

# IN SOLIDARITY IN DEFIANCE



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*: political stance and commitment to change the political position of women and promote gender equality\**

## INTRODUCTION

The Rights of women are under constant attack, and to preserve them, and progress them, we act in solidarity with those who have their rights limited or denied on the basis of their gender identity, gender expression, sex or sexuality; and we act in defiance of any and all who would limit their rights.

This pack brings together information and actions from across the Amnesty International movement and, in doing so, connects the action you take with the hundreds of thousands of others taking action worldwide this International Women's Day.

There is so much to do. Thank you for being with us, and for being us.

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2. Save the Gender Equality Ministry in South Korea
3. Support the BPAS campaign to decriminalise abortion in the UK (Online)
4. Connect with the Amnesty Feminist Network



# JUSTYNA WYDRZYŃSKA

Justyna was convicted for helping a woman in an abusive relationship access a safe abortion. Sign the petition and urge the prosecutor general to ensure that her wrongful conviction is reversed.

## What's the problem?

In February 2020, Justyna was put in contact with Ania, a woman living with an abusive partner. She was pregnant and desperate, insisting she would rather die than continue the pregnancy. Justyna survived an abusive relationship herself, and knew she had to help. She sent Ania her own abortion pills in the mail, but Ania's partner intercepted the package and notified the police, who confiscated the pills.

In November 2021, the prosecutor's office charged Justyna with helping with an abortion. In March 2023, she was found guilty and sentenced to eight months of community service. Justyna has appealed against the conviction.

Justyna's conviction sets a dangerous precedent. Without the support and trustworthy information that she and other activists provide, people like Ania would be alone and without access to safe abortion.

Demonstrating her courage despite the hostility she faces, Justyna says: "I was driven by the will to help when no one else wanted to or could help. For me, helping Ania was an obvious, decent, and honest thing to do."

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**HELP OVERTURN**

**JUSTYNA'S**

**UNFAIR CONVICTION**



**Justyna Wyrzyńska was convicted for helping a woman in an abusive relationship access a safe abortion. We the undersigned call upon the Prosecutor General of Poland to ensure that Justyna's wrongful conviction is overturned**

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# SAVE THE GENDER EQUALITY MINISTRY IN SOUTH KOREA

**Women in South Korea are fighting to end economic, social, and political inequality, but President Yoon Suk-yeol plans to abolish the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family. Help women stop the abolition of the ministry. Sign the petition now.**

## **What's the problem?**

The Ministry of Gender Equality was established in 2001 and acts as a control tower coordinating gender equality policies across all ministries. It supports over two hundred civil society organisations, including many of the oldest and largest women's rights organisations in the country.

If it is abolished, there will be no central mechanism for developing and implementing policies to promote women's rights. This would have a devastating impact on women's rights in South Korea.

By claiming that there is “no structural gender discrimination” in the country and therefore the ministry is no longer needed, President Yoon is attempting to undo decades of hard-won gains for women. Gender-based discrimination and violence remain widespread; women earn on average nearly one-third less than men, make up less than 20% of members of parliament, and face alarmingly high and increasing levels of gender-based violence both on and offline.

Women from across South Korea have joined together to oppose attempts to abolish the Ministry of Gender Equality and demand gender justice – and they need your support.

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# SAVE THE GENDER EQUALITY MINISTRY IN SOUTH KOREA



Women in South Korea are fighting to end economic, social, and political inequality, but President Yoon Suk-yeol plans to abolish the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family. We the undersigned call on the President of South Korea to protect the Ministry, and to promote Gender Equality.

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Amnesty Feminists wish to support the action being run by the British Pregnancy Advice Service, asking people to email their MPs asking them to support a vote that would end jail time for women who have abortions in the UK. The action, expertise and information come from the British Pregnancy Advice Service - but we wanted to share the action, and encourage people to support it.

## TIME TO ACT

Women deserve compassion, not prosecution.

Abortion Is Healthcare.

England & Wales have the most severe punishment for an “illegal” abortion in the world – up to life imprisonment. This is worse than countries and states with severe anti-abortion laws such as Texas, Afghanistan, and South Sudan.

Just last year, a woman in England was sentenced to 28 months in prison after using abortion pills to end her own pregnancy. Five more women have appeared in court over the last year.

In a matter of weeks– MPs will have the opportunity to vote to end prison time once and for all for women who end their pregnancies.

Email your local MP using the link below.

**TAKE ACTION ONLINE:  
[WWW.BPAS.ORG/OUR-CAUSE/CAMPAIGNS/TIME-TO-ACT/](http://WWW.BPAS.ORG/OUR-CAUSE/CAMPAIGNS/TIME-TO-ACT/)**

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