we began to forge partnerships with Black and minoritised communities.



👁️ Fawzia stands on the ruins of her house, demolished by her ex-husband to prevent it falling into the hands of Israel settlers after he lost a case in an Israeli court, East Jerusalem, July 2018  
© Reuters/Ammar Awad/Alamy

“Recognition of Israel’s apartheid system is crucial... The international community has a responsibility over what is happening in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. It’s not an internal matter, it’s an international issue”

Sarit Michaeli, International Advocacy Officer of Israeli human rights organisation B’Tselem

## ENDING ISRAEL’S APARTHEID

In February Amnesty International published a major report exposing how Israel enforces a system of oppression and domination against Palestinians wherever it has control over their rights. This system amounts to apartheid: the organised, prolonged and cruel discriminatory treatment of a racial group with the intention to control it. Apartheid is prohibited by international human rights treaties. International law defines any serious human rights violation perpetrated to maintain apartheid as a crime against humanity.

The result of rigorous research and expert legal analysis, our report detailed massive seizures of Palestinian land and property, unlawful killings, the forcible transfer of Palestinians from their land, drastic restrictions on movement, and the denial of nationality and citizenship to Palestinians. We launched a global campaign aiming to dismantle Israel’s apartheid system. This will take time to achieve. The first step is to build consensus internationally that the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories is indeed apartheid.

## IMPACT

The apartheid report and campaign generated extensive international media coverage. Over the year, a consensus emerged across the human rights community: civil society and UN experts recognise the reality of Israel’s apartheid. The number of states recognising this doubled over the year, to 18.

## ANTI-RACISM IN THE UK

In 2022 Amnesty International UK deepened and expanded its work on racial justice, laying the foundations needed to become a truly anti-racist organisation. Our previous work in this area had been sporadic, thanks in part to internal shortcomings (see pp24-25) that we have begun to address. In the coming years, we aim to strengthen our campaigns to dismantle racist systems in the UK through vigorous human-rights-based research, working in partnership with Black and minoritised communities and social movements.

As part of this work, we started a research project on Prevent, the government’s controversial anti-radicalisation programme. Our researchers gathered more than 4,500 survey responses from people affected by Prevent, which mounting evidence shows to be discriminatory. It disproportionately targets Muslims, especially children and young people. In 2023 we will publish a report examining Prevent from a human rights perspective and launch a free online course to educate people about the issue.

“The best thing that’s been done for Palestinians for years. We’ve said it for a very long time, but we’re invisible to the international community”

Palestinian Bedouin activist Rafat Abu Aish on Amnesty International’s 2022 apartheid report



# Defending the rights of people under threat

Working with people whose rights are being abused is how Amnesty International started, and it remains a priority. Through urgent appeals, long-term pressure and our annual Write for Rights campaign, we help individuals and communities to challenge the forces that repress them. It may take time, but pressure can make an impact.



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## FAMILIES REUNITED

In March 2022, **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe** and **Anooosheh Ashoori** (right) returned to the UK after years of imprisonment in Iran. For their families and Amnesty International supporters, these were years of campaigning, protest, writing to MPs, raising awareness in the media, and persistent appeals to the Iranian and UK governments.

We continue to work for the freedom of other nationals unjustly detained in Iran, such as **Morad Tahbaz** (below). In October 2022 Anooosheh Ashoori ran the London Marathon to raise funds for Amnesty International UK and Hostage International. He said: 'For the UK government, my message is there are more left behind – the job is not accomplished.'



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📣 **Your messages of hope, strength and love helped me through my ordeal... As I sit in the comfort of my home... my only wish is for you to continue your campaign to bring other hostages, including Morad Tahbaz, back home. Because nobody deserves that hell**

Anooosheh Ashoori



© Anny Matzir

📣 **Four years and two months of pain, anxiety and uncertainty. But you, Amnesty International, gave me hope of freedom and now I am free... Thanks to each one of you**

Bernardo Caal Xol

## ENVIRONMENT DEFENDER RELEASED

Guatemalan teacher and Indigenous rights activist **Bernardo Caal Xol** (above, with family) was released early from prison in March 2022. He had been sentenced to seven years and four months in 2018 because he defended communities threatened by hydro-electric projects. He featured in Write for Rights 2021: half a million appeals and solidarity messages were sent on his behalf.

