

## AZERBAIJAN

# BAYRAM MAMMADOV + GIYAS IBRAHIMOV

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## Students detained for graffiti protest

Students Bayram and Giyas were angry with the Azerbaijani government, which strictly controls what people can do in the country. So they decided to protest by spraying a graffiti message on a statue of the former president. It read 'Happy slave day', a play on the slogan 'Happy Flower Day', which is celebrated on 10 May in Azerbaijan.

But after posting a photo of the graffiti on Facebook, Bayram and Giyas were arrested. The police falsely accused them of having illegal drugs and beat them up until they 'confessed'. We believe they were actually arrested because of their graffiti protest.

On 25 October Giyas was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Bayram's court hearing continues – he could face a similar sentence if found guilty.



### SOLIDARITY ACTION

Send a message of solidarity and support to Bayram and Giyas to keep their spirits up. The messages may not be given to them, but they will show the prison authorities how much international attention is on the case.

- **Language:** Azerbaijani, English, Russian or Turkish
- **Suggested message:** Try to include the phrase 'Möhkəm ol' ('Stay strong') in your message.



### GET CREATIVE

Why don't you write your message in a graffiti style?

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- ✓ Send a religious card or message?
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- ✗ Include my name and address?

### APPEAL ACTION

Write a letter urging the President of Azerbaijan to drop all the charges against Bayram and Giyas and immediately release them. Start your letter or card with 'Your Excellency'.



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# CAMEROON

## FOMUSOH IVO FEH

### Charged over a joke text

Fomusoh Ivo Feh was set to start university in Cameroon, when he received a joke text from a friend: 'Boko Haram recruits young people from 14 years old and above. Conditions for recruitment: 4 subjects at GCE, including religion.'

The message was a joke about how difficult it is to find a job in Cameroon - even an armed group like Boko Haram wants highly-qualified recruits. Ivo forwarded the message to another friend, who sent it on again. But after a teacher saw the text and showed it to the police, Ivo and his two friends were arrested.

Ivo and his friends were charged with several offences, including attempting to organise a rebellion. Now they face the prospect of a trial in a military court and a 20-year sentence.

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#### SOLIDARITY ACTION

Send a postcard or letter to Ivo and his friends. You could also write your message on coloured paper and make an origami butterfly or flower. These are symbols of freedom and support for Ivo and his friends.



■ **Language:** English

■ **Suggested message:** Ivo's birthday is 5 December, so wish him happy birthday and tell him and his friends they are not alone.



#### GET CREATIVE

Ivo is a football fan and his favourite player is former Cameroon striker Patrick Mboma. Why not give your message a football theme by using the green, red and yellow colours of Cameroon team?

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#### APPEAL ACTION

Write a letter to the President of Cameroon demanding that he drop all charges against Ivo and his friends and free them immediately. Start your letter or card with 'Your Excellency'.



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**IRAN**

# NAZANIN ZAGHARI-RATCLIFFE

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## British-Iranian charity worker jailed

British-Iranian charity worker Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe was arrested at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Airport in April. She was due to fly home to London with her two-year-old daughter, Gabriella, following a family visit. Nazanin was allowed to leave Gabriella with her parents, but the toddler's British passport was taken away by officials and she is stuck in Iran.

Since then Nazanin has been kept on her own in a prison cell and has only been allowed very limited visits from her family. She was accused of planning to overthrow the government and may have been forced to 'confess'.

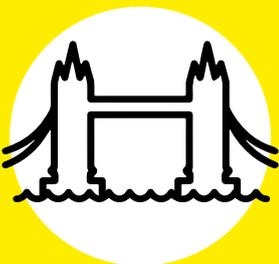
Nazanin's family said she was sentenced to five years in prison on unspecified 'national security-related charges' in September. We do not believe Nazanin had a fair trial.



### SOLIDARITY ACTION

Send a postcard or letter to Nazanin in prison. We do not know if Nazanin will be allowed to receive cards, but her family has asked us to send them.

- **Language:** English
- **Suggested message:** You are not alone in your struggle. I am thinking of you and fighting for your release.



### GET CREATIVE

Nazanin misses her home in London. You could send a postcard of where you live. She also likes sewing and travel photography – why not include these elements in your card?

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### APPEAL ACTION

Write a letter urging Iran's Supreme Leader to release Nazanin immediately and unconditionally and quash her conviction if she was jailed solely for exercising her rights to freedom of expression and association. Start your letter or card with 'Your Excellency'.



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**UNITED KINGDOM**

# REFUGEES WELCOME

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## Leadership needed to tackle crisis

The world is in the middle of an unprecedented refugee crisis, with more people fleeing war and persecution than at any time since World War 2. There are currently 21.3 million refugees globally, but the response of the international community has been grossly inadequate.

The UK government is neither showing leadership internationally nor sharing responsibility by hosting its fair share of refugees.

Amnesty also wants to show the refugees and asylum seekers who have reached the UK that they are welcome here.



### SOLIDARITY ACTION

Send a message of welcome, solidarity and support to a refugee or asylum seeker in the UK, and we will distribute them.

- **Language:** English
- **Suggested message:** You could send a postcard, drawing or photo of somewhere you love in the UK, with a message about why it is a special place and why you welcome refugees. Your messages will help us to make the UK more welcoming. Please do not include your full name or address.



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### APPEAL ACTION

Urge Home Secretary Amber Rudd to show international leadership and share responsibility for the global refugee crisis. Start your letter or card with 'Dear Home Secretary'.



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