

TIKTOKER JAILED FOR CRITICIZING PRESIDENT

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Neth Nahara, Angola

Ana da Silva Miguel, known as Neth Nahara, is a singer and social media influencer in Angola. In August 2023 Neth took to TikTok criticizing President João Lourenço. The next day Neth was arrested and subsequently tried, convicted and sentenced to six months in prison, later increased to two years. The Angolan authorities are using a controversial law criminalizing criticism of the president to silence critical voices.

Call on the Angolan authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Neth Nahara.



'MY CHILDREN DESERVE A FUTURE; I FOUGHT FOR IT'

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Joel Paredes, Argentina

Joel Paredes is a 29-year-old father from Jujuy province, Argentina. On 30 June 2023 Joel attended a protest against changes to the province's constitution, including restrictions on the right to peaceful assembly, measures that may cause damage to the environment, and risk violating Indigenous Peoples' land rights. Police fired rubber bullets at protesters. Joel was hit, permanently blinding him in the right eye, and leaving him with debilitating nerve pain. No one has been held accountable.

Demand justice for Joel Paredes.

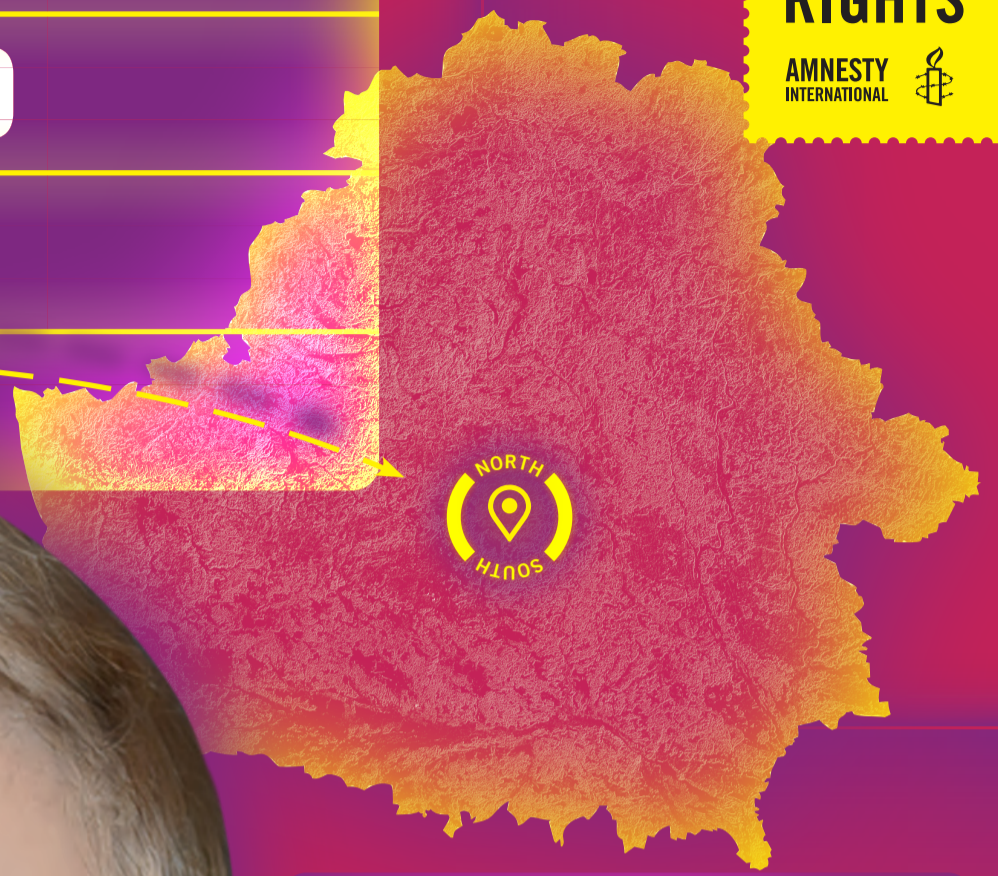


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POLITICAL ACTIVIST ABDUCTED AND LOCKED UP FOR 11 YEARS

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Maryia Kalesnikava, Belarus

Political activist Maryia Kalesnikava dared to challenge the repressive Belarus government. On 7 September 2020, Maryia was abducted by the Belarus authorities. She was taken to the border where she resisted deportation by tearing up her passport. She was detained and later sentenced to 11 years in prison on false charges. Maryia's family haven't heard from her for more than a year.

**Call on Belarus to immediately
release Maryia.**



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FIGHTING TO PROTECT THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS, AND OUR PLANET

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Wet'suwet'en Nation Land Defenders, Canada

The Wet'suwet'en Nation are deeply connected to their ancestral lands, but this is threatened by the construction of a fossil fuel pipeline through their territory. Their Hereditary Chiefs did not consent to this construction. Land defenders have been charged for blocking pipeline construction sites, even though these sites are on their ancestral lands. They could face prison and a criminal record.