## FREE ALAA

We are supporting Sanaa Seif, the sister of human rights activist **Alaa Abd el-Fattah**, a British national jailed in Egypt, and her campaign for his freedom. Alaa has spent most of the past decade arbitrarily detained. In October 2022 Amnesty activists visited Sanaa's sit-in outside the Foreign Office (right) urging the UK government to act.



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## WRITE FOR RIGHTS

Write for Rights 2022 shone a spotlight on people punished for peaceful protest. Amnesty supporters worldwide sent millions of messages of support and appeals to the responsible authorities.

**Chow Hang-tung** (top) was imprisoned in Hong Kong for peacefully commemorating the Tiananmen Square massacre victims. In December, she won an appeal against her conviction for 'inciting others to take part in an unauthorised assembly'. But she remains in prison on other charges and could face up to 10 years if convicted. We continue to campaign for her release.

Activists **Yren Rotela** and **Mariana Sepúlveda** (above) are two trans women from Paraguay barred from legally changing their names. In January 2023, after Write for Rights, the Supreme Court finally sent Mariana's case, stuck under constitutional consultation for four years, to the Court of Appeals, bringing a resolution closer. Yren's case remains before the Supreme Court – we will keep up the pressure.



# Defending freedom of expression

In 2022 Amnesty International scaled up its campaign to protect freedom of expression, which is under increasing attack globally. We exposed the use of malicious spyware against human rights defenders and laid the basis for a global campaign to protect the right to protest.



👁 International Women's Day demonstration in Guadalajara, Mexico, March 2022 © Ulises Ruiz/AFP/Getty Images.



👁 Riot police break up a demonstration, Colombo, Sri Lanka, August 2022 © Ishara S Kodikara/AFP/Getty Images

## THE PEGASUS PROJECT

Launched in 2021, the groundbreaking Pegasus Project uncovered how governments worldwide were using NSO Group's invasive Pegasus spyware to put human rights activists, political leaders, journalists and lawyers under unlawful surveillance. Based on a leak of 50,000 phone numbers of suspected targets, it involved a collaboration by more than 80 journalists from 17 media organisations coordinated by Forbidden Stories, a Paris-based media organisation. Amnesty International provided technical support.

In 2022 the project produced more revelations about use of spyware. Amnesty International confirmed new Pegasus attacks against prominent Catalans in Spain. We helped reveal that Pegasus had been installed on the phones of dozens of pro-democracy activists in Thailand. Meanwhile, in January 2023 the leader of Greece's main opposition party filed a no-confidence motion against the government after a string of exposés revealed cases of journalists and politicians targeted with spyware or state surveillance.

## IMPACT

Thanks to the Pegasus Project, investigations and cases are pending against NSO Group in France, India, Mexico, Poland and Spain. In 2022 the European Parliament established the PEGA Committee to investigate the use of Pegasus and other spyware in Europe.

👁 Indigenous-led protests against the government in Quito, Ecuador, June 2022 © Martin Bernetti/AFP/Getty Images

## PROTECTING PROTEST

From the UK to Russia, France to Senegal, Iran to Sri Lanka, state authorities are implementing an expanding array of measures to suppress organised dissent.

With the right to protest under unprecedented and growing threat across the world, Amnesty International launched a flagship global campaign in 2022 to confront intensifying government efforts to erode this fundamental human right. Protect the Protest will challenge attacks on peaceful protest, defend those targeted and support the causes of social movements pushing for positive human rights change.

In the UK this includes opposing the draconian Public Order Bill, which poses a serious threat to the right to protest in England and Wales. Amnesty International UK has joined a coalition of more than 70 organisations that was set up to challenge the bill.





# Opposing the raid on rights

Amnesty International UK continued to challenge the Westminster government's series of attacks on human rights. We defended the Human Rights Act and galvanised opposition to a bill that would deny justice to Troubles victims in Northern Ireland.

“Finally, we have justice for Aidan and our family after a long 34 years. Other victims must also have the same chance for closure. This case has shown justice is possible after all these years and every victim must have truth and justice.”

