

Sender:

President of the Republic of Colombia
Mr Iván Duque
Palacio de Nariño
Carrera 8 No.7-26
Bogotá, Colombia

Place and date: _____

Protection for Jani Silva

Dear Mr President

Jani Silva has been standing alongside the *campesino* farmers in the Putumayo region for decades. She has dedicated her life to defending the environment and natural resources.

However, Jani's work has put her in danger. She has been followed, intimidated by unknown people with guns and threatened with death.

As protectors of resources that the world depends on for its survival, Jani and the *campesino* farmers she stands with should be defended.

I call on you to protect Jani and all members of ADISPA, an organisation she founded along with her colleagues to preserve the peasant Amazon Pearl Reserve Zone. In doing so, you will be safeguarding not just them, but a whole ecosystem powering the planet.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

Evariste Ndayishimiye
President of the Republic
Ntare Rushatsi House
Bujumbura, Burundi

Place and date: _____

Release Germain Rukuki

Dear Mr President

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Germain Rukuki. Germain has dedicated his life and work to truth and justice. He is also a dedicated father, yet because of his commitment to what's fair, he has never seen his own three-year-old son.

Germain is serving a 32-year prison sentence for defending human rights, after a court found him guilty on three charges, including "rebellion", in an unfair trial.

In your inaugural speech you made a commitment to respect human rights. I urge you to honour that pledge.

Germain's little boy wants his father back home. Please, free Germain today.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

Minister of Police
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South Africa

Place and date: _____

Justice for Popi Qwabe & Bongeka Phungula

Dear Minister

It has been three years since Popi Qwabe and Bongeka Phungula were shot dead. Both aged in their twenties, the two young women were talented drama students with brilliant futures ahead of them.

But their dreams were cut short one night in May 2017 when they were killed, and dumped by the side of a road. The police investigation that followed was riddled with mistakes: a bloodstained taxi was recovered but the forensics and autopsies were never published. As a result, key suspects were released due to lack of evidence.

Popi and Bongeka's families want answers and demand justice. You can help them by ensuring a prompt, thorough, fair and impartial investigation into the murders.

Impunity for acts of gender-based violence cannot continue.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

H.E. Aung San Suu Kyi
State Counsellor
Ministry of the State Counsellor Office
Office No. 20, Nay Pyi Taw
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Place and date: _____

Release Paing Phyo Min

Your Excellency

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Paing Phyo Min, a 22-year-old poet and student leader serving six years in prison solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

In April and May 2019, Paing Phyo Min and other members of the Peacock Generation, a satirical poetry troupe, performed Thangyat critical of the military. The military took offence at their performances and brought charges against them.

Paing Phyo Min should not be in prison simply for criticising the military. Everyone must be free to express their views in Myanmar, even if these are critical of the authorities. I urge you to release Paing Phyo Min immediately and unconditionally, and your government to repeal or amend all repressive laws that violate the right to freedom of expression.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

Prime Minister Imran Khan
Prime Minister's Office
Constitution Avenue G-5/2
Islamabad, Pakistan

Place and date: _____

Release Idris Khattak

Your Excellency

I urge you to release Idris Khattak, Pakistan's expert on enforced disappearances, who has himself been subjected to enforced disappearance.

If there is credible and admissible evidence that he has committed an internationally recognized crime, then please try him promptly and fairly in a civilian ordinary court, without recourse to the death penalty. If not, release him immediately and unconditionally.

His daughters have not seen Idris since he was abducted in November 2019. They don't know where he is or whether he can take his medication. They just want their father back home safe with them.

You once made a promise to make enforced disappearance a crime under national law. Now is your chance to honour that pledge.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

Jorge Abbott Charme
National Prosecutor
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Santiago de Chile
Chile

Place and date: _____

Justice for Gustavo Gatica

Dear Mr National Prosecutor, Jorge Abbott Charme

Psychology student Gustavo Gatica was at a protest in the capital, Santiago, when police shot ammunition into the crowd in ways they shouldn't have. Gustavo was struck in both eyes and was blinded. Commanders in charge didn't stop these officers. They let this violence continue unchecked for weeks.

I call on you to investigate all those responsible for Gustavo's shooting, especially commanders. They had a duty to avoid the misuse of force, but failed to fulfil it. Gustavo must live with the consequences of their failure forever. He deserves justice, truth and reparation.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

His Majesty King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud
Office of His Majesty the King
Royal Court, Riyadh
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Place and date: _____

Release Nassima al-Sada

Your Majesty

Nassima al-Sada is a woman whom Saudi Arabia should take great pride in. Her lifelong journey has been one dedicated to the improvement of women's freedoms and her vision of them being active members of an open, vibrant society.

But instead of embracing Ms. al-Sada, the authorities arrested her in July 2018 and placed her in solitary confinement for one year. Today, she is still behind bars. I respectfully call on you to release Ms. al-Sada and all other detained women human rights defenders, immediately and without conditions.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

Abdelmagid Tebboune
President of the Republic
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Algeria

Place and date: _____

Release Khaled Drareni

Your excellency

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Khaled Drareni, an independent journalist, sentenced to three years in prison simply for doing his job. He was reporting on a Hirak demonstration on 27 March when he was arrested. He has been detained ever since.

Khaled just wants a fairer, better Algeria that cares for and benefits everyone. He is held on the sham charge of inciting an unarmed gathering and "harming the integrity of the national territory".

Khaled should be back on the streets, reporting the news, not locked up for his principled journalism.

Please, release him without delay.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

Attorney General
The Palace
VLT 1115 – Valletta
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Place and date: _____

Drop the charges against the EI Hiblu 3

Your Excellency

I urge you to drop all charges against the EI Hiblu 3 and close the case.

These youths, two of whom were just 15 and 16 years old at the time of the alleged incident, could be jailed for life for opposing their return to suffering and torture in Libya. Yet there is little to no evidence to support the serious charges against them.

The youths had acted as interpreters on the EI Hiblu, an oil transporter, to help preserve their lives and those of their fellow passengers after they were rescued at sea.

They have been through grave hardship and trauma. Deliver justice: drop the charges, close the case.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Sender:

Mr Abdülhamit Gül
Minister of Justice
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Turkey

Place and date: _____

Acquit Melike Balkan & Özgür Gür of all charges

Dear Minister of Justice

Biology students Melike Balkan and Özgür Gür are among a group of 19 people facing up to three years in prison for exercising their right to peaceful assembly.

On 10 May 2019, a Pride sit-in at Middle East Technical University was violently broken up by police. Melike, Özgür and 21 others were detained; they and 17 among the detained are now on trial.

As Minister of Justice, you know that participating in a peaceful gathering is not a crime. I call on you to monitor the case to ensure they are acquitted of all charges.

Yours sincerely

Signature