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SYRIA

Rania Alabassi and her family



SEIZED BY GOVERNMENT AGENTS – AND STILL MISSING

Rania Alabassi is a successful dentist in Damascus, Syria, and a mother of six children, Dima, Entisar, Najah, Alaa, Ahmad and Layan, all aged between three and 15. On 9 March 2013, Syrian government agents came to her home and took away her husband. Two days later, they came for her and her children. None of them has been heard of since.

The Syrian authorities have refused to give Rania's relatives any information about what has happened, or where they are now. Her sister Naila can only guess why they were arrested: 'She didn't belong to any opposition party or go to any demonstrations. She was always there to help others.'

As the crisis in Syria has escalated, there has been a massive increase in brutality across the country. Thousands of people are missing after being detained by state forces or captured by armed groups. Torture in custody is extremely common and thousands are believed to have died as a result.

Amnesty is asking Syria to release Rania's children immediately and unconditionally. Rania herself must be released or charged and given a fair trial.

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'We do not know anything about them. All attempts to find out anything have been unsuccessful... But we must not forget Rania, her family and the other prisoners in similar situations'

Naila Alabbasi, Rania's sister

SOLIDARITY ACTION

Send a message of support to Rania's family to show solidarity as they demand to know where she is and for the release of her children.

APPEAL ACTION

Write to President Assad of Syria calling for Rania Alabassi to be released unconditionally or charged with an offence. Insist that Rania's six children are released immediately.

Salutation: Dear President

You can also send a tweet such as: Where are Rania and her 6 children? @Presidency-Sy #missingchildhood #W4R

For more information on the case go to www.amnesty.org.uk/rania

CREATIVE ACTION

We all have a right to a family life and Rania's children should be safe and with their family. Draw a picture of a family enjoying doing something together with a message of support.



Please send all your letters and cards to:

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We will forward them.



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