

His Excellency Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
The Presidency
Palestine Avenue
Azerbaijan Intersection
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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Président Joseph Kabila
Cabinet du Président
Palais de la Nation
Kinshasa/Gombe
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Your Excellency,

I am deeply concerned about the attack on Justine Masika Bihamba's family, including the sexual assault and attempted rape of her daughter. I call for an immediate, full and impartial investigation into the attack with the perpetrators brought promptly to justice.

I urge you for the immediate protection of human rights defender Justine Masika Bihamba and her family.

Yours sincerely,

Bundespräsident
Dr. Heinz Fischer
Hofburg, Leopoldinischer Trakt
1014 Wien

Sehr geehrter Herr Bundespräsident!

Ich wende mich an Sie im Zusammenhang mit dem Journalisten Dawit Isaac, der seit 2001 ohne Anklage oder Prozess in einem Gefängnis in Eritrea festgehalten wird.

Der aus Eritrea stammende Dawit Isaac ist seit 1987 anerkannter Flüchtling in Schweden und besitzt seit 1992 die schwedische Staatsbürgerschaft. Nach der Unabhängigkeit Eritreas im Jahr 1993 kehrte er in sein Heimatland zurück und gab eine Zeitung heraus. 2001 wurde er nach der Niederschlagung der unabhängigen Presse in Eritrea verhaftet.

Amnesty International erachtet Dawit Isaac als Gewissensgefangenen und fordert seine unverzügliche und bedingungslose Freilassung. Österreich ist ein bedeutender Geberstaat für Eritrea. Ich ersuche Sie daher, bei den eritreischen Behörden zu intervenieren, um die Freilassung des Journalisten zu bewirken.

Hochachtungsvoll

M. Bechir Tekkari
Ministère de la Justice et
de Droits de l'Homme
31 Boulevard Bab Benat
1006 Tunis-La Kasbah
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,

Minister of Interior
Charalampos Kastanidis
Ministry of Interior
Vas. Sofias 15
10674 Athens
Greece

Dear Minister,

Allow me to draw your attention to trade union leader Konstantina Kouneva, who was attacked by two men on 22 December 2008 in Athens. The attack is allegedly connected with her trade union activities.

I call on you to arrange for this attack against Konstantina Kouneva to be investigated thoroughly and impartially by the police and to take immediate steps to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Ms. Kouneva has to receive restitution and adequate compensation.

Moreover, I ask you to do everything in your power to protect other human rights defenders and trade union members from similar attacks by fully implementing existing legislation on workers' rights.

Yours sincerely,

Head of EULEX Justice Component
Alberto Perduca
EULEX Kosovo Justice Building
Str. Lidhja e Prizrenit no.9
P.O Box 268
1000 Pristina
Kosovo

Dear Mr. Perduca,

I am deeply concerned about the failure of the authorities in Serbia and in Kosovo to end impunity for enforced disappearances and abductions that occurred before, during and after the conflict. For instance, six men of the Dana family of Albanian origin, Afrim Dana, Albert Dana, Luan Dana, Labinot Dana, Kastriot Dana, Gëzim Dana, had disappeared after being forcibly taken from their home in Djakovica/ Đjakovë (Kosovo) by Serbian police forces on 10 May 1999. They were not seen alive again. Their bodies were found in Batajnica (Serbia) in January 2005.

In December 2008 Robert L. Dean, Acting Director of UNMIK Department of Justice, informed Amnesty International that the War Crimes Unit of UNMIK Police was investigating the enforced disappearance of the six men from Dana family and that all documents concerning the case were about to be transferred to EULEX prosecutors. Could you please tell me whether there has been any progress in this case.

I urge you to liaise with the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor in Serbia in order to further investigate these cases. Finally, I would like to ask you to keep the relatives informed of any developments.

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,

Presidente de la República de Colombia
Dr Álvaro Uribe Vélez
Palacio de Nariño
Carrera 8 No.7-26
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.

Yours sincerely,

Prime Minister Chung Un-chan
Office of the Prime Minister
Central Government Complex
55 Sejong-no, Jongno-gu
Seoul
Republic of Korea

Your Excellency,

I am concerned at the refusal of the government of the Republic of Korea to recognise the legal union status of the Seoul-Gyeonggi-Incheon Migrants Trade Union (MTU).

I call upon the South Korean government to immediately remove obstacles to forming and participating in the MTU, in particular by recognising its status as a legal union in South Korea in line with domestic law and international law and standards.

Please ensure the rights of everyone, regardless of their immigration status, to form trade unions and to join a trade union of their choice.

Yours sincerely,

Prime Minister WEN Jiabao Guojia Zongli
The State Council General Office
2 Fuyoujie
Xichengqu
Beijingshi 100017
People's Republic of China

Your Excellency,

I am deeply concerned about Chen Guangcheng (陈光诚).

I urge you to release Chen Guangcheng immediately and unconditionally. In the meantime, please ensure that he is allowed access to his family and any medical treatment he may require, and guarantee that he will not be tortured or otherwise ill-treated.

I call on you to lift the surveillance and restrictions on his wife Yuan Weijing's freedom of movement.

Yours sincerely,