



Amnesty International

Group 524

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December Write For Rights Event Good News - Prisoner Release IAR Case Received

Welcome

The focus this month is the annual Write For Rights event. We hope to see you at Calvary Episcopal on December 9 anytime from 6-9pm.

December Write For Rights Event

Group 39 is sponsoring the annual Write For Rights event on December 9. See page 2. This event will take the place of our regular December monthly meeting.

Prisoner Release

We have good news to share about a case from this years Banned Books event. See page 3.

New IAR Case

We have received the case dossier for our Group's Individual At Risk case in China. See page 3.

Write For Rights Cases

This year there are 10 cases shown on pages 4-6. Sample letters and labels are being sent as attachments along with the newsletter.

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Meeting Schedule: Third Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: The Commons Residence Providence Heights
9000 Babcock Blvd.



Contact John Belch (joheb@aol.com or 412-766-1894) for more information on material in this mailing, or visit the Amnesty USA web site (www.amnestyusa.org) and Group 39's Amnesty Pittsburgh web site (www.amnestypgh.org).



Speak up so that their voice is not silenced



Join Amnesty International Group 39 and other human rights groups and community leaders for our 39th Write for Human Rights event.

Monday, December 9, 2024, 6:00-9:00pm

**Calvary Episcopal Church,
315 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

Write a letter. Change a life. Come for five minutes or the whole event.
Case information, letter writing materials and light refreshments will be provided.

Please visit amnestypgh.org to learn more about this event, other Group 39 activities, or to make a donation

Contact: amnesty39@gmail.com



GOOD NEWS!

Argentinian Prisoner Featured in Banned Book Action Released

We wrote letters on Pierina's behalf in September.



Pierina Nochetti, a graffiti artist from Argentina who was facing up to 4 years in prison and facing criminal charges of "aggravated damage" for painting graffiti in a protest questioning the disappearance of a young trans man has been released and all criminal charges were dropped.

Pierina's case was raised through [AIUSA's 2024 Banned Books Week Action](#).

New Individual At Risk Case

Our Group has been selected to work on the cases of Yu Wensheng and his wife Xu Yan in China.

On April 13, 2023, prominent human rights lawyer YU Wensheng and his wife XU Yan were taken into police custody while en route to meet the delegation of the European Union to China in Beijing, where they were to attend a meeting with the EU's Ambassador to China, Jorge Toledo Albiñana, and another senior EU official. In October 2023, Yu and Xu were indicted on charges of "picking quarrels" and "inciting subversion of state power." On October 29, 2024, Suzhou Intermediate Court sentenced Yu Wensheng to three years in prison and Xu Yan, to one year and nine months in prison for "inciting subversion of state power."

We will discuss and start work at our January meeting.



W4R 2024 campaign

NETH NAHARA

TickTocker Jailed For Criticizing the President.

ANGOLA



LEONARD PELTIER

Commute the sentence of Leonard Peltier and release him!

USA



DANG DINH BACH

Jailed for protecting the environment and human rights.

VIETNAM





WET'SUWET'EN NATION LAND DEFENDERS

Fighting to protect their ancestral lands and our planet.

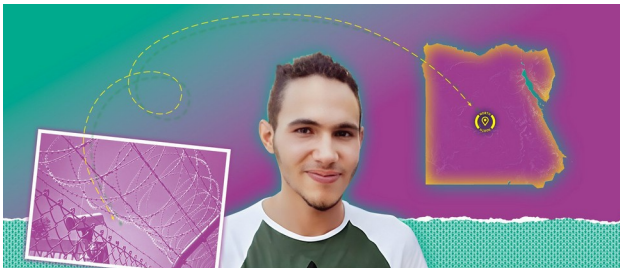
CANADA



OQBA HASHAD

Detained and tortured for his brother's activism.

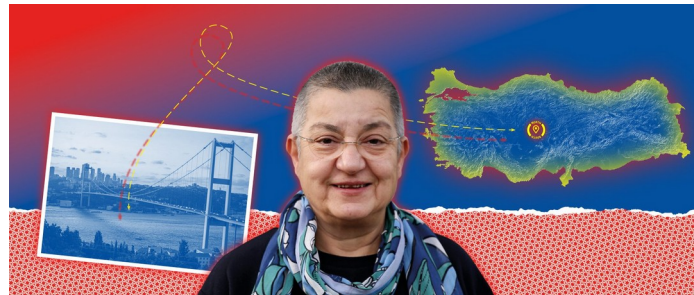
EGYPT



ŞEBNEM KORUR FINCANCI

Harassed for protecting people's freedoms.

TÜRKIYE



JOEL PAREDES

Blinded by rubber bullets at a peaceful protest.

ARGENTINA





MANAHEL AL-OTAIBI

Eleven years in prison for supporting woman's rights.

SAUDI ARABIA



KYUNG SEOK PARK

'I dream of a world where no one is left behind.'

SOUTH KOREA



MARYIA KALESNIKAVA

Political activist abducted and locked up for eleven years.

BELARUS