**Sean McAnespie** after a former British soldier was finally convicted of the manslaughter of his brother, Aidan McAnespie in 1988 during the Troubles in Northern Ireland



Over the year, the UK government continued to push through legislation stripping people of their fundamental rights. We worked with other organisations to galvanise public opposition to the attacks, and ensure proper parliamentary scrutiny and debate.

A key aim was to safeguard the Human Rights Act, which enables people to defend their rights in UK courts. We co-chaired (with Liberty) the coalition of 50+ organisations working to save the Act.

At the very end of 2021, UK Justice Secretary Dominic Raab launched a public consultation on his proposed Bill of Rights that would replace the Human Rights Act. We responded to the consultation, and also produced a guide to help members of the public to take part. The vast majority of more than 12,000 respondents – a high figure for this type of consultation – rejected the proposals. The Bill of Rights was abandoned with the change of Prime Minister, but by the end of the year, 160,000 people had signed our petition to save the Human Rights Act.

Nearly 28,000 people emailed the government via our website raising concerns about the **Nationality and Borders Bill**, which made it harder for people to seek asylum in the UK. Although the bill was passed, we achieved one positive change: the government conceded nationality rights for Chagossians.

👁 Family and friends of Aidan McAnespie outside Laganside courthouse after former soldier David Holden was found guilty of Aidan's manslaughter, Belfast, November 2022. © Charles McQuillan/Getty Images

Our campaigning also helped mitigate the worst aspects of the **Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill**. This was passed in April, but provisions for protest-specific stop-and-search powers and protest banning orders were removed. This work continues into 2023 because the government brought back these anti-protest measures through the **Public Order Bill**.

We also mobilised domestic and international opposition to the government's **Northern Ireland Legacy Bill** which removes access to justice for victims of human rights violations committed during the Troubles. UN experts and the Council of Europe Commissioner on Human Rights called for the bill to be withdrawn, arguing it was not compatible with the UK's human rights obligations. By the end of 2022 widespread opposition, including from victims' groups, Northern Ireland political parties and Amnesty has slowed the bill's passage through parliament.

Meanwhile, a former British soldier was found guilty in November of the manslaughter of Aidan McAnespie, shot in the back in 1988. Amnesty International UK had supported the victim's family. This verdict received prominent news coverage, and served to undermine the proposition that justice is no longer viable in Troubles cases.

In Scotland, we worked with other organisations to encourage government plans to incorporate international human rights treaties into Scots law. We worked closely with partners such as JustRight Scotland to support the passage of the **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill** in Scottish parliament.



# Economic, social and cultural rights

In 2022 the men's football World Cup gave us the opportunity to expose the abuse of migrant workers in the host country, Qatar. In the UK, we began to address the human rights of people experiencing homelessness.

“We know the real human costs of the abuses faced by so many workers in Qatar. Families have spiralled into poverty, children have been taken out of school, and workers forced to migrate again to pay off debts. FIFA cannot be blind to this reality and must act to make things right.”

Som Prasad Lamichhane, Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee of Nepalese civil society organisations



## PAY UP FIFA

In the run-up to the 2022 World Cup in November, Amnesty International worked to build pressure on Qatar and on world football's governing body, FIFA to act for migrant workers. It was these workers who built the stadiums and provided the services that made the tournament possible. Yet many had suffered wage theft, restricted rights, and dangerous working conditions that led to injuries and even deaths.

In partnership with other organisations, we launched the global #PayUpFIFA campaign. Our calls for a compensation fund for migrant workers, and steps to prevent future abuses ensured high-profile media coverage of the human rights issues associated with the tournament.

We reached out to 32 Football Associations, and FIFA's corporate partners and World Cup sponsors. Twelve national FAs and four FIFA sponsors supported our call, including the Football Association of Wales. The campaign captured the attention of prominent footballers, coaches and commentators.

In response, FIFA announced plans to compensate workers and support an independent migrant workers' centre. But on the eve of the tournament, it backtracked. It announced a Legacy Fund with no provision for worker compensation. We continue to press FIFA to pay up.

