

Presidente de la República  
Juan Manuel Santos Calderón  
Palacio de Nariño  
Carrera 8 No.7-26  
Bogotá  
Colombia

Dear President,

I am writing to express my concern for the safety of Jackeline Rojas Castañeda and Juan Carlos Galvis and their family. I call on you to launch a full and impartial investigation into the attack against Jackeline Rojas Castañeda and her daughter on 9 November 2011, to publish the results, and bring those responsible to justice.

I urge for the implementation of protection measures to guarantee their safety, in line with their wishes.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind the Colombian authorities to fulfil their obligations regarding the protection of human rights defenders as specified in the 1998 UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

Yours sincerely,

Head of the Judiciary  
Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani  
Howzeh Riyasat-e Qoveh Qazaiyeh  
(Office of the Head of the Judiciary)  
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Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran

Dear Excellency,

I am writing you to express my concern about the intimidation and repression of the the Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Company Trade Union. Please ensure to officially recognize the Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Company Trade Union and not punish HTSCC workers for the peaceful exercise of their right to freedom of association and their right to strike.

In particular, I urge you to drop all charges against Ali Nejati and Reza Rakhshan on account of their peaceful trade union activities, and to reverse the five year ban on Ali Nejati, Ghorban Alipour, Mohammad Haydari Mehr, Jalil Ahmadi and Fereydoun Nikufard on working at the Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Company.

Reminding you of your obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as well as ILO conventions are to uphold workers' rights, including the right to form and join trade unions, I demand to respect workers' rights and release any trade unionists who have been imprisoned solely for the exercise of their legitimate trade union activities.

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Justice  
Miltiadis Papaioannou  
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Greece

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you in the case of Konstantina Kouneva. I urge you that 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 keep Konstantina Kouneva informed about the progress in the investigation.

I urge 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,

Co-Minister of Home Affairs  
Kembo Mohadi  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
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Harare  
Zimbabwe

Dear Minister,

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 your response.

Yours sincerely,

Lic. Felipe de Jesús Calderón Hinojosa  
President of the Republic  
Residencia Oficial de 'Los Pinos'  
Col. San Miguel Chapultepec  
Mexico D.F., C.P. 11850  
Mexico

Dear President,

I am writing to you to address the case of the two indigenous women Inés Fernández Ortega and Valentina Rosendo Cantú who were raped by Mexican soldiers in 2002.

While welcoming the transfer from Military to civilian jurisdiction, I call on you to fully and promptly implement the judgements issued by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on 30 and 31 August and made public on 1 October 2010. In particular, I urge you to:

- carry out a swift, full and impartial investigation, under ordinary jurisdiction, into the rape and torture of Inés Fernández Ortega and Valentina Rosendo Cantú in 2002;
- acknowledge the state's responsibility for the protagonists of the crimes and to apologize to the victims and their families;
- set up a community centre for the support of Indigenous women in the town of Ayutla de los Libres, Guerrero State which should be run by members of the local Indigenous communities;
- grant adequate compensation to the victims;
- eliminate the military jurisdiction for cases of human rights violations committed by members of the military.

Please allow me to remind you that compliance with the rulings of the Inter-American Court is an obligation of the Mexican State under article 68 of the American Convention on Human Rights.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Amadou Ali  
Deputy Prime minister  
Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals  
Ministry of Justice  
Office of the Prime Minister  
P.O Box 100  
Yaoundé  
Cameroon

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you in the case of Jean-Claude Roger Mbede. I call on you to release Jean-Claude Roger Mbede immediately and unconditionally as Amnesty International considers him to be a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely because of his real or perceived sexual orientation.

While he is in custody or after his release, please ensure that Jean-Claude Roger Mbede will be protected from ill-treatment or any forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment by government.

I urge you to repeal Section 347bis of the Penal Code as it contravenes the international and regional human rights treaties which Cameroon has signed and ratified.

Yours sincerely,

Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi  
Government House  
Port Harcourt  
Rivers State  
Nigeria

Your Excellency

I am writing to you to ask to publicly commit including the protection of human rights in the urban renewal process in Port Harcourt and to legislate a clear prohibition on forced evictions.

Recently you have spoken of a “people-oriented approach” to development in the waterfronts and across the city. I would welcome such an approach. Like many thousands of people across the world, I am following the progress of this process closely. I urge you to make Port Harcourt a leader in city redevelopment by choosing to develop the city in a way which is in line with international human rights standards.

Regeneration programmes that proceed with respect for human rights are likely the most sustainable and successful. It is ordinary people that make these plans succeed. A development process that is participatory, that involves genuine consultation with those directly impacted and that draws on the resources and potentials of the waterfronts is not only a requirement under international human rights law but it would add tremendous value to regeneration initiatives across the city and the region.

Such an approach would also support Nigeria’s commitment to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), specifically to reduce the number of people living in slums by 2020 (Goal No. 7, Target 11).

I urge you to stop further forced evictions and instead make Port Harcourt a world leader in city redevelopment by choosing to develop the city in a way which is truly in line with respecting the human rights of the people of Port Harcourt.

Yours sincerely,

President Ilham Aliyev  
Office of the President  
of the Azerbaijan Republic  
19 Istiqlaliyyat Street  
Baku AZ1066  
Azerbaijan

Dear President,

I am writing to you in the case of Jabbar Savalan whom Amnesty International considers to be a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression.

I thus call for his immediate and unconditional release. Amnesty International condemns Jabbar Savalan's conviction on drugs charges and believes that the charges were fabricated.

I urge you to launch an immediate and impartial investigation into the allegations that police planted evidence on Jabbar Savalan, and threatened his lawyer Anar Gasimov.

I call for an end to the politically motivated trials of activists.

Yours sincerely,



Vice President  
Abd al-Rab Mansour al-Hadi  
Office of The President  
Sana'a  
Republic of Yemen

Your Excellency,

I call on you to commute the death sentence of Fatima Hussein al-Badi.

I want to remind all authorities that they are bound by international standards for fair trial in capital cases including the right to seek pardon or commutation of the sentence.

I call on you to establish a moratorium on executions, with a view to completely abolishing the death penalty.

Thank you for your attention and endeavour for this case.

Yours respectfully,