

2018 Cases: Who Will We Help?



Xulhaz Mannan was the editor of Bangladesh's first LGBTIQ magazine until he and his friend were stabbed and killed in his home. Including his case in Write for Rights will highlight an unconscionable series of horrific murders of bloggers and academics in the country.

Online activist **Tadjadine Mahamat Babouri** has been tortured in Chad for posting videos on Facebook in which he was critical of government policies. The health of the prisoner of conscience is deteriorating in custody.

Chinese activist **Ni Yulan** defends people who have been forcibly evicted from their homes by housing developers. In response to her activism, authorities demolished her own home shortly before the Olympic Games in Beijing and have evicted her and her family from their homes multiple times. She has also endured surveillance, harassment and beatings that now confine her to a wheelchair.

The disappearance of her husband spurred **Hanan Badr el-Din** to become a human rights defender in Egypt. She founded an association called Families of the Forcibly Disappeared and worked to end enforced disappearances until her arrest on questionable charges in May 2017. She was to have been released after 15 days but she remains in custody.

The **Istanbul 10** include Amnesty Turkey's Director Idil Eser and Chair Taner Kiliç. The fabricated reasons for their arrests hinge on unfounded allegations of association with a terrorist organization. In abusing its power, the Turkish government is deliberately making the country a dangerous place for people who speak out for human rights.

Sakris Kupila is a 21-year-old medical student, and youth activist who defends transgender rights in Finland. He is being denied legal gender recognition and is at constant risk of intimidation, violent beatings and open hostility for his work as an advocate for the rights of trans people.

Members of **MILPAH** have received threats and even attacks for defending the territory and rights of the Lenca Indigenous People in Honduras. One of their campaigns sought to stop the construction of several hydroelectric plants.

Participating in a peaceful protest march against Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories was sufficient for the authorities to lay charges against **Issa Amro** and **Farid al-Atrash**. The two men are not currently in detention but if a military court finds them guilty, they could face a prison term. Amnesty International believes the charges against the two Palestinian human rights defenders are unfounded.

Jamaican police murdered **Shackelia Jackson's** brother. That event prompted her to begin a campaign to end police violence. This case will highlight the need for accountability from officers for their actions and call for Shackelia to be protected from intimidation and attack as she seeks justice.

Clovio Razafimalala is an environmental activist in Madagascar. Authorities have used false charges and detention to silence his efforts to stop the illegal trafficking of rosewood and other timber. Although he is currently free, he could be imprisoned again if he remains as vocal as he was in the past.