👁️ Our petition calling on the government to recognise housing as a human right was delivered to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in November 2022. © AIUK/Graeme Weston

## HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE

A decent standard of living – including food, clothing, housing and medical care – is an internationally recognised human right. According to UK government statistics, more than 270,000 people face homelessness in England. We decided to investigate.

The result was a 92-page report *An Obstacle Course: homelessness assistance and the right to housing in England*. It revealed how key government policies are denying housing to thousands and provided first-hand testimonies from people experiencing homelessness. Local authorities' attempts to ration the shortage of decent, affordable housing were leaving people destitute and endangering their mental and physical health and personal safety. Moreover, without housing, it is nearly impossible for people to claim other rights.

Housing and homelessness organisations welcomed our human rights-based approach. We are using our findings to build support among politicians for our campaign to make access to safe and affordable housing a human right protected in law.

“Amnesty's research can remind people that human rights include housing and health. I was shocked to see so many people denied any kind of homelessness assistance.”

Malavika Vartak, author of Amnesty's homelessness report



# Human rights education

Education underpins many aspects of our work. It is key for building a better public understanding of rights, and it strengthens the human rights movement by giving activists the skills and knowledge they need to work for change.

Short free courses like this one are an eye opener... a great tool for introducing people to burning issues that they otherwise knew nothing about and triggering interest and action

Learner's feedback to Human Rights Academy



Amnesty teacher training session in Kyrgyzstan, November 2022 © AI

Amnesty International UK's expanding range of online courses is making human rights education accessible to more people. New courses produced for 2022 included one on the right to protest and one on political advocacy for human rights. These courses are free and accessible on FutureLearn, a platform set up by the Open University. We also developed a course on the right to protest in Scots law, created in collaboration with social enterprise JRS Knowhow.

We continued our long-standing work with schools to bring human rights into the classroom. We have a training programme for teachers. We added to our range of resources for schools with a set of lesson plans and activities on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. Topics covered included gender stereotyping, online gender-based violence, and women and unpaid work.

Working with the School Libraries Association and the Lightbulb Trust, we produced educational resources to accompany the book *Know Your Rights and Claim Them*. The book, written by Amnesty International UK with UN Special Envoy Angelina Jolie and Professor Geraldine Van Buren QC, is a comprehensive guide for young people. It provides them with tools to claim rights while protecting their safety, digital security and mental health. Copies have been distributed to school libraries in London and National Literacy Hubs around the country, dramatically increasing its accessibility to children in marginalised communities. The accompanying resource materials will support librarians and teachers to educate students on child rights.

Human rights education is a priority for Amnesty International globally. The organisation runs education projects around the world, and offers a wide range of online courses in 30 languages through the Human Rights Academy.

4,500+ TEACHERS



subscribe to our TeachRights mailing

Teachers on the Amnesty Teacher Programme 2022 taught human rights to

8,382 STUDENTS



and trained

367 COLLEAGUES

The Human Rights Academy in 2022  
[academy.amnesty.org/learn](https://academy.amnesty.org/learn)



8 NEW COURSES

added



49,129 LEARNERS

in

198 COUNTRIES





# A human rights movement

Amnesty International UK is helping to build a human rights movement across the country. We support activists to work on the human rights issues they care about. A powerful movement can change attitudes and boost pressure for change. And it can demonstrate to politicians and opinion-makers that people in the UK care about human rights.



👁 The Afghanistan National Team Development Squad launch Football Welcomes month in London, 29 March 2022. The team of Afghan girls and women fled the Taliban in 2021 and are now based in the UK © AI

“The team is a long way from home, but the cheering atmosphere today was what they needed... Football has a powerful way of bringing people together and is a crucial part of the team rebuilding their lives in the UK”

Khalida Popal, Afghanistan Football Development Squad's Team Director at the launch of Football Welcomes month

## TRAINING YOUNG ACTIVISTS

Our Rise Up programme trains young activists to set up and run their own campaigns, on the issues that matter most to them. The final training weekend for the latest group of 20 participants was in April 2022. Given the overwhelmingly positive feedback from young people taking part, we aim to launch a new, improved version of the programme.

