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JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

**WRITE
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RIGHTS**

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Write for Rights 2016

Our annual Write for Rights card and letter-writing event on 10th December was well attended again. We wrote 113 cards and letters and sent a number of e-mails and tweets to or on behalf of everybody in Amnesty UK's Write for Rights leaflet. Thank you to all of you who supported the event, whether you turned up to write or gave us a donation towards postage - or brought cakes!

Our next monthly meeting is
at 7:30pm on Thursday 10th
February at The Balmoral
Centre, Salisbury Avenue,
Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7AU

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National Conference and AGM 2017

8th – 9th April 2017 at the East Midlands Conference
Centre, Nottingham. Admission Free. More info and
booking details at amnesty.org.uk/agm

URGENT ACTION

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER'S ASSETS FROZEN

An Egyptian court has summarily frozen the assets of human rights defender Azza Soliman and may freeze the assets of three others as part of a clampdown on NGOs in Egypt.

Appeals need to be sent by 27th January - please don't write after that date

Full details at https://www.amnesty.org.uk/sites/default/files/tj08116_7.pdf

PLEASE TURN OVER - THERE'S MORE!!

PROTECT
THE
HUMAN
www.amnesty.org.uk

Southend Group meets on the second Thursday
of each month at 7:30pm, at The Balmoral Centre,
Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7AU

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Our meeting on 12th January, 2017 was cancelled
because of the weather conditions

In addition to the Urgent Action on the front page

UK: Stop selling arms to Saudi Arabia

Devastating air strikes, led by Saudi Arabia, have killed thousands of women, men and children, and destroyed homes, schools and hospitals across Yemen. Meanwhile, the UK government has been providing weapons to those committing these horrific war crimes. The United States has now decided to halt some of its arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Boris Johnson has raised 'profound concern' at the suffering of Yemeni people. He has the power to ensure the UK is not complicit in killing civilians – call on him to end these arms sales.

E-mail him at <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/uk-stop-selling-arms-saudi-arabia>

Will you stand up for human rights, President Trump?

Donald Trump led a toxic election campaign, filled with hateful rhetoric that targeted everyone from women and LGBTI people, to ethnic minorities – and just about anyone who disagreed with him. Racism and discrimination have no place in the US or anywhere else in the world.

As Donald J. Trump starts his term as 45th President of the United States, tell him to abandon the hateful rhetoric and promise to stand up for human rights for everyone in America and around the world.

Send him an e-mail at:

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/will-you-stand-human-rights-president-trump?from=issue>

What is Pocket Protest?

Pocket Protest is AI UK's SMS Action Network. It's made up of more than 150,000 passionate people who use their mobile phone to defend free speech and stand up for human rights.

Follow this link for more information and details of how to join up on line or on your phone:

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/what-pocket-protest>