



LETTER 1: BERNARDO CAALXOL – GUATAMALA

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Dear Attorney General,

Bernardo Caal Xol and the Maya Q'eqchi are a vital part of Guatemala's heritage. The hydro-electric power plants licensed to operate are disrupting their sacred Cahabón river, scarring the landscape, and destroying their way of life. Bernardo, working to ensure that the land and water are preserved, has been imprisoned for more than seven years on false charges. I urge you to drop all charges against Bernardo and free him immediately. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)



LETTER 2: CASE: ZHANG ZHAN – CHINA

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Dear President Xi ,

Zhang Zhan typifies the courage of investigative Chinese journalists. Citizen journalists like her were the only source of uncensored, independent, and first-hand information about the coronavirus outbreak in China. Zhang Zhan received four years' imprisonment for daring to report what she saw. If the Chinese authorities are serious about combating Covid-19 and preventing similar outbreaks, they must stop censorship and respect freedom of expression – please free Zhang Zhan immediately and unconditionally. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)



LETTER 3: Mohamed Baker – Egypt

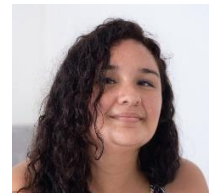
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Dear President,

As a human rights lawyer, Mohamed Baker helps the people who have been jailed unfairly in Egypt. He has been locked up unjustly. Falsely accused of terrorism, Baker was thrown in jail where authorities are confining him to his cell 24/7, refusing him a bed, books, newspapers – even family photos. I respectfully urge you to release Mohamed Baker immediately and close all investigations into the false accusations made against him. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)



LETTER 4: WENDY GARLARZA - MEXICO

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Dear Attorney General,

Wendy Galarza is a dedicated childcare worker working to create a more compassionate society in Mexico. On 9 November 2020, Wendy nearly lost her life to violence. She attended and was wounded at a feminist march in Cancún where police fired shots. Those responsible for the violence have not been brought to justice. I respectfully urge you to thoroughly investigate the violations that she suffered, and ensure that all those responsible are brought to justice. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)



LETTER 5: Sphere NGO – Ukraine

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Dear Minister,

Sphere NGO in Kharkiv is one of the oldest LGBTI and women’s rights groups in Ukraine. Members have endured dozens of discriminatory attacks, including physical attacks, destruction of their property and homophobic chants hurled at supporters. I respectfully urge you to ensure that the attacks on Sphere are investigated, and those responsible are held to account in fair trials. Ukraine must build on its progress on LGBTI rights and end impunity for hate crimes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)

LETTER 6: Janna Jihad – Palestinian Occupied territories

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Dear Member of Knesset,

Janna Jihad, 15 years old, saw her uncle killed by the Israeli military. She has been thrust into the world of citizen journalism. She documents and exposes the Israeli army’s treatment of Palestinians, including children. Israel has signed up to the Convention on the Rights of the Child yet doesn’t extend those protections to Palestinian children. I call on you to meet your obligations under the Convention by protecting ALL children, Israeli and Palestinian, from harm. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)





LETTER 7: Imoleayo Michael – Nigeria

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Honorable Attorney General of the Federation,

Imoleayo Michael is a young computer programmer. In October 2020, he joined other young people who were protesting the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), a police unit known for violence. Two weeks later, he was taken from his home and locked in an underground cell for 41 days. He’s facing false charges and years in prison because he believes that Nigeria’s police can do better for the people they are meant to protect. I urge you to drop all charges against Imoleayo immediately. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)



LETTER 8: “Rung” Sithijirawattanakul – Thailand

Do not copy above – Begin below:

Dear Prime Minister Panusaya,

“Rung” Sithijirawattanakul, like many, was peacefully protesting as part of Thailand’s democracy movement by campaigning for a society where public concerns are heard and acted upon. Because of her efforts, she faces criminal charges and the possibility of life in prison. The Thai authorities need to enable all people in Thailand to enjoy and exercise their human rights, including peaceful protest. I respectfully urge you to drop all criminal charges against “Rung.” Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)



LETTER 9: Mikita Zalatarou – Belarus

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Dear Prosecutor General,

Mikita Zalatarou, 16 years old, was waiting for a friend in Homel when he was swept into a crowd of protesters in 2020. Within 24 hours, he was in police custody where he was beaten, interrogated without a lawyer, and locked up for six months before his trial. No evidence showed Mikita had been involved in any violence. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment. Please ensure that he is released pending a fair trial that meets international child justice standards. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)



LETTER 10 - Ciham Ali - United States Citizen

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Dear Secretary of State Blinken,

Ciham Ali, a US born citizen raised in Eritrea, has been missing since December 2012 when she was arrested, at age 15, on the Eritrean border in what appears to be in retaliation against her father's suspected involvement in a coup attempt. Nine years later, no one knows her whereabouts. Eritrea is notorious for imprisoning people in underground containers where they are tortured or killed. Please use your influence to speak out for Ciham by requesting her release. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name or signature)