## FOOTBALL WELCOMES REFUGEES

Our Football Welcomes programme aims to create a more welcoming environment for refugees in the UK, by encouraging clubs of all sorts and sizes to include refugees in their community activities. We have been working particularly hard to encourage women's participation in the programme. In 2022 the number of women's clubs taking part leapt to 43 – from an average of seven in previous years.

## ANTI-RACISM NETWORK

In September 2022, Amnesty International UK launched a network of activists to campaign against all forms of racism in the UK, working in partnership with other anti-racist organisations and grassroots groups. The initial focus of campaigning will be the government's Prevent counter-radicalisation programme, which has undermined human rights for members of racialised communities.

## CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS

Our Children's Human Rights Network celebrated a victory in May 2022, when the Home Office announced it would waive citizenship fees for children who cannot afford to pay. In partnership with the Project for Registration of Children as British Citizens, the network had campaigned against the exorbitant £1,012 fee that prevented many children from claiming their right to citizenship.

## Strength in numbers

**8,936 PEOPLE**

defend the human rights of women and girls through the Amnesty Feminists network



**6,209 PEOPLE**

campaign for LGBTI+ rights through our Rainbow network



**6,316 PEOPLE**

campaign to abolish the death penalty worldwide through our Anti-Death Penalty project



**6,042 PEOPLE**

take action to defend workers' rights around the world through our trade union network



**273 PEOPLE**

have joined our newly-formed anti-racism network



**7,074 PEOPLE**

campaign for children's rights through our Children's Human Rights network





# Improving our organisation

We took steps to make our movement more inclusive, equitable and representative of the different communities we work with. This is continuing work: it needs to encompass all parts of our organisation and all our activities.

“If Amnesty International UK is to thrive in the years ahead, we must become a truly anti-racist and equitable organisation in our own community and in our campaigning... We have already started on this journey but more work is required”

Sacha Deshmukh, chief executive of Amnesty International UK at the start of 2022



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## THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY

An independent inquiry into allegations of racism at Amnesty International UK reported its findings in June 2022. The inquiry was commissioned in October 2021 by a joint group drawn from different parts of Amnesty International UK including directors of the UK Section Board, activists, the staff trade union, management, and former staff members.

It concluded that our organisation exhibited institutional or systemic racism; that equality, inclusion and anti-racism were not embedded in our DNA; and that the organisational culture was not inclusive. This, it said, is not acceptable for a key arm of an international human rights organisation. New leadership in both Board and management recognised and accepted the inquiry findings in full, and committed the organisation to the deep-seated transformation necessary in culture and working practices within our organisation and across our wider movement.

## Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-racism

We integrated the inquiry's recommendations in full into our business plans and priorities. Key to further progress will be our Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-racism (IDEA) Plan, which aims to make Amnesty International UK a more inclusive and anti-racist movement and place to work and volunteer. It is designed to deliver both internal change and embed the IDEA values at the heart of our external campaigning.

The plan affects all areas of the organisation – from investigating how best to structure our

governance to lead this work, to re-thinking how we communicate with our members and supporters. We have also developed an impact assessment approach to consider inclusion, diversity, equity and anti-racism. This is now being applied to internal decision making, campaigning, communications and other core functions of the organisation.

The IDEA plan will move us further along our journey to become an actively anti-racist and equitable movement. But ultimately success will depend on anti-racism becoming a continuous practice.

## Our IDEA vision

**Amnesty International UK will be a more inclusive movement, representing the diversity of people and communities we work for, and with, while winning human rights changes that dismantle inequality and discrimination.**

To achieve this important impact, we have designed this plan to support us in delivering the following strategic vision – **an actively anti-racist and equitable movement:**

- that has an inclusive and diverse leadership, staff team and **activist base**
- which publishes, and is informed by, meaningful **evidence and data**
- where all our people feel safe, supported, and **empowered to work with each other**
- that campaigns, advocates and mobilises with **IDEA values at the heart of our human rights work**



# GOVERNANCE

## Amnesty International UK Funding our human rights work

Amnesty International UK operates in the UK as two distinct, but related, legal entities: Amnesty International UK Section Charitable Trust ('the Charitable Trust'), a charity registered in England and Wales (no. 1051681) and Scotland (no. 03139939), and Amnesty International United Kingdom Section ('the UK Section') a limited company (company no. 01735872). Each entity is governed by its own Board.

