

Deep Sea  
Community  
Kenya



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**Thousands at risk of forced eviction**

Some 3,000 residents of Nairobi's Deep Sea settlement face forced eviction because of the planned construction of a road by the Kenyan Urban Roads Authority (KURA). Funded by the European Union and the Kenyan government, the 'Missing Link' road project will undermine the livelihoods of many residents and disrupt the education of 300 children.

The residents want KURA to consult with them properly about adequate alternative housing. Instead KURA has offered a 'disturbance allowance' which is insufficient to compensate for lost income and pay for secure alternative housing with access to essential services like water and sanitation. Negotiations between KURA and the residents continue.

As a government agency, KURA must follow a proper process under Kenya's international human rights obligations. Otherwise, the eviction will constitute a forced eviction violating the rights to housing, water, sanitation, education and health.

**APPEAL** Call on KURA to halt construction of the 'Missing Link' road project until international human rights safeguards against forced evictions have been adhered to. These include genuine consultation with the people affected, adequate and reasonable notice, adequate alternative housing, compensation for all losses, and access to legal remedies and legal aid.

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Matsumoto  
Kenji  
Japan



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**Sentenced to death despite mental disability**

Last February, despite growing concerns for his mental health, Matsumoto Kenji spent his 64th birthday on death row. He was sentenced on 17 September 1993 for two murders committed during robberies between 1990 and 1991.

Matsumoto Kenji has had a mental disability since birth and has low IQ. His lawyer said he was forced to confess during interrogation. His brother, with whom he had a dependent relationship, was charged for the same crime but committed suicide. The court still decided that he had the mental capacity to be sentenced to death and his confession was reliable.

After 22 years in harsh detention conditions, including solitary confinement, Matsumoto Kenji now uses a wheelchair and suffers from a delusional disorder. He is not competent to assist his lawyer and cannot understand the nature and purpose of the punishment imposed on him.

Appeals against his conviction and repeated requests for a pardon or a retrial have been rejected. He could be executed at any time.

**APPEAL** Call on the Minister of Justice not to execute Matsumoto Kenji and to introduce a moratorium on executions in Japan. Demand that Matsumoto Kenji and all other prisoners' death sentences be commuted. Urge the government to improve the treatment of death row inmates, including ending solitary confinement.

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Narges  
Mohammadi  
Iran



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**Denied urgent medical treatment**

Prisoner of conscience Narges Mohammadi has been in Tehran's Evin Prison since 5 May. She faces national security-related charges based solely on her human rights activities, including campaigning against the death penalty, giving media interviews and associating with other activists.

She has a history of seizures and temporary loss of vision. On 27 July she was taken to hospital after complaining of lung pains. Doctors suspected a possible blood clot, but she was returned to prison without receiving treatment. The next day prison officials refused to take her to an appointment with a neurologist for a pre-existing condition of partial paralysis.

On 1 August she was taken to hospital after suffering partial paralysis. Doctors said she should be examined by a specialist but she was again denied the care she needed.

Narges Mohammadi is not allowed phone calls with her children, eight-year old twins now living in France with their father Taghi Rahmani.

**APPEAL** Call on Iranian authorities to release Narges Mohammadi immediately and unconditionally, as she is being held solely for peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression, association, and assembly; urge them to grant immediate access to specialist medical care outside prison, protect her from torture and other ill-treatment, and allow regular visits and phone calls from her family and lawyer.

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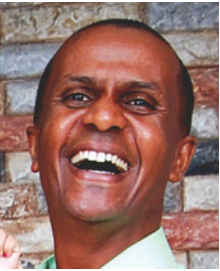
Jorge Lázaro Nunes  
Brazil



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**Father seeks justice for his murdered children**  
For seven years, Jorge Lázaro Nunes has been fighting for justice for the murder of two of his sons. The first, Ricardo Mattos dos Santos, was shot on 22 January 2011. He was playing football with friends when four men in a car opened fire on them. He died begging for his life and insisting he was not the bicycle thief the men were looking for. In March 2011 three military police officers were charged with the crime but the case has not yet come to trial. Enio Mattos dos Santos was abducted and shot on 10 March 2013. The killers and their motives remain unknown. After Ricardo's murder the family went into a witness protection programme, but were removed from it because Jorge continued to call for justice. By then, they had lost their home and their social circle and could not resume their former lives. Ricardo and Enio were young black men. Brazil's National Day of Black Consciousness on 20 November highlights the black community in Brazil and the discrimination its members face. Jorge Lázaro continues his fight for justice.

Eskinder Nega  
Ethiopia



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**18 years in prison for journalist**  
Eskinder Nega has long been a thorn in the side of the Ethiopian authorities. His arrest in September 2011 was the eighth time he had been targeted because of his activities as a journalist. At his trial, Eskinder and other defendants were denied access to their families and lawyers. Claims that at least one defendant was tortured were not investigated. Despite evidence that they were merely exercising their rights to freedom of expression and association, Eskinder was found guilty of 'preparation or incitement to terrorist acts', 'participation in a terrorist organisation', and 'high treason'. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison. Since early 2014 prison visits have been restricted to four named people who have to be related to him, violating the Ethiopian Constitution. Amnesty International believes Eskinder was arrested, prosecuted and convicted solely because of his peaceful and legitimate activities as a journalist. It is four years since his arrest.

