



# Banned Books Week 2011



## SELECTED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CASES FOR ACTION

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**Aayat Alqormozi**  
poet & student

**appealing conviction**

**BAHRAIN**

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

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**Nurmemet Yasin**  
poet & story writer

**prisoner of conscience**

**CHINA/XUAR**

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

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**Isa Saharkhiz**  
editor & commentator

**prisoner of conscience**

**IRAN**

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

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**Prageeth Eknaligoda**  
journalist & cartoonist

**disappeared**

**SRI LANKA**

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

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**Abuzar Al Amin**  
newspaper editor

**prisoner of conscience**

**SUDAN**

Detained on politically motivated charges for peacefully expressing his opinions.

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**Nguyen Van Ly**  
publisher of dissident journal

**prisoner of conscience**

**VIET NAM**

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

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

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*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