The Charitable Trust fulfils its objectives by funding a range of charitable activities, in the UK and internationally, to support the rights set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and various international treaties. It does this primarily through grant making to the UK Section, the International Secretariat of Amnesty International and other Amnesty International Sections in countries around the world.

The UK Section delivers the bulk of Amnesty International's human rights activity in the UK. It is primarily funded by grants from the Charitable Trust, with further income from membership subscriptions, and from sources such as our online and high street shops.

The work featured in this review was carried out by the UK Section, or by the International Secretariat supported by grants from the Charitable Trust.

For full audited accounts of both entities for the year ended 31 December 2021, see: [amnesty.org.uk/finances](https://www.amnesty.org.uk/finances)

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Members of both Boards and the senior management team are accurate as at end of March 2023.

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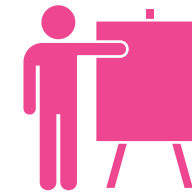
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# We need your help

to protect human rights in 2023 and beyond



**£1,000**

could pay for a professional poet to empower students to explore their human rights and create poetry through our Words That Burn project.



**£3,000**

could cover the cost for 10 Amnesty International investigators to attend online hostile environment awareness training.



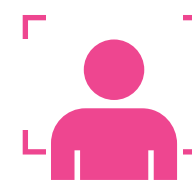
**£15,000**

could fund a one-person investigation for two weeks in a crisis zone.



**£30,000**

could help us obtain crucial data (such as satellite imagery) to gather key evidence for our investigations for 12 months.



**£50,000**

could fund activities of the Digital Verification Corps – which works with six universities globally to train human rights investigators who in turn contribute key input to Amnesty International's open-source investigations.

## THANK YOU

In a time of conflict and crisis, with people's human rights under threat, the generosity of our close community of activists and supporters is vital. Amnesty International will continue to investigate and expose abuses, educate and mobilise the public, and help transform societies to create a safer, more just world. We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. That means our work is only possible thanks to the solidarity and commitment of people like you. Thank you for being part of our movement.



# Where the money went

## Amnesty International UK Section Charitable Trust

Total 2022 expenditure **£22,348,000** (draft unaudited figures)



**£11,329,000**

Grants to the Secretariat of Amnesty International and other Amnesty International sections for human rights work



**£5,035,000**

Raising funds and other trading activities



**£3,621,000**

Grants to the UK Section for human rights work



**£1,544,000**

Investment into activist recruitment



**£819,000**

Production and distribution of human rights publications and campaigning materials

## Amnesty International United Kingdom Section

Total 2022 expenditure **£12,731,000** (draft unaudited figures)

### CAMPAIGNS AND ACTION

**£1,246,000**

Campaigns and activism support

**£867,000**

Advocacy and policy

**£861,000**

Production and distribution of human rights publications and campaigning materials

**£655,000**

Media costs

**£566,000**

Campaigning in Northern Ireland and Scotland

**£386,000**

Individuals at risk: defending the rights of people, their families and their communities. The women, men and children we campaign for have all experienced human rights abuses first hand

**£384,000**

Refugees and asylum: ensuring that the rights of refugees and migrants are protected from the grassroots community level to the national policy level through community and events, policy and awareness raising

**£350,000**

Crisis response campaigning

**£143,000**

Women's human rights

**£117,000**

Business and human rights

**£111,000**

Security and human rights

**£90,000**

Economic, social and cultural rights

**£72,000**

Right to protest

**£54,000**

Human Rights Defenders: the Brave campaign – empowering young human rights defenders with the skills and knowledge to create change and protect human rights in their communities

**£54,000**

Campaigning to save the Human Rights Act

### HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AND TRAINING



**£556,000**

Human rights education: promoting and delivering human rights education in the UK through producing teaching resources, offering professional development to educators, providing speakers for schools and delivering activist skills training to supporters

**£164,000**

Youth Activism and the Rise Up programme

### BUILDING A POWERFUL MOVEMENT



**£4,433,000**

Raising funds and trading activities

**£837,000**

Investment into activist recruitment

**£535,000**

Activism in the community

**£250,000**

Contributions to the global movement



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