

INSATS #11 2019 ENGLISH VERSION

Write for Rights

Participate in a national competition and document your work!

We are very excited to see all the upcoming events and actions within this year's Write for Rights campaign. As usual the campaign will take place throughout Sweden and focus on visibility, meeting the public, and gathering signatures. We will also encourage people that participate in the campaign online to join a local Amnesty group - so be prepared for new members!

Update on Ibrahim Ezz El-Din



On the 26th of November 2019 Ibrahim Ezz El-Din appeared in court after being forcibly detained for 167 days. He is now accused of terror-related crimes and the prosecute argues that Ibrahim was detained on the 25th of November and not on the 11th June (when he actually was detained and went missing). Ibrahim had lost weight and told his lawyer that he has been tortured. Amnesty's demand to free him is still standing, and now knowing that he has been tortured makes it even more important that we work for his release.

Compete for honour and fame!

Don't forget to compete! The group that collects most signatures during this year's Write for Rights wins! The big prize is honor and fame! Find more information at: <http://aktivism.amnesty.se/delta-i-en-kampanj/sff/>

Document your work and spread it!

Through Write for Rights we want to highlight and show the commitment among Amnesty members. Especially in terms of the variation of activities, geographical spread and the force it generates. You can find more tips on how you can document your activities through media - such as photos and film - in the Write for Rights material that you will receive.

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“As I see it”

As part of the Write for Rights campaign, we call for the release of Yiliyasijiang Reheman - a Chinese Uighur - who are most likely detained in a reeducation camp or imprisoned. Based on this, Nijat, an Uighur and activist that resides in Sweden, writes this month's "As I see it." The oppression of Uighurs have been ongoing for a long time, but since 2017 it has escalated. Around one million people are believed to be detained in re-education camps throughout China.

The last week top-secret documents have been leaked from China. The documents prove that there indeed exists internment camps in Xinjiang, and much of the information correspond with previous testimonies from ex-prisoners. We now await to see how the rest of the world reacts - and if China can hide this horrible reality.

As a son to a dad that survived the internment camps - I sit here after reading the documents and try to depict how it is to be detained in a camp in Xinjiang:

Both my hand and feets have been chained and my body is tense in the wait of order from the staff. With my voice and memory I will soon sing red-songs, praise the Party and leader Xi Jinping. I must surrender everything and totally submit to be indoctrinated. The smallest movement is supervised and reported to those in power. Torture and abuse of us prisoners happens on a daily basis. The future is uncertain.

I think that I will be set free one day after several months of systematic indoctrination. By then I have lost 30kg. In my head I can only hear the echo of the red-songs and I can't force them away. I take a taxi away from there. The road is bordered with surveillance cameras - it reminds me of Orwell's 1984. The police stops our taxi 12 times, over and over again, for control. Although I was set free, I have to provide them with a fingerprint, blood and voice-sample. At my home I am welcomed by my wife and our han-chinese "relative" that have moved in with us. That "relative" will share everything with us. His task is to help us to become han-chinese and report our thoughts and activities to the authorities.

That is how I depict it. But I do not know for certain, because here in the reality I have not been able to call my father since he was released. I have not had the possibility to ask him how he feels. Because receiving calls from abroad may be perceived as a crime that can put him back in the camp - once again. It feels very sad that I am unable to contact family in these times of technological wonders. My two daughters often asks when they can talk with their grandparents, whereas my response is always just avoiding it....Two of my friends have been in contact with psychiatry as a result of the anxiety that follows the current development. It is hard for relatives to endure the fear and uncertainty...

The information that has been unveiled in the leaked documents are terrifying and it is an evidence of a systematic extinction of an ethnic and religious identity. However, the leaks are also a result of growing resistance among those that are accountable. Humanity still exists. We can all act, Amnesty, relatives, other organisations and countries. Act for those that really need our voice.

Light: All those that engage against the oppression in Xinjiang.

Barbwire: All the barbwire that encircles the internment camps.

Nijat Turghun
Uighur and activist

TIME TO SUM UP 2019

Soon 2019 comes to an end and it is time to sum up the year that has passed and report your activity! All groups and districts within Amnesty shall each year report their activity and finances. You will receive instructions to your group through email from your organisations developer (verksamhetsutvecklare) during December. Deadline is the 15th of February 2020.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REPORT ON OUR ACTIVITY?

