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NEXT GROUP MEETING

We need to change the date and venue for the June meeting. Thanks to Gill the meeting will be held on Thurs. 26th June at 357 London Rd, Appleton WA45HP 7-9pm



Press freedom is under attack. Last year, 124 journalists were killed — the highest number ever recorded.

Many of those deaths occurred during Israel's genocide in Gaza, where journalists have been targeted at an unprecedented scale. Around the world, journalists are being silenced through violence, imprisonment and censorship.

In the UK the press is under increasing attack. The threats may be less visible in the UK, but they are growing. Some journalists face legal intimidation, online abuse, smear campaigns and intense political pressure. This is stifling independent reporting and eroding public trust by disinformation and coordinated campaigns aimed to discredit journalists.

A Threat to the Press is a Threat to Accountability. Across the world, authoritarian regimes are tightening their grip on media, stifling independent reporting & flooding the public with disinformation. When journalism is under attack, it's not just about silencing reporters — it's about controlling the narrative & avoiding scrutiny. Add your voice to stand with those risking everything to uncover the truth.

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/defend-press-freedom>



On National Children's Day, Amnesty's Children's Human Rights Network called for the UK to scrap the controversial Prevent duty. They took their message directly to delegates at the Education World Forum, a prestigious gathering of global education ministers, hosted by the Department of Education.

Members of the network held signs saying "No "Prevent" duty in our Schools", "Students not Suspects", "Teachers not Spies" and more, and gave out information to show how Prevent violates people's rights and negatively impacts children's education. The UN has called for the suspension of Prevent and has recognised its role in human rights violations.

Research shows that 93% of people reported to the "Prevent" duty do not meet the criteria for intervention, meaning they're not at risk of being drawn into terrorism. Nevertheless 40% of people reported to the UK government's "Prevent" duty are between 11-15 years old and 297 children under 10 have been reported to the UK government's "Prevent" duty.

A SNIPPET ABOUT UK/SYRIA

In Dec 24 Israel invaded Syria without provocation. UK government responded with the comment 'Israel is making sure its position in the Golan is secure.' But the Golan is Syrian territory; the UK government is explicitly endorsing an act of aggression to protect illegally occupied land. **Why doesn't international law apply to Israel?**

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PEACEFUL PROTEST & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.



The government continues to attack our rights to protest and freedom of expression. They are trying to **restrict challenges to their actions**, stopping us from holding them to account.

Right now, the UK government is trying to pass ANOTHER anti-protest law: the Crime and Policing Bill.

Since 2022 the UK government has passed two different **anti-protest laws** to clamp down on everyone's ability to peacefully protest in England and Wales. At the same time, they have demonised and scapegoated protesters. The anti-protest restrictions in the Policing, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and the Public Order Act 2023 **must be scrapped**. People across the UK continue to come together in peaceful protest to protect human rights for all.

The UK has a long and important history of street protest. From anti-apartheid protests, marches for climate action, and not-in-my-name anti-war marches.

Many mass protests have demonstrated that the government of the day is on the wrong side of history.



<https://actions.amnesty.org.uk/page/167714/petition/1>



Sudan: Rapid Support Forces' horrific and widespread use of sexual violence leaves lives in tatters

Two years of war and shameful international neglect. On the two-year anniversary of the outbreak of Sudan's civil war, Amnesty International's Senior Director for Research, Advocacy, Policy and Campaigns, Erika Guevara Rosas, said:

"Today is a day of shame. Shame on the perpetrators on both sides of this terrible conflict who have inflicted unimaginable suffering on civilians. Shame on the world for turning away while Sudan burns. Shame on the countries that continue to add fuel to the fire.

Sudan's civil war erupted in April 2023 between the RSF and Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), killing tens of thousands of people and displacing more than 11 million to date. Both sides have committed serious violations of international humanitarian law, some of which amount to war crimes, including sexual violence against women and girls.

"The RSF's assaults on Sudanese women and girls are sickening, depraved and aimed at inflicting maximum humiliation. The RSF has targeted civilians, particularly women and girls, with unimaginable cruelty during this war," said Deprose Muchena, Amnesty International Senior Director for Regional Human Rights Impact. "The world must act to stop the RSF's atrocities by stemming the flow of weapons into Sudan, pressuring the leadership to end sexual violence, and holding perpetrators including top commanders to account." **If you are able donate to help the thousands of refugees fleeing over the border into Chad.**

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