

# FIGHTING TO SAVE THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS

To: Prime Minister of Australia

Uncle Pabai and Uncle Paul’s ancestors have lived on islands of the Torres Strait, the northernmost part of Australia, for thousands of years. Now their whole way of life – which as Indigenous Peoples is deeply connected to land, sea and sky – is at risk because of climate change. If the islands become uninhabitable, they will be forced to break these connections and leave their homelands.

We call on you to protect the rights of First Nations communities in the Torres Strait by rapidly reducing carbon emissions in line with the world commitment of limiting global warming to 1.5°C in line with the best available scientific research.



Yours sincerely,

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# SEEKING JUSTICE FOR HER SON

To: General Prosecutor of Bahia, Brazil

Pedro Henrique organized “Walks of Peace” in Tucano, Bahia, bringing people together to speak out against police abuses. His activism was met with threats and violence from the police. In December 2018, Pedro Henrique was shot by hooded men. He died, aged 31. The police officers suspected of the killing are still working and a trial has yet to begin. Despite her grief, Pedro Henrique’s mother, Ana Maria, is bravely fighting for justice for his death.



We call on you to take all necessary measures to ensure an independent, impartial and thorough investigation into Pedro Henrique’s murder and bring those responsible to justice in fair trials.

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# CRIMINALIZATION OF LAND DEFENDERS

To: David Eby, Premier of B.C.

For several years now, Wet'suwet'en land defenders have been harassed, intimidated, forcibly removed and criminalized by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for opposing the construction of the Coastal Gaslink (CGL) pipeline on their territories.

Twenty land defenders were charged with criminal contempt (in June and July 2022) by the British Columbia Prosecution Service for allegedly disobeying an injunction order to stay away from pipeline construction sites, even though these sites are situated on the Nation's unceded, ancestral territory. Five of the land defenders pled guilty in December 2022, as a result of their bail conditions, which prohibited them from being on the Wet'suwet'en Nation's territory and any other frontline resistance against extractive projects across Canada. Several of the land defenders' trials have already started in May 2023 and will continue in January 2024. If found guilty they could be sentenced to prison.



We call on you to drop the charges against Wet'suwet'en land defenders.

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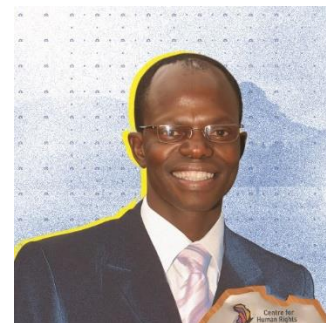


# KILLED FOR SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

## To: His Majesty King Mswati III, Eswatini

Thulani Maseko was a loving father and husband who dedicated his life to the people of Eswatini, a country ruled by a wealthy absolute monarchy and where approximately 60% of the population live under the poverty line. Openly critical of the country's use of repressive laws and state violence, on 21 January 2023 Thulani was shot dead in front of his wife. To date no one has been held accountable.

We call on you to take all necessary measures to ensure the unlawful killing of Thulani Maseko is effectively investigated, the people suspected of responsibility are brought to justice in a fair trial and that Thulani's family is provided access to effective remedies.

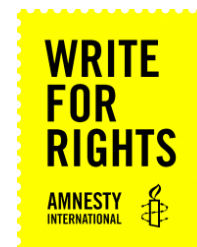


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# FACING 15 YEARS FOR PEACEFUL PROTEST

To: General Prosecutor, Kyrgyz Republic

Rita Karasartova loves yoga, travelling and sewing traditional Kyrgyzstani jackets with her daughter. Now she is under house arrest, having spent months detained in a cramped cell unable to see or speak to her family. Worried about her people’s access to water, Rita peacefully opposed a border agreement giving control of a freshwater reservoir to Uzbekistan. She has been charged with attempting to “violently overthrow the government” and faces 15 years’ imprisonment.



We call on you to immediately release Rita Karasartova from house arrest, drop all charges against her and ensure that she can carry out human rights activities without fear of retaliation.

