

# WRITE FOR RIGHTS

## ETHIOPIA

### Eskinder Nega

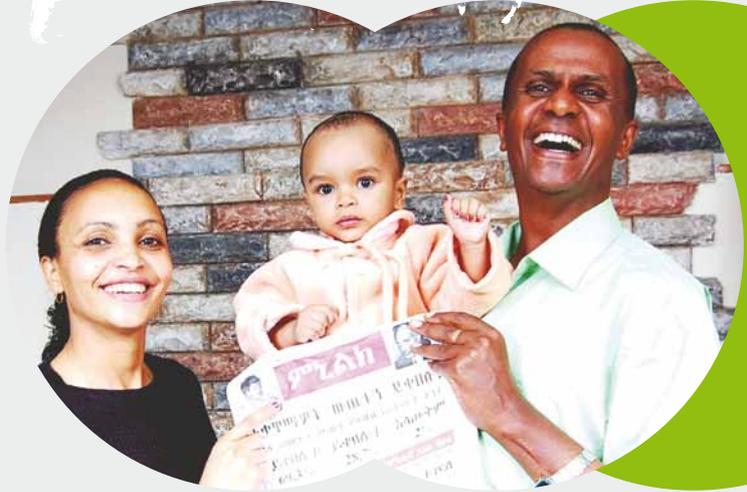
#### BRING ESKINDER NEGA HOME

Eskinder Nega, a 44-year-old journalist, is serving 18 years in prison for terrorism offences, after he criticised the Ethiopian government and called for freedom of expression in speeches and articles.

The Ethiopian authorities routinely use criminal charges and accusations of terrorism to silence dissenters.

Eskinder has long been a thorn in the side of the Ethiopian authorities. This is the eighth time he has been arrested and prosecuted because of his activities as a journalist. His wife, Serkalem Fasil, was also tried on treason and other charges. Their son, Nafkot, was born in prison. Amnesty International considers Eskinder to be a prisoner of conscience.

■ [www.amnesty.org.uk/eskinder](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/eskinder)



Serkalem Fasil, son Nafkot and husband Eskinder Nega, 2007  
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#### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Serkalem Fasil  
c/o The Individuals and Communities at Risk Program  
Amnesty International USA  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE 5th floor  
Washington, DC 20003  
USA

- **Preferred language** Amharic or English
- **Salutation** Dear Eskinder and Serkalem
- **Suggested message** We are thinking of you both and campaigning for Eskinder's freedom.
- **Additional information** Eskinder's birthday is on 6 November. The Ethiopian (Orthodox) Christmas is celebrated on 6 January.

#### CAN I

- ✓ Send a religious card or message?
- ✓ Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- ✓ Include my name and address?
- ✗ Download the message in another language?

'I will live to see the light at the end of the tunnel. It may or may not be a long wait. Whichever way events may go, I shall persevere.'

**Eskinder Nega**

Amnesty International

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#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

**Urge Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn to immediately and unconditionally release Eskinder Nega.**

**Write to:** Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn  
PO Box 1031  
Addis Ababa  
Ethiopia

**Fax:** +251 11 551 1244  
**Email:** (via Ministry of Justice)  
mojmo@ethionet.et

**Salutation:** Dear Prime Minister

#### In your letter:

- Urge him to immediately and unconditionally release Eskinder Nega.
- Call for the authorities to stop using criminal proceedings to silence their critics, and end harassment of journalists and members of civil society, including human rights activists.

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