



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MAY 2025

NEWS from WARRINGTON GROUP

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

HOPE FOR HUMANITY

NEXT GROUP MEETING – Thurs 15th MAY
7-9pm at our new venue the Wesley Room,
Stockton Heath Methodist Church.
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PHOTOSHOT – SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

We were pleased to be able to heed AUK's call to stand with the people of Gaza. **Ceasefire now. End Genocide.**



PS - 30th March is Land Day for Palestinians when they remember their stolen lands.

ANGELINA JOLIE GIVES HER SUPPORT AND STANDS WITH THE PEOPLE OF GAZA



Many UK Citizens sent the following questions to Sir Mark Rowley, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service.

- Why are protestors banned from the area around the Israeli embassy and from no other embassy in the capital?
- Why do you refuse to meet with the leaders of the Palestine movement and Jewish organisations critical of Israel when you regularly meet with pro-Israeli Jewish organisations?
- Why have the thirteen leaders and high-profile supporters of the Palestine movement been either arrested, charged or called in to police stations for peacefully entering Trafalgar Square when they were clearly ushered into the Square by police officers?
- Why are bans on Palestine demonstrations being justified by the proximity of synagogues when there is no evidence of any threat to Jewish people from the marches, when thousands of Jewish people attend them and when pro-genocide campaigners are allowed to protest within metres of the marches?
- Why are unprecedented numbers of police still being mobilised at great expense for Palestine demonstrations when there are fewer arrests per person than at the Glastonbury Festival?

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Amnesty Europe

Human Rights, Justice and Equality are under attack across Europe. This month it has been the Polish government suspending the right to asylum, Hungary further cracking down on LGBT communities by banning Pride, and brutal repression against people claiming the right to protest in Türkiye. The Mayor of Istanbul has been imprisoned.

On 8th of April we celebrated International Roma Day, but just shortly after Amnesty and the European Roma Rights Centre released a new report on how discrimination in education persists in Slovakia, despite years of campaigning.

Refugee Rights

Poland Temporarily Suspends the Right to Asylum



Poland has temporarily suspended the right of migrants arriving in Poland via its border with Belarus to apply for asylum.

Prime Minister Donald Tusk announced it would be happening after the controversial bill, which will allow Polish authorities to suspend this right for up to 60 days at a time, was signed into law by President Andrzej Duda.

Tusk had said it would be adopted "without a moment's delay" while Duda said the changes were needed to strengthen security on the country's borders.

But the law has been criticized by rights groups, including Human Rights Watch, which said the EU should take legal action against Poland if it were implemented as it violates international law such as the Refugee Convention and the European Convention of Human Rights.



TURKEY

Since the detention and imprisonment of the Mayor of Istanbul Ekrem Imamoglu last month the focus of Amnesty staff has been dealing with outcome of the mass protests and the wide-ranging abuses by the law enforcement officials policing the protests. Staff have been on the ground interviewing protesters and lawyers regarding allegations of unlawful use of force during the first week of the protests and attending ongoing protests that have largely been free of police intervention. Almost 2,000 people have been taken into police custody and over 300 have been remanded in pre-trial detention, primarily for alleged breaches of the Law on Meetings and Demonstrations (namely failure to disperse, armed participation in a protest/concealing their identity with face coverings etc) and also for 'insulting the President'. Hearings were set to take place on Friday 18 April. An individual remanded in pre-trial detention for sharing an image of ill-treatment of protester has been convicted and sentenced to three years and nine months for 'obtaining and sharing information unlawfully'.

SLOVAKIA: Romani Children Face Entrenched Discrimination as School Segregation Persists



Ten years after the EU launched an infringement procedure against Slovakia for breaching the EU Race Equality Directive, Romani children still face entrenched discrimination in education. Amnesty International and the European Roma Rights Centre call on the Slovak government to take urgent and systemic action to end segregation in its schools.

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