

Augustine Chihuri
Commissioner General of Police
ZRP Headquarters
P.O. Box 8807
Causeway
Harare
Zimbabwe

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you to express my concern for the safety of prominent trade unionist Gertrude Hambira. Her home was attacked by armed men, her office has been raided by officers from the CID and she is now in fear of her life.

I urge you to provide her with effective protection and to carry out a prompt, full and impartial investigation into the circumstances of her attack in her family home. The perpetrators should be brought to justice in a fair trial. I also urge you to ensure that the Zimbabwean police immediately stop the harassment of Gertrude Hambira.

Finally I urge you to investigate and end the harassment and intimidation of human rights defenders and political activists by state security agents.

Thank you for giving this matter your urgent attention, I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Thokozani Khupe
Deputy Prime Minister
Chairperson of the Social Cluster Council of Ministers
Munhumutapa Building
Private Bag 7700
Causeway
Harare
Zimbabwe

Dear Minister,

I am signing this letter to express my grave concern at reports that many newborn babies at Hopley settlement in Harare die because of the extremely poor living conditions and the government's failure to provide even minimum levels of maternal and newborn care.

I am concerned that pregnant women at Hopley settlement have no access to maternal and newborn care at their community. Most of the women are unable to afford registration fees at the nearest maternity clinic or pay transport costs to reach the nearest health facility. As result of these conditions the lives of the women and their babies are up at risk.

I urge you to take immediate measures to ensure that pregnant women and girls living in Hopley settlements have access to maternal and newborn care.

I call for effective referrals for access to health care – including transport – especially for women living far from health care facilities.

I urge you to ensure that costs are not a barrier to accessing essential health services.

Yours sincerely,

Innocent Matibiri
Deputy Commissioner-General (Crime)
Zimbabwe Republic Police
P.O. Box 8807
Causeway
Harare
Zimbabwe

Dear Deputy Commissioner-General,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the systematic harassment by officers under their command of WOZA members including Jenni Williams and Magodonga Mahlangu.

I urge you to end these practices by the Law and Order Section of the Zimbabwe Republic Police.

I urge you to ensure that officers under your command respect and protect all human rights in line with Article 1 of the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Co-operating Organisation Code of Conduct for Police Officials.

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Justice
Charalampos Kastanidis
96, Mesogeion Avenue
115 27 Athens
Greece

Dear Minister,

I am deeply concerned about the attack against Konstantina Kouneva.

I welcome that the file on her case was merged with the police investigation into the conditions and operations of cleaning companies ordered by the Prosecutor.

I call for the main investigation into the case of Konstantina Kouneva to continue, and for it to be thorough, independent and impartial leading to the perpetrators being brought to justice. Please ensure to keep Konstantina Kouneva informed about progress in the investigation.

Urging you to protect the rights of migrant workers by fully implementing existing legislation, I demand the protection of other human rights defenders and trade union members from similar attacks.

Yours sincerely,

Leader of the Islamic Republic
His Excellency
Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
The Office of the Supreme Leader
Islamic Republic Street
Shahid Keshvar Doust Street
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.

I urge that he has access to immediate medical attention and is protected from ill-treatment while in prison.

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
Señor Presidente Juan Manuel Santos
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. I urge you that she has access to immediate medical care and is protected from ill-treatment while in prison.

Yours sincerely,