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# REPARATIONS FOR ROHINGYA COMMUNITIES

To: Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, USA

Maung Sawyeddollah was 15 when Myanmar’s military unleashed a campaign of killings and violence against people from the Rohingya ethnic group. Incitement circulated on Facebook, and amplified by the platform’s algorithms, fed into these attacks. Fearing for their lives, Sawyeddollah and his family fled to Cox’s Bazar refugee camp in Bangladesh. Now, he and others from his community are calling on Meta, owner of Facebook, to pay reparations for its role in the atrocities, including funding for educational programs.



We call on you to provide an effective remedy to Sawyeddollah and affected Rohingya communities, as Meta enabled hatred and discrimination against Rohingya people to thrive on the Facebook platform.

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# PROSECUTED FOR DEFENDING SAFE ABORTION

To: Prosecutor General, Poland

Activist Justyna Rydzynski felt compelled to help a woman in an abusive relationship access a safe abortion. But it is a crime in Poland to help a woman access an abortion outside the two remaining legal grounds, in the case of pregnancy resulting from an illegal act such as rape or incest, or danger to a woman’s health or life. Now Justyna has been convicted, setting a dangerous precedent and making access to safe abortion even harder for those who seek one.



We call on you to take all necessary measures to ensure that Justyna’s unjust conviction is overturned and to refrain from bringing any other charges against her for carrying out her legitimate defence of human rights.

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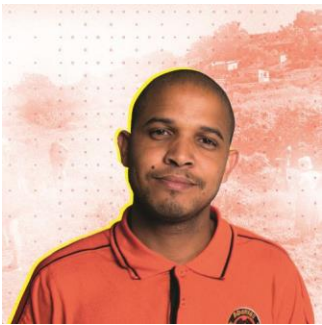
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# THREATENED FOR DEFENDING HIS COMMUNITY

To: Minister of Police, South Africa

Thapelo Mohapi loves listening to jazz and supporting his favourite football teams. But since 2021 he has been in hiding because of threats to his life. He is being targeted because he is a leader of Abahlali baseMjondolo (AbM), a grassroots movement working to improve the lives of people in South Africa, including eKhenana – a community which suffers from many challenges, including economic insecurity, lack of access to adequate housing and police brutality. In 2022 alone, three AbM members were killed in eKhenana.



We call on you to ensure a thorough, impartial, independent, transparent and effective investigation into the harassment and killings of AbM members, bringing suspected perpetrators to justice in fair trials and an end to the attacks against AbM members.

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# FACING YEARS IN PRISON FOR SPEAKING OUT

To: President of Tunisia

In the two years since President Kais Saied’s power grab, human rights in Tunisia have crumbled, many courts lack independence, and freedom of expression is under assault. Anyone who criticizes the president risks arrest and detention. But Chaima Issa is a woman who will not be silenced. After publicly opposing Kais Saied’s actions, Chaima was arbitrarily arrested and detained for over four months. She faces decades in prison for her peaceful political activism.

We call on you to to immediately drop the baseless investigation and other restrictions against Chaima Issa as they are related solely to the exercise of her human rights.



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# LOCKED UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WORK

To: President of the United Arab Emirates

Ahmed Mansoor is a father and husband. He’s a poet, blogger and human rights defender. Before his arrest, Ahmed regularly raised concerns about the detention, torture and unfair trials of dissenting voices in the UAE. He spoke about problems within the justice system and of domestic laws that breach international ones. Now, he too is locked away, held in an isolation cell without a bed.

We call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Ahmed Mansoor as he has been imprisoned solely for his peaceful human rights activism.

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# THREE DECADES ON DEATH ROW IN THE USA

To: Governor of Alabama

Rocky Myers, a Black man with an intellectual disability, has spent three decades on death row in Alabama for murder. Assigned ineffective legal representation, Rocky was convicted following testimonies blighted by inconsistencies and alleged police pressure. Sentenced to death by a judge who imposed a death sentence against the jury’s wishes, Rocky was abandoned by his post-conviction lawyer, meaning he missed key dates for his appeal.



We call on you to use your authority to grant clemency to Rocky Myers and commute his death sentence.

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