The purpose of the report is to make it possible for Amnesty Sweden to gather all that have been accomplished over the year and demonstrate the force of the local and regional activism within Amnesty. It is also an opportunity for your group to discuss and think about what you have accomplished over the year. The compilation of the result is also a good basis for evaluating what have worked well and what hasn't - all in order so we can plan and become better throughout 2020.

SUM IT UP TOGETHER IN THE GROUP

All groups are recommended to schedule a meeting with the entire group in the beginning of 2020 to sum up your activity. Your organisational developer (verksamhetsutvecklare) will send out a form through email during December to each Group Secretary (gruppsekreterare). For this meeting, it is also important that the treasurer have prepared the financial report over your expenses and revenues from 2019. The Group Secretary is responsible to take notes and make sure that the report is sent to your organisational developer at latest 15th of February.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTING

All groups and districts will also make an economic report that projects the expenses and revenues made in 2019. Accounting Groups (Redovisningsgrupper) shall send their financial report to their organisational developer meanwhile Section Groups (Sektionsgrupper) shall revise their economy internally within the group. Your finances also needs to be revised by an accountant. For more information about what a financial report shall contain, see <http://aktivism.amnesty.se/grupper-och-distrikt/regler-och-formalia/rapportering/>

REPORT YOUR WORK WITH INDIVIDUAL CASES

Does your group work with one or several individual cases? If yes, we need to know what you have done and if you have received any response. All groups with individual cases will receive a form (through email) to fill out in December.

PLAN FOR 2020

When you are in the process of evaluating 2019, make sure to also discuss how you would like to work during the spring of 2020. Maybe you can set common goals for the group to work towards? Or maybe there are some activities or dates that you already know by now will be important for the group? It is also very good to revise and

discuss your meeting routines. A great tip is to seek inspiration in the Amnesty-calendar that you will find in this issue of *Insats*.

WHO REPORTS ON WHAT?

Section Groupsë	Accounting Groupsë	Districtsë
Compile a financial report and present it internally within the group.	Compile a financial report and send it to your organisations developer.	Compile a financial report and send it to your organisations developer.
Discuss and compile an overview of your activity during 2019. Fill out the form that you receive in email.	Discuss and compile an overview of your activity during 2019. Fill out the form that you receive in email.	Discuss and compile an overview of your activity during 2019. Present it on your annual meeting.
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Thank you for reporting on your activity! It provides us with a good overview of the fantastic work that you do. We hope that this also provides you with an opportunity to reflect upon your work and set a good actionplan for 2020. Remember that the deadline is the 15th of February! Please reach out to your organisation's developer (verksamhetutvecklare) if you have any questions or thoughts.

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DO YOU WANT TO BECOME AN AMNESTY LOBBYIST?

We are looking for you that wants to develop your commitment and make something effective for human rights. We would like to see that you have been engaged in Amnesty for a while and would like to make an impact on Swedish politicians in one or several of our prioritized topics.

During 2020, Amnesty believes there is a need to engage and talk with Swedish politicians - both locally, regionally and nationally. We need to team up, organise ourselves and be present at several places where human rights are overlooked.

Because of this, we train and educate lobbyists. On local and regional level we will further engage in topics of human rights among vulnerable EU-citizens and survivors of rape. On a national level we require a legislation that forces corporations to account for human rights.

Also Human (Också Människa)

We need to engage and talk with politicians on a regional level and discuss the right to health care for vulnerable EU-citizens and encourage politicians to ensure that this group of individuals are guaranteed the same level of treatment that undocumented refugees currently have. We also need, in some cases, to talk to politicians about the devastating consequences a ban of begging will have.

Time for Change

In the ongoing campaign against rape in Sweden (and throughout the Nordics) we need activists that engage in conversations with care-providers and politicians about support to survivors of rape/individuals that have been experienced rape.

Corporate Responsibility

During 2020, Amnesty will campaign together with other organisations for a Swedish legislation that demand corporations to account for human rights. We need to engage in conversations with Swedish parliamentarians about this issue but also with companies.

