

Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you to express my concern for the arrest and detention of the journalist Eskinder Nega who Amnesty International considers to be a prisoner of conscience.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Eskinder Nega, detained solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression by criticizing the government and calling for reform.

I call on you to stop using criminal proceedings, or the threat of such, to silence their critics, and end other forms of harassment of journalists and members of civil society including human rights activists.

I urge you to seek to immediately amend laws which unduly restrict freedom of expression and association, including the Anti-Terrorism Proclamation and the Charities and Societies Proclamation.

Yours sincerely,

President Porfirio Lobo Sosa
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Honduras

Dear President,

I am writing to you to urge you to commit to the protection of human rights defenders at risk. Human rights defenders have a right to carry out their activities without any unfair restrictions or fear of reprisals, as set out in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

I call on you to implement the recommendations made by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders in her December 2012 report on Honduras.

I urge you to publicly recognize and endorse the important and legitimate work that human rights defenders, such as COFADEH, carry out. Threats and attacks against HRDs must not be tolerated: I thus urge to fully investigate them, to make the results public and prosecute those found responsible.

Yours sincerely,

Moshe Ya'alon
Minister of Defence
Ministry of Defence
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Israel

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the inhabitants of the Nabi Saleh. I urge you to implement steps to prohibit and prevent the Israeli military authorities from harassing and intimidating Palestinian activists in the occupied West Bank, including by subjecting them to arbitrary detention.

I call on you to introduce measures and legislation to protect the rights of Palestinian protesters to hold non-violent protests and take all necessary measures to ensure that security forces do not use excessive, disproportionate and unnecessary force against them, starting with the rescinding of Military Order 101.

I urge you to initiate thorough, transparent, independent and impartial investigation into all allegations of violations of international human rights and humanitarian law, including actions by the Israeli military authorities which led to the deaths of Rushdi Tamimi and Mustafa Tamimi, and make the results public.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally drop the suspended sentences against Bassem Tamimi, which Amnesty International believes were passed against him as a punishment for his peaceful protests.

Please immediately stop the construction or expansion of Israeli settlements and related infrastructure in the OPT as a first step to removing Israeli civilians living in such settlements in the OPT.

Yours sincerely,

President Enrique Peña Nieto
Residencia Oficial de los Pinos
Casa Miguel Alemán
Col. San Miguel Chapultepec, C.P. 11850
Mexico City, Mexico

Dear President,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the torture suffered by Miriam López at the hands of Mexican soldiers and other federal officials in February 2011.

I urge you to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the acts of torture suffered by Miriam López, make the results public and bring those responsible to justice.

Though I acknowledge that Miriam López is already receiving police protection due to intimidation, I call on you to provide full redress for her in strict accordance with her wishes.

I also call on you to adopt a comprehensive and effective action plan in order to fully implement the recommendations made by the UN Committee Against Torture in November 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN
Governor of Lagos State
Governor's Office
State Government Secretariat
Alausa, Ikeja
Lagos State
Nigeria

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the forced evictions in Badia East.

I urge you to publicly commit to stopping the forced eviction in Badia East, and ensure that legal and procedural safeguards including genuine consultation, adequate notice, and alternative housing for affected people are in place before carrying out any further evictions.

I call on you to provide adequate alternative housing and emergency relief - including access to food, shelter, water, sanitation, healthcare services and effective remedies - for the people of Badia East whose homes have been destroyed and an independent enquiry into the use of force during the forced evictions in Badia East.

I urge you to initiate an independent enquiry into the use of force during the forced evictions in Badia East.

Yours sincerely,

Prosecutor General
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Dear Prosecutor General,

I am writing to you related to the case of the Bolotnaya Square protests.

I urge you to drop charges against Vladimir Akimenkov, Artiom Saviolov and Mikhail Kosenko, and to release them immediately and unconditionally as they are prisoners of conscience persecuted solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression and assembly.

Furthermore, I call on you to drop charges against any other co-defendant who was not involved in violence or any other illegal activities during Bolotnaya protest, and to release them immediately and unconditionally

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Human Rights
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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the convictions of Jabeur Mejri and Ghazi Beji.

I call you to immediately and unconditionally release Jabeur Mejri, who is a prisoner of conscience held solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

I urge you to quash the conviction and prison sentence against Jabeur Mejri and Ghazi Beji.

I call on you to respect the right to freedom of expression and to meet your international human rights obligations.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Minister,

Hakan Yaman, a 37 year-old father of two, was beaten by police near his home in the Sarıgazi district of Istanbul on 3 June 2013. At around 10.30 – 11pm Hakan Yaman was returning home after finishing work as a minibus driver. He parked his vehicle a couple of streets away from his house and proceeded to walk home. A demonstration was taking place on the nearby Demokrasi Avenue.

Police attacked him: Hakan Yaman sustained serious injuries to his head and face. His nose, his cheek bone, and the bones of his forehead and his chin were broken. He lost one eye completely and has lost 80 percent of his sight in the other eye. His skull was fractured from the top of his head all the way down to his jaw and his back sustained second degree burns from being thrown on the fire.

I am concerned that to date an effective, impartial and independent investigation into the torture and ill-treatment of Hakan Yaman has not taken place. The delays in the investigation are of serious concern, particularly in the light of the severity of the injuries Hakan Yaman has sustained.

I call on you to ensure that an effective, independent and impartial investigation takes place to identify and prosecute those responsible for the attack on Hakan Yaman.

Yours sincerely,