

His Excellency Alhaji Umar Yar'Adua  
President of the Republic of Nigeria  
Office of the President  
Aso Rock  
Abuja  
Federal Capital Territory  
Nigeria

Your Excellency,

I am very concerned about the devastating impact that pollution and environmental damage, associated with the oil industry, is having on the human rights of people in the Niger Delta. Oil pollution has damaged crucial sources of livelihood for communities, including farming and fisheries, pushing many people deeper into poverty.

I urge you to ensure a robust, independent and coordinated oversight of the oil industry including the impact on human rights and to put in place a fair and transparent compensation and reparations system.

Please ensure a comprehensive clean-up of all oil pollution in full consultation with affected communities.

Finally, I ask you to make the assessment of the social and human rights impacts of all oil and gas projects mandatory for both current and future projects.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Peter Voser  
Chief Executive  
Royal Dutch Shell  
PO Box 162  
2501 AN The Hague  
The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Paul Voser,

I am very concerned about the devastating impact that pollution and environmental damage, associated with the operations of Shell, is having on the human rights of people in the Niger Delta, Nigeria.

Shell has failed to take effective measures to address the social impacts of its activities in the Niger Delta. Oil pollution has damaged crucial sources of livelihood for communities, including farming and fisheries. Communities are rarely provided with information on the impact of oil company operations on their environment and human rights.

As a rather new Chief Executive of Royal Dutch Shell this is your chance to come clean and start your mandate fresh. I urge you to:

- undertake a comprehensive clean-up of all oil pollution in consultation with affected communities and report on this publicly and regularly;
- disclose all information on the impact of oil operations on the environment and human rights, including Environmental Impact Assessments and any studies Shell may have done on the impact of its operations on the communities and the environment in the Niger Delta.

Yours sincerely,

President of the People's Republic of China  
Hu Jintao Guojia Zhuxi  
The State Council General Office  
Yongneixijie  
Beijingshi 100017  
People's Republic of China

Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my grave concern over the imprisonment of Shi Tao, a journalist who is serving a 10-year sentence for publicizing the text of a central government order, barring media organisations in China from marking the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tiananmen crackdown.

I consider Shi Tao a prisoner of conscience and I am calling on you to release him immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew N. Liveris  
Chief Executive Officer  
Dow Chemical Co.  
Midland, MI 48674  
USA

Dear Mr. Liveris,

The lives of tens of thousands of people in Bhopal were devastated in December 1984 by a catastrophic gas leak at Union Carbide's pesticide factory. There has been no justice and no proper rehabilitation for survivors and this human rights disaster now spans generations. No one has been held to account for the serious failures leading to the leak. Union Carbide – today a wholly owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company – walked away from Bhopal, without even decontaminating the site properly.

We are calling on Dow to:

- Proactively engage with the government of India to ensure that the site is properly decontaminated and that adequate reparations are made to those affected.
- Co-operate fully on the ongoing legal proceedings in order to ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Interior  
Charalampos Kastanidis  
Ministry of Interior  
Vas. Sofias 15  
10674 Athens  
Greece

Dear Minister,

Allow me to draw your attention to trade union leader Konstantina Kouneva, who was attacked by two men in Athens on 22 December 2008. The attack is allegedly connected with her trade union activities.

I call on you to arrange for this attack against Konstantina Kouneva to be investigated thoroughly and impartially by the police and to take immediate steps to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Ms. Kouneva has to receive restitution and adequate compensation.

Moreover, I ask you to do everything in your power to protect other human rights defenders and trade union members from similar attacks by fully implementing existing legislation on workers' rights.

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency Mahmoud Ahmadinejad  
The Presidency  
Palestine Avenue  
Azerbaijan Intersection  
Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellency,

I am concerned that trade union leader Mansour Ossanlu was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in October 2007.

As he is held solely on account of his peaceful trade union activities, I urge to release him immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely,

Presidente de la República de Colombia  
Dr Álvaro Uribe Vélez  
Palacio de Nariño  
Carrera 8 No. 7-26  
Bogotá  
Colombia

Dear President,

I am deeply concerned that leaders and members of SINALTRAINAL food workers' union have received death threats. I urge that these threats be fully and impartially investigated, with the results made public and those responsible brought to justice.

I urge you to take decisive measures to guarantee the safety of SINALTRAINAL members and their families, in accordance with the wishes of those at risk.

Yours sincerely,

Major General Maung Oo  
Ministry for Home Affairs  
Office No. 10  
Naypyitaw  
Union of Myanmar

Dear General,

I am very concerned about the imprisonment of labour and democracy activist Su Su Nway who is well-known outside the border of your country due to her courageous struggle for human rights, in particular against forced labour.

I urge you to release Su Su Nway immediately and unconditionally.

In the meantime, I call on you to move Su Su Nway, while she remains in custody, to a prison close to her family home in Yangon and to give her regular access to lawyers of her own choosing and to her family. Please ensure that Su Su Nway is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated.

Yours sincerely,