



Amnesty International's Mission

Amnesty International's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

In pursuit of this vision, AI's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights.

AI is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. It does not support or oppose any government or political system, nor does it support or oppose the views of the victims whose rights it seeks to protect. It is concerned solely with the impartial protection of human rights.

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As part of Amnesty International USA (AIUSA), Group 11 has been in the forefront of protecting human rights for over 40 years. We help free prisoners of conscience, participate in country campaigns, and undertake special projects.

Over the years, Group 11 members have worked on numerous human rights cases and special projects. Past projects have included holding a major conference on women and human rights, supporting an international bill of rights for women, and teaching a course on human rights in New York City's public schools. Since 1975 we have sponsored an annual concert to raise funds for AIUSA and our group. In 2014, Group 11 published a book of correspondence between a member and a Ukrainian prisoner of conscience.

Among the projects that our members are currently engaged in are:

- Freeing prisoners of conscience in Iran
- China Regional Action Network
- International Criminal Court
- Closing Guantanamo Prison
- My Body My Rights
- Women's Rights in El Salvador
- Violence in Central African Republic
- Prison Reform
- Freedom of Expression in Russia
- Human Rights in Gaza/Hamas/Israel/Palestine
- Stopping torture in Mexico

Get Involved!

You Are Invited to Attend the Next Group 11 Meeting

We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month. To find the time and location of the next Group 11 meeting, or learn how to support us financially, contact us at info@aiusagroup11.org or go to our website www.aiusagroup11.org

Bring your passion to Group 11

We'll help you get started working on human rights issues that you care deeply about. Additionally, Group 11 welcomes members to work on Amnesty International USA national priorities:

- Individuals at Risk
- Death Penalty Abolition
- Demand Dignity Campaign
- Security with Human Rights Campaign



Current and Recent Cases

Zeynab Jalalian, Iran

Zeynab Jalalian was sentenced to death in early 2009 after being convicted of "Moharebeh" ("enmity against God"). Her conviction was based on her alleged membership in a Kurdish armed opposition group. Her death sentence was commuted after a campaign launched by Amnesty International. We are now seeking to obtain a new trial, end her ill treatment in prison, and make sure she receives adequate medical care.

Teodora del Carmen Vásquez, El Salvador

Teodora del Carmen Vásquez was convicted in 2008 of "aggravated homicide" and sentenced to thirty years in prison after suffering a stillbirth at work. Despite what actually happened to her, she was presumed guilty of having an abortion. Being from a poor rural family, Teodora could not afford an effective legal team to defend her rights. Her current lawyers describe her previous trial as lacking in due process and suffering from inconsistencies. Group 11 seeks to release Teodora from prison immediately.

Nguyễn Văn Lý, Vietnam

Father Nguyễn Văn Lý, a Vietnamese Catholic priest, was released from prison on May 20, 2016. He had been a prisoner of conscience for advocating free speech and was subject to hard labor, solitary confinement, and house arrest for over 15 years. Group 11 has worked to ensure Father Ly's release by sending letters and petitions to Vietnamese authorities. Group 11 is gratified that Father Ly has finally been released from his long term of unjust imprisonment.