



Aylesbury Amnesty International Group

Meeting 26th June 2013 7.30pm

Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT

Present:

Carol Tarrant
Bob Corn
Frances Booth

Jim Edwards
David Barnard
Jim Cobley

Apologies: Bronwen Lee, Gwyn Jenkins, Henry Mayer-Gross, Annelies Varsey, Katherine Danflous

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.0 **Previous Minutes** – Agreed.

2.0 **Recent Amnesty Post and AIUK Priorities:**

- 2.1 Carol had received a letter from the Chair of AIUK's Board which updated Media Awards, Director's Action, Finance, Staff Redundancies, I.S.Moves to Hong Kong, Africa and Turkey – Carol to send around electronically.
- 2.2 'Act of Killing' – A film recording atrocities committed by Indonesia – Paul Hainsworth, Country Coordinator for Indonesia, has recommended viewing it, although it is quite savage – it will be showing in and around London and elsewhere from 28th June 2013 – 7th July 2013 – Bob to send details to Groups and Regional Reps.
- 2.3 Carol and Josef Benedict of International Secretariat are corresponding re-one man's video's and photo's of Indonesia's Military Machine – gunning down West Papuan villagers; I.S. are trying to verify the material, and are sending a report to the United Nations.
- 2.4 Carol read a letter received at the end of May 2013 from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office which replies to our letter of March 2013; a bit of a 'stone-wall', but Carol will use the I.S. Report to the U.N. in formulating a reply to the F.C.O.
- 2.5 Carol to send a petition initiated by Filep Karma's daughter in support of his being released. Also, David read a resolution which Sean O'Leary (Reading A.I. Group) had sent to the Board of B.P. which asks for them to take responsibility for Human Rights in their area of working within West Papua.
- 2.6 Carol tabled the summer Amnesty International U.K. magazine.

3.0 **Johan Teterissa:**

- 3.1 Jim Cobley reported that he had heard from Celia Rimmington of Solihull A.I. Group, who is wanting to exchange views and share thoughts as to how to take things forward in efforts to secure Johan's release.
- 3.2 Jim Cobley had suggested taking things to the European Parliament, and had drafted a letter in support – everyone present signed it.

4.0 **Urgent Actions:**

- 4.1 Fran had prepared letters to the Chinese Embassy, the DRC Embassy, and to the Embassy of Bosnia & Herzegovina re-the arms trade – everyone present signed.
- 4.2 David presented four copies of a letter objecting to individuals having been tortured to make them confess, now being sentenced to Death – everyone present signed.
- 4.3 Carol tabled information re-the forthcoming elections in Zimbabwe which are planned for 31st July 2013 – she will circulate it electronically.
- 4.4 Everyone present signed an action objecting to the Death Sentence having been passed on 500 prisoners in Vietnam.
- 4.5 Carol referred to the book 'Indonesia – Archipelago of Fear' – evidently a very good account of the background of violence and savagery perpetrated by the Indonesian Government; written by Andre Vltchek – ISBN number 978-0-7453-3199-7

5.0 Anniversary of the BIAK Massacre:

A demonstration is to be held outside the Indonesian Embassy from mid-day to 7.00pm on 6th July 2013 – all are welcome to attend; Carol will circulate the 'Impunity in Indonesia' document electronically.

6.0 Planned Year Outline:

- 6.1 The Group completed the 'Groups Planning Pack 2013' form – Bob to send off (Note – Bob handed the form to AIUK Groups Coordinator Farshid Talaghani on 29th June 2013 when they met at AIUK HQ).
- 6.2 July 2013 Meeting – in Jim Edwards' Garden – the 'Grand Summer Picnic'! Everyone to bring something to eat and share (including vegetarian food), and a drink.
- 6.3 September Meeting – update on Johan Teterissa, perhaps a walk through Aylesbury
- 6.4 October Meeting – Zimbabwe speaker.
- 6.5 November Meeting – Write for Rights.
- 6.6 December Meeting – Social occasion.
- 6.7 January Meeting – Regional Conference feedback (it will be held on 18th January 2014 in Oxford – Bob to circulate details nearer the time).
- 6.8 February Meeting – Coltan update.
- 6.9 March Meeting – Consider AIUK AGM resolutions.
- 6.10 April Meeting – Feedback from AIUK AGM, our own Group AGM.

7.0 Any Other Business:

There was no other business.

8.0 31st July 2013 at 7.30pm – Jim Edwards Garden – Grand Summer Picnic!

Bob Corn, Minutes Secretary,
17th September 2013 (with apology for tardiness!)