

# WRITE FOR RIGHTS

## ETHIOPIA

### Eskinder Nega



#### COMMUNITY LEADER IN DANGER

In June 2012 Eskinder Nega, a journalist, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for terrorism offences, after he criticised the Ethiopian government and called for freedom of expression in speeches and articles.

The Ethiopian authorities routinely use criminal charges and accusations of terrorism to silence dissenters.

Eskinder has long been a thorn in the side of the Ethiopian authorities. This is the eighth time he has been arrested and prosecuted for his journalism. His journalist wife, Serkalem Fasil, was also jailed on treason and other charges. Their son Nafkot was born in prison. Amnesty International considers Eskinder to be a prisoner of conscience.

■ [www.amnesty.org.uk/eskinder](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/eskinder)

'Maybe this could be the year, when Ethiopians will no more be imprisoned for their political convictions.' **Eskinder Nega**



#### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Eskinder Nega  
Kaliti Prison  
Addis Ababa Prison Administration  
PO Box 2436  
Addis Ababa  
Ethiopia

- **Preferred language** English, Amharic or your own language
- **Salutation** Dear Eskinder
- **Suggested message** You are not forgotten.
- **Additional information** Eskinder's birthday is on 6 November. The Ethiopian (Orthodox) Christmas is celebrated on 6 January.

#### CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?**
- Include my name and address?**
- Download the message in another language?**

#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn to immediately and unconditionally release Eskinder Nega.

**Write to:** Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn  
PO Box 1031  
Addis Ababa  
Ethiopia

**Fax:** + 251 11 551 1244

**Email:** (via Ministry of Justice) [mojmo@ethionet.et](mailto:mojmo@ethionet.et)

**Salutation:** Dear Prime Minister

#### In your letter:

- Urge him to immediately and unconditionally release Eskinder Nega.
- Call on the authorities to stop using criminal proceedings to silence their critics, and end harassment of journalists and members of civil society, including human rights activists.