



**Aylesbury Amnesty International Group**

**Monthly Group Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 7.30pm**

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

**Present:** Carol Tarrant  
David Barnard  
Bob Corn  
Annelies Varsey  
Katherine Danflous

**Apologies:** Frances Booth, Bronwen Lee, Sallyann Thilthorpe

**Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

**1.0 Previous Minutes** – Agreed.

**2.0 Urgent Actions:**

**2.1 Letters had been written to:** Japan – where **Matsumoto Kenji** is sentenced to death; UAE – where **Muawiya al-Ruwahi** is detained for his blogging activities; Ukraine – where **Ivan Bezyazykov** has disappeared; Russian Federation – where **Amur Abubovich Khakulov** is being denied medical treatment in a high security penal colony, and where **Yekaterina Vologzheninova** is to be tried for simply posting a criticism of Russian involvement in the Ukraine.

**2.2 A letter had been received back from Chechnya** – Katherine to post on to the Country Coordinator.

**3.0 The evening's Film – 'Balibo'** – Carol gave an introduction to the recent history of East Timor, and the similarity between what had happened in East Timor (the Indonesian invasion and then occupation) and what is continuing to happen in West Papua; the film tells the narrative of a group of Australian – and one New Zealander – journalists who followed the invasion, and were then murdered by the invading forces. The Group watched the film and had a brief discussion around the topics raised – noting that East Timor had managed to gain independence after 24 years of the illegal occupation.

**4.0 Any Other Business:** There was no other business.

**5.0 NEXT MEETING: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014** at 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT

Bob Corn, Minutes Secretary,  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2015