

AZERBAIJAN

Elchin Mammad

Reporter, lawyer and human rights defender Elchin Mammad, is serving a four-year prison sentence on trumped-up charges of theft and illegal possession of weapons. According to reports, Mammad was denied a fair trial, with the evidence against him inconsistent, and the investigation phase marred by police tampering. His family said that his health seriously deteriorated while in detention.

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Mammad understands Azerbaijani, Russian, Turkish, Farsi and English. Messages can also be sent to aurelia.dondo@pen-international.org

BELARUS

Ales Bialiatski

Belarusian PEN member, writer and prominent human rights defender Ales Bialiatski was arrested on 14 July 2021 and has been held in pre-trial detention in Minsk since 17 July. Bialiatski is chairman of the Human Rights Center Viasna, a leading human rights organisation whose work and members have been repeatedly targeted by the Belarusian authorities. He faces up to seven years in prison on trumped-up charges of tax evasion, under Article 243 (2) of the Criminal Code of Belarus. A date for his trial hearing has yet to be set.

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The prison administration is more likely to accept messages if written in Russian.

Uladzimir Mackievič

Belarusian PEN member and renowned philosopher Uladzimir Mackievič has been held in pre-trial detention in Minsk since 4 August 2021. He has been charged with organising and preparing actions that grossly violate public order, under Article 342 (1) of the Criminal Code of Belarus. He faces up to three years in prison if convicted. A date for his trial hearing has yet to be set. PEN International believes that Mackievič is being targeted for his views and writings critical of the Belarusian authorities and calls for his immediate and unconditional release.

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CHINA

LÜ Gengsong

Dissident writer, activist, member of ICPC. Arrested on 8 July 2014 and sentenced to 11 years in prison.

Address:

Changhu Prison
Huzhou City 313102
Zhejiang Province
P.R. China.

CHEN Shuqing

Dissident writer, activist, member of ICPC. Arrested on 11 September 2014 and sentenced to 10.5 years in prison.

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Qiaosi Prison, Hangzhou City 310019, Zhejiang Province,
P.R. China.

EGYPT

Galal El-Beairy (جلال البحري)

Poet, lyricist and activist. Initially arrested on 3 March 2018 and sentenced to 3 years in prison. After serving his sentence, he was re-arrested, currently being kept in pre-trial detention.

Address:

Galal Abdelfattah Galal house, next to El Malab El Gadid,
Kafr Kordy village,
Kafr Shukr,
Al Qalyubia Governorate, Egypt.

ERITREA

Dawit Isaak

Swedish-Eritrean journalist detained incommunicado and without trial since 2001. [Click here](#) for more information.

Letters can be sent to: info@freedawit.com

HONDURAS

Jairo López

Member of PEN Honduras and journalist. López is one of the few critical journalists in the south of Honduras; he is known to expose local government corruption. A smear campaign against him began on 7 February 2017. In 2019, Jairo was arrested while covering a demonstration. In October 2020, the judge issued two prison sentences. The Public Prosecutor's Office intends to imprison him for 15 to 29 years. Jairo appealed the judge's decision and is awaiting sentencing. For more information, [click here](#).

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INDIA

Hany Babu

Linguistics scholar and social activist. Arrested on 28 July 2020 and currently in pre-trial detention.

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MALTA

Daphne Caruana Galizia

Investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia was assassinated on 16 October 2017 when a car bomb detonated as she drove away from her home in Bidnija. The government whose corruption she investigated repeatedly obstructed the path to justice for Caruana Galizia and her family, including by delaying a long-awaited public inquiry into her assassination. Dozens of civil defamation lawsuits continued against her posthumously. So far, eight men have either admitted to or been charged with complicity to kill her. In July 2021, a landmark public inquiry found that the state bore responsibility for her murder.

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MYANMAR

Wai Moe Naing

Writer and pro-democracy activist. Assaulted and detained on 15 April 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

Address:

Special ward (Thee Thant Saung), Monywa prison,
Prison department,
Home Affairs ministry,
Monywa, Sagaing Division, Myanmar

Maung Yu Py

A poet, who was detained on 9 March 2020 and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Address:

Room 3, ward 4,
Myeik prison,
Prison department,
Home Affairs ministry, Myeik, Tanintharyi Division
Myanmar

Maung Thar Cho

Writer and academic. Detained on 1 February 2021 and currently held in pre-trial detention.

Address:

Insein prison,
Prison department,
Home Affairs ministry,
Yangon, Yangon Division
Myanmar

SRI LANKA

Ahnaf Jazeem (அஹ் னப் ஜஸீம்)

Poet and teacher. Arrested on 16 May 2020 and is currently held in pre-trial detention.

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Colombo Remand Prison (CRP)
Prison Headquarters
No.150, Baseline Road, Colombo 09
Sri Lanka

THAILAND

Arnon Nampa (อนันต์นภา)

Poet, lawyer, and human rights activist. Initially arrested on 7 August 2020 and currently held in pre-trial detention.

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Rights for Justice Foundation
66/4 Soi Lat Phrao 16,
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TURKEY

Selahattin Demirtaş

Prominent Kurdish writer and opposition politician from Turkey Selahattin Demirtaş has been held in detention since 4 November 2016 on dubious terrorism charges. The European Court of Human Rights twice ruled for Demirtaş's immediate release, to no avail. Not only did the Turkish authorities fail to abide by the Court's ruling, but they sentenced him to four years and eight months in prison in a separate case. They also brought new charges against him, for which he now faces life without the possibility of parole.

Demirtaş is being held in Edirne prison, western Turkey, far away from his loved ones in Diyarbakır.

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Online messages of solidarity can also be sent via English PEN:

<https://www.englishpen.org/campaign/writers-at-risk/selahattin-demirtas/>

Sign and share the petition to #FreeSelahattinDemirtaş: <https://chng.it/hpMPPHD2jv>

Osman Kavala

A publisher, civil society actor and human rights defender, Osman Kavala was first detained in October 2017. He was officially charged 16 months after his arrest – accused of being responsible for crimes allegedly committed by protestors across Turkey during the 2013 Gezi Park protests. Kavala faces a life sentence without the possibility of parole, with an additional 20-year sentence for 'espionage'. In December 2019, the European Court of Human Rights ruled for his immediate release, to no avail. He remains in pre-trial detention in Silivri Prison, outside Istanbul.

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<https://www.englishpen.org/campaign/turkey/osman-kavala-turkey/>

Nedim Türfent

News editor and reporter at the Dicle News Agency (DİHA), Nedim Türfent was arrested on 12 May 2016 and held in solidarity confinement for almost two years. He was sentenced to eight years and nine months in prison in December 2017 on terrorism-related charges for reporting on the activities of the Turkish special forces in the southeast. Scores of witnesses called by the prosecution testified that they had been tortured into giving evidence against him as part of the initial investigation. Türfent spends the time in his cell studying Turkish, English and German and writing poetry.

Please send messages of support in English, German, Turkish or Kurdish.

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Van, Turkey

Online messages of solidarity can also be sent via English PEN's PENWrites campaign:
<https://www.englishpen.org/pen-writes/penwrites-nedim-turfent/>

VIETNAM

Pham Doan Trang

Writer, publisher, journalist and pro-democracy activist. Arrested in October 2020 and currently held in pre-trial detention.

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