

**Party Secretary of Xinjiang
Ma Xingrui
479 Zhongshan Lu, Tianshan Qu, Urumqi,
830041, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region,
People's Republic of China**

Dear Secretary Ma:

I am writing to express my alarm regarding the case of **Yashar (Yaxia'er Xiaohelaiti 亚夏尔·肖合拉提)**, a Uyghur songwriter and musician. On June 20, 2024, the city court in Bole determined that he was guilty of “promoting extremism” and “illegally possessing extremist material.” These charges appear to stem solely from the lyrics of his songs and Uyghur-language books he legally purchased. The classification of these books as “extremist” appears to be unfounded. Yashar is being punished solely for exercising his right to explore his own culture and to freely express his views through his music.

His imprisonment places Yashar's health at real risk of deterioration. He suffers from bronchitis and requires regular medication, and it is unknown whether he is receiving the medical attention he needs.

I urge you to:

- Immediately and unconditionally release Yaxia'er Xiaohelaiti, also known as Yashar;
- Provide Yashar with regular, appropriate medical care and ensure he is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment while in custody;
- Ensure that Uyghur artists can express their identity without fear of persecution or arbitrary detention.

Yours sincerely,

Send a copy of your letter to:

**c/o Ambassador Xie Fang
Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States
3505 International Place, NW,
Washington DC 20008
USA**

Walid bin Muhammad Al-Sama'ani
Minister of Justice
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Postal Code 11472, P.O. Box 7775

Dear Minister,

I am writing to express my grave concern regarding the case of **Mohammad bin Nasser al-Ghamdi**. While I acknowledge the commutation of his death sentence, I am deeply troubled by the decision of the Specialized Criminal Court's (SCC) appeals chamber to resentence him to 30 years in prison. He remains unjustly detained solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression online. After his arrest on June 11, 2022, Mohammad bin Nasser al-Ghamdi was held in solitary confinement for four months without access to his family or a lawyer.

According to the verdict and charge sheet reviewed by Amnesty International, Mohammad bin Nasser al-Ghamdi was convicted under Saudi Arabia's counterterrorism law for social media posts criticizing the Saudi King, Crown Prince, and foreign policy, and for calling for the release of detained religious clerics and protesting price increases. These are views protected under international human rights law, and he has not been accused of any violent crime.

Furthermore, his brother, Asaad bin Nasser al-Ghamdi, was also sentenced to 20 years in prison on May 29, 2024, for similar social media posts.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Mohammad bin Nasser al-Ghamdi. His continued detention is a clear violation of his fundamental human rights.

Sincerely,

Send a copy of your letter to:

c/o Her Royal Highness Princess Reema bint Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
Embassy of Saudi Arabia in the United States
601 New Hampshire Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20037
USA

The State Administration Council
c/o Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
2300 S St., NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear State Administration Council,

Photojournalist **Sai Zaw Thaike** was arrested in May 2023, after travelling to Rakhine State to report on the devastation caused by Cyclone Mocha. After a one-day trial in September, he was sentenced by a military tribunal to 20 years in prison with hard labor. He has endured beatings by prison staff and periods of solitary confinement.

He embedded himself with a relief team. But after a week there, Sai was arrested. He was interrogated and beaten. He has endured beatings by prison staff and periods of solitary confinement.

Journalism is not a crime, but over 200 journalists in Myanmar have been imprisoned in the past few years.

I am asking that Sai Zaw Thaike be immediately and unconditionally released.

Sincerely,

**Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation
c/o Ambassador Alexander N. Darchiev
Embassy of the Russian Federation in the USA
2650 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.,
Washington, DC 20007**

Dear Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation,

Ensure the immediate release of **Mark Kislitsyn**. Mark is a civic and human rights activist who in December 2023 was sentenced to 12 years in a penal colony on charges of high treason after donating 865 rubles to Ukraine's National Bank. His actions were motivated solely by humanitarian reasons.

Mark is a committed pacifist who strongly opposes any violence, and he has stated that he did not know that the bank account he transferred money to had been opened in order to finance Ukraine's Armed Forces. He believed the money would go toward humanitarian aid.

Mark's persecution is politically motivated and must be stopped. In the penal colony, Mark is subjected to pressure from the prison authorities. He is regularly and arbitrarily placed in a punishment cell and subjected to other ill-treatment. I strongly urge you to take all necessary steps to ensure Mark Kislitsyn's immediate release.

Sincerely,

President of Tunisia Kais Saied
Carthage Presidential Palace
La Goulette Road
Carthage Archaeological Site
Tunis
Tunisia

Your Excellency,

I write to you to express my grave concern over the prolonged unjust imprisonment of Tunisian lawyer **Sonia Dahmani**. She is imprisoned for exercising her right to freedom of expression, including publicly criticizing conditions of detention in Tunisian prisons as well as the ill-treatment of refugees and migrants.

Following her public comments during her regular appearances on television and radio shows, Tunisian authorities have initiated five separate legal proceedings against her. All pending cases stem from the exercise of her right to freedom of expression.

Sonia Dahmani is enduring cruel and inhuman conditions of detention in prison. She has developed serious health issues and is denied necessities and adequate healthcare, while being subjected to mistreatment by prison guards. Sonia Dahmani shares a cell with four other detainees, including a shared toilet facility with no privacy. Hygiene is deplorable, with limited access to hot water; rats and insects infest her cell.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Sonia Dahmani, quash her unjust convictions and sentences, and drop the baseless criminal investigations against her. Pending her release, she must be granted access to her family, lawyers, and adequate healthcare and held in conditions that meet international standards for the treatment of prisoners.

Sincerely,

Send a copy of your letter to:
c/o Ambassador Hanene Al-Tajouri Bessassi
Tunisian Embassy in the United States
1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,
Washington DC 20005
USA

Secretary Kristi Noem
Department of Homeland Security
300 7th St, SW,
Washington, DC 20024
USA
Email: dhssecretary@hq.dhs.gov

Dear Secretary Kristi Noem,

I am writing regarding the recent trend of targeting foreign students with repression, detention, and potential deportation for either their activities in protests, speaking out in support of Palestinian rights and against the ongoing war crimes and genocide in the occupied Gaza Strip, or due to their backgrounds.

Following the detention of Mahmoud Khalil on March 8 and the revocation of his residency status, the US government revoked the student visas of seven identified individuals and is seeking to revoke the residency status of at least two other students who protested or spoke up about the conflict in the occupied Gaza Strip under an obscure and rarely used provision of immigration law. At least 1300 additional students are known to have had their visas revoked. However, many of these students never received notice of the revocation, nor did they participate in any protest or expressive activity on campus. Some students may have been targeted due to having committed minor crimes such as traffic violations. According to a lawsuit filed on behalf of students, many were targeted because of their country of origin, particularly those from African, Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and Asian backgrounds.

These repressive tactics and the summary revocation of people's immigration status demonstrate an utter lack of respect for their human rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, due process, and to be free from discrimination.

I urge you to restore the visas and immigration status of these students and visitors, release all students from immigration detention, refrain from deporting any of them, and end the targeting of students based on their immigration statuses and for exercising their human rights.

Yours sincerely,