

Presidente de la República de Colombia  
Juan Manuel Santos Calderón  
Palacio de Nariño  
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Bogotá  
Colombia

Dear President,

I am deeply concerned that leaders and members of SINALTRAINAL food workers' union have received death threats. I urge that these threats be fully and impartially investigated, with the results made public and those responsible brought to justice.

I urge you to take decisive measures to guarantee the safety of SINALTRAINAL members and their families, in accordance with the wishes of those at risk.

Furthermore, I urge you to order a full and impartial investigation into the killing of Gustavo Gómez and to bring those responsible for the killing to justice.

Yours sincerely,

Leader of the Islamic Republic  
His Excellency  
Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei  
The Office of the Supreme Leader  
Islamic Republic Street  
Shahid Keshvar Doust Street  
Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellency,

I am concerned that trade union leader Mansour Ossanlu was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in October 2007.

I urge that he has access to immediate medical attention and is protected from ill-treatment while in prison.

As he is held solely on account of his peaceful trade union activities, I urge to release him immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely,

Head of the Judiciary  
Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani  
Howzeh Riyasat-e Qoveh Qazaiyeh  
(Office of the Head of the Judiciary)  
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Tehran 1316814737  
Islamic Republic of Iran

Dear Excellency,

I am writing you to express my concern about the intimidation and repression of the the Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Company Trade Union. Please ensure to officially recognize the Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Company Trade Union and not punish HTSCC workers for the peaceful exercise of their right to freedom of association and their right to strike.

In particular, I urge you to drop all charges against Ali Nejati, and Reza Rakhshan on account of their peaceful trade union activities, to release Mohammad Olyaeifard who is currently serving a one-year jail term on charges of "propaganda against the system" and to reverse the five year ban on Ali Nejati, Ghorban Alipour, Mohammad Haydari Mehr, Jalil Ahmadi and Fereydoun Nikufard on working at the Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Company.

Reminding you of your obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as well as ILO conventions are to uphold workers' rights, including the right to form and join trade unions, I demand to respect workers' rights and release any trade unionists who have been imprisoned solely for the exercise of their legitimate trade union activities.

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Justice  
Haris Kastanidis  
96, Mesogeion Avenue  
115 27 Athens  
Greece

Dear Minister,

I am deeply concerned about the attack against Konstantina Kouneva.

I call for the main investigation into the case of Konstantina Kouneva to continue, and for it to be thorough, independent and impartial leading to the perpetrators being brought to justice. Please ensure to keep Konstantina Kuneva informed about progress in the investigation.

Furthermore, I ask for the file on the case of Konstantina Kouneva to be merged with the police investigation into the conditions and operations of cleaning companies.

Urging you to protect the rights of migrant workers by fully implementing existing legislation, I demand the protection of other human rights defenders and trade union members from similar attacks.

Yours sincerely,

Co-Minister of Home Affairs  
Kembo Mohadi  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
11 Floor Mukwati Building  
Private Bag 7703  
Harare  
Zimbabwe

Dear Co-Minister,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the harassment of Secretary General of GAPWUZ (General Agricultural and Plantation Workers Union of Zimbabwe) Gertrude Hambira and her family which resulted in her fleeing the country for her own safety. I call on you to guarantee Gertude Hambira's safe return to Zimbabwe.

I call on the authorities in Zimbabwe to end their policy of intimidation, harassment and violence against members of GAPWUZ. In this respect, I urge you to allow GAPWUZ staff members to carry out their human rights work without fear of intimidation or harassment.

I urge you to end human rights violations against farm workers in Zimbabwe and allow human rights defenders the right to freedom of expression.

Looking forward to be updated for the progress in Hambira's case.

Yours sincerely,

Lic. José Francisco Blake Mora  
Minister of the Interior  
Secretaría de Gobernación  
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Mexico

Dear Minister,

Mexico is a dangerous place for human rights defenders. They face threats, harassment and intimidation, spurious criminal charges and wrongful prosecution. Some activists have even been killed in relation to their human rights work.

I am writing to you concerning Padre Solalinde and his team who, despite the repeated threats and intimidation, continue to risk their lives by standing up for justice, dignity and human rights for migrants travelling through Mexico by providing humanitarian aid to migrants at Ciudad Ixtepec Migrants shelter.

I urge you provide Padre Solalinde and his team with effective protection taking into consideration their concrete needs to enable them to carry out their human rights work without fear of reprisal.

Finally, I call on you to develop and implement an effective and comprehensive protection programme for human rights defenders.

Yours sincerely,

President S.E. Leonel Fernández  
Presidente de la República  
Palacio Nacional  
Santo Domingo  
Dominican Republic

Dear President,

I am writing to you to express my concern at the apparent campaign to discredit Sonia Pierre. Sonia Pierre and her organization MUDHA provide an important contribution in protecting and promoting the rights of Haitian migrants and their descendants.

I call on you to implement the protection measures granted by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, in strict accordance with her wishes.

I am deeply concerned at the discrimination and abuses faced by Haitian migrant workers and Dominicans of Haitian descent, and I urge for their human rights to be respected.

Yours sincerely,

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali  
President  
Palais Présidentiel  
Tunis  
Tunisia

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you to express my grave concern that lawyer Radhia Nasraoui and other human rights defenders in Tunisia suffer from interference and harassment in their daily and professional life.

I call on you to end the harassment of and attacks on human rights defenders. Please ensure that human rights defenders are allowed to carry out their peaceful human rights activities without fear of violence, threats, harassment, intimidation or other human rights violations in line with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

Yours sincerely,



Zine El Abidine Ben Ali  
President  
Palais Présidentiel  
Tunis  
Tunisia

Your Excellency,

I welcome the release of Adnan Hajji, teacher and the leader of the local branch of the General Union of Tunisian Workers (Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail, UGTT) in the city of Redeyef. However, it must be ensured that Adnan Hajji is free from harassment and is able to exercise his rights to freedom of movement, freedom of expression, association and assembly without undue limitations.

I urge you to re-instate Adnan Hajji into his teacher position.

Yours sincerely,

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali  
President  
Palais Présidentiel  
Tunis  
Tunisia

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you to express my concern about journalist Fahem Boukadous who is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for the peaceful exercise of his rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

I urge you to release him immediately and unconditionally.

In the meantime, please ensure that Fahem Boukadous has regular access to his family and to adequate medical care and any medication he may require.

I ask you to amend all laws, including provisions of Law 69-4 of 24 January 1969 and relevant articles of the Penal Code such as newly adopted Article 61 bis which criminalize activities amounting to the peaceful exercise of the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly, in accordance with Tunisia's international human rights obligations.

Yours sincerely,