**Call on Canada to stop
criminalizing Wet'suwet'en and
other Indigenous land defenders.**



**'MY BODY CAN
NO LONGER
BEAR IT'**

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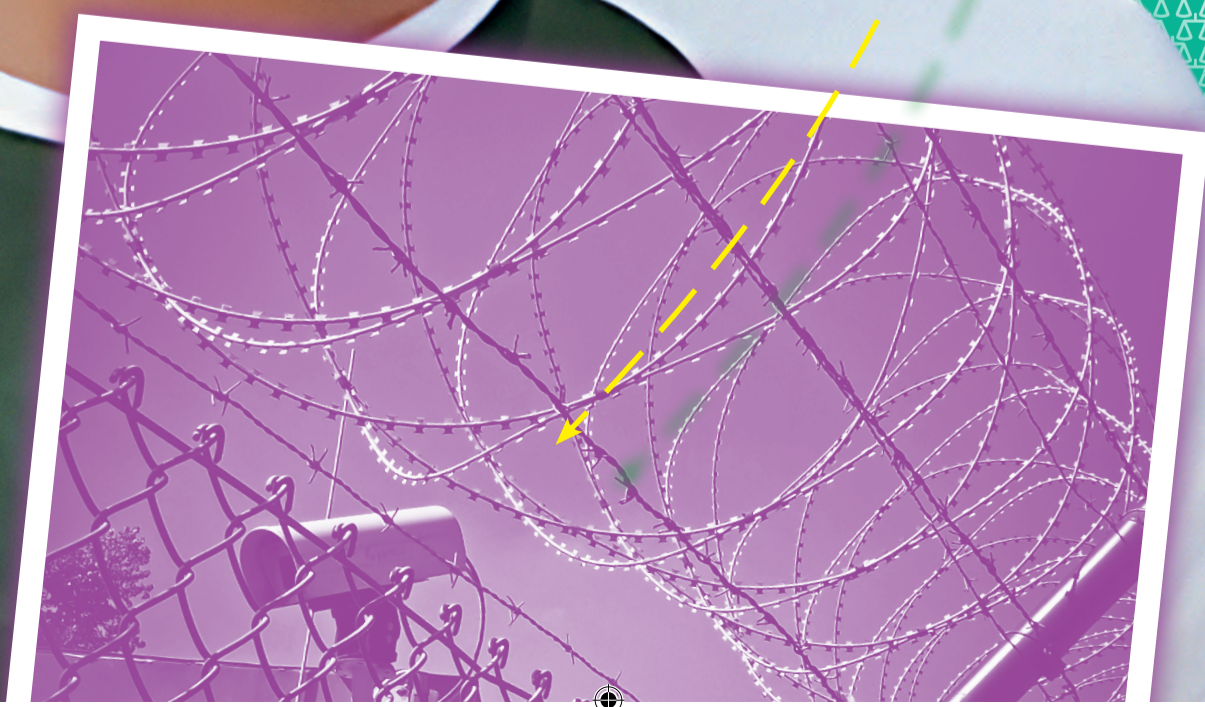


Oqba Hashad, Egypt

Twenty-seven-year-old student Oqba Hashad has been held in pretrial detention in Egypt since May 2019, solely in retaliation for his brother Amr's human rights activism. Oqba was forcibly disappeared, tortured and denied the prosthetic leg he has used since a childhood accident – leaving him physically reliant on others. While he is held in terrible conditions without access to adequate healthcare, the Egyptian authorities have opened a new bogus case against him to justify his continued detention.

**Call on Egypt to release
Oqba Hashad.**

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ELEVEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

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Manahel al-Otaibi, Saudi Arabia

Manahel al-Otaibi is a fitness instructor and a brave outspoken advocate for women's rights in Saudi Arabia. In November 2022, she was arrested after posting to Snapchat photos of herself at a shopping mall. In the photos, she was not wearing the traditional long-sleeved loose robe known as an abaya. Manahel has been sentenced to 11 years in prison.

**Demand Saudi Arabia frees
Manahel al-Otaibi.**



'I DREAM OF A WORLD WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND'

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Kyung Seok Park, South Korea

Kyung Seok Park is a dedicated disability rights activist. Holding peaceful protests on Seoul's public transport systems, Kyung Seok Park has drawn attention to how hard it is for people with disabilities to easily access trains and subways safely – denying them the ability to travel to work, school, or to live independently. Kyung Seok Park's activism has been met with police abuse, public smear campaigns and punitive litigation.

**Call on the mayor of Seoul to
protect Kyung Seok Park's rights.**



CONVICTED FOR DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS

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Şebnem Korur Fincancı, Türkiye

Forensic medicine expert and human rights defender Professor Şebnem Korur Fincancı has dedicated her life to eradicating torture and defending human rights. Trying to silence her, the Turkish authorities have subjected Şebnem to baseless criminal investigations. In 2023, she was convicted for allegedly “making propaganda for a terrorist organization” after she had called for an investigation into allegations that the Turkish military was using chemical weapons in Iraq. Şebnem is appealing against her conviction but could be imprisoned for almost two years if unsuccessful.

Tell the Turkish authorities to stop their harassment of Şebnem.

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JAILED FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Dang Dinh Bach, Viet Nam

Environmental justice lawyer Dang Dinh Bach has dedicated his life to protecting people in Viet Nam from pollution and the impact of climate change. On 24 June 2021, Bach was arrested and jailed for alleged tax evasion, a tactic used by the Vietnamese authorities to silence environmental activists. He was sentenced to five years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

**Call on Viet Nam
to immediately release
Dang Dinh Bach.**

