



Banned Books Week 2011



SELECTED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CASES FOR ACTION

Aayat Alqormozi
poet & student

appealing conviction

BAHRAIN

Released conditionally after detention for reading her poem at a protest rally.

Nurmemet Yasin
poet & story writer

prisoner of conscience

CHINA/XUAR

Accused of “splittism”, enduring a ten-year punishment for a short story.

Isa Saharkhiz
editor & commentator

prisoner of conscience

IRAN

Co-founder of Association for the Defence of Press Freedom in need of medical care.

Prageeth Eknaligoda
journalist & cartoonist

disappeared

SRI LANKA

Still missing in a country where attacks on critics are common.

Abuzar Al Amin
newspaper editor

prisoner of conscience

SUDAN

Detained on politically motivated charges for peacefully expressing his opinions.

Nguyen Van Ly
publisher of dissident journal

prisoner of conscience

VIET NAM

Serving an eight-year prison term for “conducting propaganda against the state”.

You can help by writing appeals on their behalf; thank you.

I am very happy to be released. I am extremely grateful to Amnesty International, who have campaigned since the beginning. In my opinion you saved me.

~ **Eynulla Fatullayev** (Banned Books Week 2008 & 2010), **May 2011**

1990–2010 CASES - prisoners released:

Amnesty International

is a worldwide movement working independently of all governments and political ideologies to focus on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical & mental integrity, freedom of conscience & expression, and freedom from discrimination, while promoting all human rights.



Message to Amnesty International from Moroccan journalist **Chekib El-Khiari** (AIUSA Banned Books Week 2010 postcard), following his release in April 2011:

“I don’t have enough words to express my gratitude to everybody who took action on behalf of my parents and my family. The letters that I received gave me, as well as my family, the energy to undergo the prison and the separation.

“I received letters written and drawn by children aged between five and 10 years, from all over the world. Those letters had a magical effect on me. They inspired me and made me stronger to endure the detention and my unjust conviction. Every week I was waiting for those letters, I was reading them again and again, thinking of those people who took five minutes, or maybe more, to write or to draw. Five minutes of their time gave me the energy to survive two years of unlawful imprisonment.”

Ilker Demir, Turkish journalist
Jack Mapanje, poet in Malawi
Nguyen Chi Thien, Vietnamese poet
Miriam Firouz, Iranian writer
Nguyen Khac Chinh, novelist & poet, Vietnam
Wang Xizhe, Chinese writer & editor
María Elena Cruz Varela, poet in Cuba
Duong Thu Huong, Vietnamese writer/dramatist
6 Indian theater artists in the United Arab Emirates
Münir Ceylan, Turkish union spokesman
Nguon Non, editor of Khmer newspaper, Cambodia
Zikrayat Mahmud Harb, newspaper editor in Kuwait
Tri Agus Susanto, Indonesian student magazine worker
Wei Jingsheng, Chinese writer & democracy advocate
Christine Anyanwu, news magazine editor in Nigeria
Kim Ha-ki, South Korean novelist
Usama Suhail 'Abdallah Hussain, journalist in Kuwait
Drs Adnan Beuransyah, Indonesian journalist
Ma Thida, physician/writer in Myanmar
Gao Yu, economics editor in China
Ragip Duran, Turkish journalist
Zhang Jingsheng, Chinese songwriter, activist
Mohamed Nasheed, journalist in the Maldives
Freddy Loseke, DRC newspaper editor
Faraj Birqdar, Syrian poet
Esber Yagmurdereli, Turkish playwright
Daw San San Nwe, activist/writer in Myanmar
Mirtha Ira Bueno Hidalgo, student in Peru
Lucien Messan, Togo journalist
José Gallardo, general & critic, Mexico
Hassan Bility, Liberian journalist
Ibtisam al-Dakhil, journalist in Kuwait
Zouheir Yahiaoui, Tunisian website operator
Ali Lmrabet, newspaper editor in Morocco
Le Chi Quang, Vietnamese writer
Zaw Thet Htwe, Myanmar sportswriter
Bui Minh Quoc, journalist & poet in Vietnam
Ko Khun Sai, activist/writer in Myanmar
Jampheh Jangchub, Tibetan leafleter
Nguyen Dan Que, Vietnamese writer
Sein Hla Oo, news editor & film critic in Myanmar
Aloys Kabura, journalist in Burundi
Serkalem Fasil, Ethiopian publisher
Mahboubeh Abbasgholizadeh, Iranian editor
Mohammed Abbou, Internet writer in Tunisia
Elena Varela López, Chilean filmmaker
U Win Tin, Myanmar editor
Tohti Tunyaz, Uighur historian in China
Sakit Zahidov, journalist in Azerbaijan
Ko Aung Htun, historian in Myanmar
Vettivel Jasikaran, Sri Lankan journalist & publisher
Emadeddin Baghi, Iranian writer
J.S. Tissainayagam, Sri Lankan journalist
Musaad Abu Fagr, Egyptian novelist
Pablo Pacheco Ávila, Cuban journalist
Chekib El-Khiari, Moroccan journalist
Eynulla Fatullayev, newspaper editor in Azerbaijan