WRITE FOR RIGHTS 2026

Write for Rights **is calling on millions of people to come together to change the lives of individuals whose rights have been violated. This year's campaign once again supports individuals at risk around the world. The campaign proves how, even when it all feels too much, you can still make a big difference by doing something "little". Writing a letter, posting on social media, signing a petition: yes, it's that simple – you can help change the world and save someone's life.**

HUMAN RIGHTS WINS TO BE PROUD OF



TURKEY: ŞEBNEM KORUR FINCANCI. The Turkish professor is a renowned forensic pathologist who has been campaigning for the protection of human rights for decades. Fighting against torture is particularly important to her. However, her commitment is a thorn in the side of the authorities. That is why they have been harassing Şebnem Korur Fincancı for years with detentions and baseless charges. In February 2025, a court acquitted her of the charge of "publicly denigrating the Turkish state", after Amnesty had supported her during the campaign *Write for Rights* in 2024.

„The letters piling up on my desk, all saying the same thing over and over again: 'You are not alone.' Sometimes that is precisely the phrase a regime fears most."

Şebnem Korur Fincancı

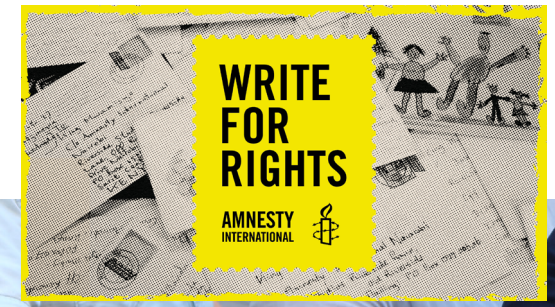


TUNESIEN: SONIA DAHMANI is a lawyer and a TV and radio commentator in Tunisia. She has been an outspoken advocate for human rights for many years and speaks out clearly against racism and the conditions in Tunisian prisons.
This is precisely why she came under the authorities' scrutiny.
For more than a year and a half, Sonia was detained in inhumane conditions – with rats in her cell and without adequate access to medication or medical care. The crackdown on opposition figures and critics is an attack on the rule of law and human rights in Tunisia. In December 2025, Sonia Dahmani was released on certain conditions.
Our joint efforts have made a difference.

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EGYPT: Marwa Arafa is an Egyptian human rights activist, translator and mother who has been arbitrarily detained for over six years because of her peaceful activism. She supported families of political detainees and children who had been detained. Arrested in front of her two-year-old daughter in April 2020, she has been separated from her child ever since.
Marwa faces an unfair trial on unfounded terrorism-related charges that could lead to life imprisonment. Her health has seriously deteriorated in prison, where she has been denied adequate medical care.
Marwa Arafa must be released immediately.



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EL SALVADOR: For years, **Ruth López** coordinated investigations into corruption, abuse of power, and human rights violations in El Salvador.
She has been held in pre-trial detention since May 2025. The authorities accuse her of "embezzlement" in connection with consultancy work carried out for previous administrations. Human rights organisations view her detention as an attempt to silence her public criticism of government actions.
Since 2022, a state of emergency in El Salvador has severely restricted fundamental rights. Ruth has been denied the right to a fair and public trial.



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HONG KONG: Owen Chow is a Hong Kong pro-democracy activist who has stood up for a fairer society since he was 15. In 2021, he was arrested after taking part in unofficial primaries to select candidates for elections.
In 2024, he was sentenced to more than 12 years in prison for conspiracy to commit subversion. He has also spent at least three years in solitary confinement.
In 2020, Beijing imposed a draconian national security law on Hong Kong. As a result, the city has seen political opposition crushed and civilsociety organizations shut down.
Call on the Hong Kong authorities to release Owen Chow immediately and unconditionally.



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MALI: Rokiatou Doumbia is a Malian business owner, activist and social media influencer known as "Rose Poivron". Through TikTok, she spoke about rising living costs and supported women in starting small businesses. In March 2023, she was arrested after criticising the rising cost of living and Mali's military authorities. In August 2026, she was sentenced to ten years, including seven years in prison and three years suspended, for "discrediting the state" and "criminal conspiracy".
Human rights organisations view her case in the context of growing restrictions on freedom of expression in Mali.
Call on the authorities to release Rokiatou Doumbia.



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PAKISTAN: Imaan Mazari-Hazir and **Hadi Ali Chattha** are married human rights lawyers in Pakistan. They have dedicated their careers to defending victims of state oppression, despite threats and harassment by the authorities.
On 24 January 2026, they were sentenced to lengthy prison terms for social media posts expressing solidarity with Baloch and Pashtun activists and criticising the Pakistani military.
Imaan Mazari-Hazir and Hadi Ali Chattha must be unconditionally released, and all charges against them must be dropped immediately.



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RUSSIA: Daria Egereva is an Indigenous rights and climate justice activist from Siberia and a member of the Selkup people, whose community numbers only around 3,500.
In December 2025, Russian authorities detained her over alleged links to an Indigenous rights network labelled "terrorist" by the authorities. She faces up to 20 years in prison for her peaceful work defending Indigenous lands, languages and cultures.
Call for Daria Egereva's immediate and unconditional release and an end to the persecution of Indigenous rights activists in Russia.



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TANZANIA: On 6 October 2025, **Humphrey Polepole**, a former diplomat and government critic, was abducted from his home in Dar es Salaam by unidentified security agents. His family found the front door broken and a large amount of blood. He has not been heard from since. Humphrey had publicly criticised the government for restricting fundamental rights and targeting the political opposition. He is believed to have been targeted for his criticism. His family and friends are deeply worried about his fate.
Call on the Tanzanian authorities to immediately disclose Humphrey Polepole's fate and whereabouts.



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TUNISIA: Ayachi Hammami is a Tunisian human rights lawyer who has spent decades defending victims of injustice and advocating for judicial independence. He has openly criticised the growing repression in Tunisia and defended lawyers, judges, journalists and opposition figures.
In April 2025, he was sentenced to eight years in prison following a trial lasting only minutes. His sentence was reduced to five years in November 2025. He went on a 45-day hunger strike to protest his detention.
Call for the immediate and unconditional release of Ayachi Hammami.