Wafae Charaf and Oussama Housne  
Morocco



Wafae Charaf © Private



Oussama Housne © Private

**Imprisoned for reporting torture**  
Last year, Moroccan human rights and political activists Wafae Charaf and Oussama Housne were abducted and subjected to psychological, physical and sexual assault. Wafae Charaf was abducted and beaten for several hours after she went to a workers' protest in Tangiers on 27 April 2014. Oussama Housne was abducted and tortured on 2 May 2014 as he was leaving a protest in solidarity with detained activists. They were subsequently investigated and imprisoned for 'falsely reporting' torture and ordered to pay compensation for slandering Morocco's police force, even though they had not accused the police. Oussama Housne was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Wafae Charaf's initial one-year sentence was increased to two years during an appeal in October 2014. This October, Wafae will spend her 28th birthday in prison for speaking out about her torture. Both Oussama and Wafae are prisoners of conscience.

**APPEAL** Call on the Governor of Bahia State to guarantee a fair and timely investigation into the killings of Ricardo dos Santos and Enio dos Santos and to bring those responsible to justice. Urge him to ensure that Jorge Lázaro Nunes and his family get the social, economic and psychological help they need.

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**APPEAL** Call on the Ethiopian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Eskinder Nega. Tell them to stop using or threatening to use criminal proceedings to silence their critics, and to stop harassing journalists, human rights activists and other vocal citizens. Urge the authorities to remove unlawful restrictions on who may visit Eskinder Nega in prison.

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**APPEAL** Call on the authorities to ensure Wafae Charaf and Oussama Housne are released immediately and unconditionally. Urge them to take effective steps to protect complainants, witnesses and others reporting torture, from reprisals and intimidation. Demand that all reports of torture and other ill-treatment are investigated promptly, independently and effectively.

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Natalia Estemirova  
Russia



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**Still no justice for murdered human rights defender**  
Natalia Estemirova, a leading human rights activist working in Chechnya, was abducted by armed men and killed in July 2009. The government has still not provided a full investigation into her killing and nobody has been brought to justice. After the second Chechen conflict, Natalia Estemirova continued to collect information on grave human rights violations such as extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances, torture and ill-treatment in detention. She was one of very few people who dared to publish information about human rights violations in which government officials might have been involved. Following Natalia Estemirova's murder things changed for the worse for human rights activists in Chechnya. Many have had to flee the country, while persistent pressure and fear are a constant fact of life for those that stayed. Six years after her murder the Russian authorities must ensure an effective and thorough investigation of Natalia Estemirova's murder. All those involved, including those who ordered the killing, must be identified and face justice.

Albert Woodfox  
USA



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**43 years in solitary confinement**  
Louisiana prisoner Albert Woodfox has been held in solitary confinement for 43 years for a crime he maintains he did not commit. He spends at least 23 hours a day in a cell measuring 2.5 x 3 metres with little natural light, few personal possessions, and no meaningful social interaction. Despite his conviction being overturned three times, and the court ruling that he should be released immediately and unconditionally, he remains locked up, alone. Albert is now mentally and physically frail from being kept in conditions described as torture by the UN Special Rapporteur on torture, who has called on US authorities to release Albert from solitary confinement immediately. The state authorities' latest appeal against his release will be heard at the end of August but it could take anything from six to 15 months before a decision is made. It is important to show solidarity with Albert at this time and remind him that we continue to campaign for his release.

Human rights lawyers and activists  
China



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**Crackdown on human rights defenders**  
At around 3am on 9 July, human rights lawyer Wang Yu texted friends saying that her internet and electricity had been cut off. At 4.17am another message said that there were people trying to break into her home. Later that morning, friends could not reach her. The day before, Wang's 16-year-old son Bao Zhuoxuan had been detained at the airport on his way to Australia. Wang, her husband Bao Longjun, and their son, are all being held. No one has heard from them. Others from Wang's workplace, Beijing-based Fengrui Law Firm, were also targeted: director Zhou Shifeng, Wang Yu, administrative assistant Liu Sixin, and financial director Wang Fang disappeared on the same day. This is part of a nationwide crackdown by the authorities on activists and lawyers working for human rights. Over 220 people have been targeted with over 20 either missing or being held in police custody.

**APPEAL** Call on the Russian President to provide an independent, impartial and thorough investigation into the murder of Natalia Estemirova, including into the possible involvement of law enforcement agencies and government officials. Urge him to take steps to protect the right to life and to freedom of expression of civil society activists and to respect their lawful human rights work.

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**SOLIDARITY ACTION** Send a letter to Albert to show him that Amnesty activists continue to follow his case and to campaign for his release. Albert's interests are current affairs, politics, history and sociology. He loves animals, nature and American football and music. Please tell him that you do not expect a reply as his friends say that he puts himself under pressure to try to reply to all correspondence

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**APPEAL** Call on the Chinese authorities to immediately confirm the whereabouts and legal status of Wang Yu, Bao Longjun, Bao Zhuoxuan, Zhou Shifeng, Liu Sixin, Wang Fang, and others targeted in the recent crackdown. Ask the authorities to ensure that anyone detained has regular, unrestricted access to their lawyers and family and is protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

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