When?

The training session will occur at Amnesty's secretariat in Stockholm from Saturday (1/2/2020) from 13:00 to Sunday (2/2/2020) to 15:00.

Application

Apply at aktivism.amnesty.se/lobbyist. There are a limited number of seats and assignments and we will prioritise activists that have recently engaged in any of the topics or in our leadership program. We will also try to have a geographical spread.

Education, travel, food and eventual housing will be covered. Deadline for your application is 9/1/2020.

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Also Human

*Within the campaign Also Human there is a great need for efforts in order to improve the situation and live among vulnerable EU-citizens in Sweden. Cold, prejudice, ban of begging, and an unclear access to healthcare are daily threats that are worsened by the approach of the winter. **Act now** - sign up your group to the campaign or carry out one of the activities below!*

The right to housing - when the winter approaches

When the winter approaches it becomes extra important to once again raise the question about the right to housing for everyone in Sweden. How the access to housing looks throughout Sweden varies from municipality to municipality. Because of this, there are various opportunities for you to engage and influence the local politics. We believe that we shall strive to make sure that there are accessible long-term shelters where individuals can get social support in order to progress in life. Since it is you, as local residents, that have the best insight in your local municipality - you have the power to make the change!

Become an educator in the campaign!!!

The campaign Also Human needs to have engaged activists that can explain the campaign for others - activists, schools and other actors that are interested in the questions. In connection to the training session on lobbying (1/2-2/2) there is a 3h session as well as a webinar the night before the training. In other words, one can participate in both sessions if one wants.

The session is specifically directed towards you who have experience of working with the campaign and/or have experience of public speaking/lecturing.

Apply at: aktivism.amnesty.se/eumedborgare

Ban of begging - spread Amnesty's argument through new material!

There is new flyers against the ban of begging that you can hand out outside your local municipality offices. Maybe you even want to invite your local politicians for a fika and discuss the matter? Change in politics may take a while so remember to start campaigning now! Do not wait until the same day as they vote on the ban of begging.

Right to health care and treatment

The campaign Also Human demands that vulnerable EU-citizens have right to subsidized health care and treatment - at least the minimum as is today provided for unregistered migrants. Given that the situation is different across the country, we need to gather knowledge about it. Therefore we encourage you to contact local health care facilities and hospitals and ask how they act when vulnerable EU-citizens ask for care and treatment without having the European health-insurance card. Find more instructions and a template to structure your findings at: aktivism.amnesty.se/eumedborgare

Show the human! Use our photo exhibition!

We have developed a photo exhibition that is located in Gothenburg, Stockholm and Malmö. It consists of great photographs and information about the campaign in A2-format. We can of course send it to you - reach out to Marianne Gyllenpistol if you want to borrow it! See contact details below. ☺

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TIME FOR CHANGE

MAKE AN IMPACT AGAINST RAPE - REVIEW LOCAL MEDIA

*As we wrote in our last issue of *Insats* we are delving deeper into the campaign *Time for Change*, now focusing on attitudes and stereotypes concerning rape and how local media reports incidents. You can participate by reviewing your own local newspaper!*

There are already several groups that have started reviewing, but there is still opportunity to register and join! Do you need more information? Join our webinar on the 9th of December! The webinar will be led by Katarina Bergehed - our expert on women's rights - and Ami Hedenborg - Amnesty's press-secretary and expert on journalism. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the hitherto collected results and together think about what's next. The meeting starts at 18:00 and will continue until 20:00. Register at: aktivism.amnesty.se/timeforchange. Questions? Email your regional campaign leader!

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SAVE THE DATE - 8th OF MARCH

The year is near its end and in these days of "soon-I-am-on-Christmas-leave" it is easy to forget that the fight for human rights doesn't take holiday. Therefore, Amnesty wants to send out a friendly reminder that the 8th of March - the international women's day - is approaching. Next year Amnesty will continue to work with the campaign *Time for Change* and highlight the report *Time for Change - Justice for Rape Survivors in the Nordic Countries* in several ways.

There are of course lot's of stuff to do!

Organize panel discussions or a talk show. Why don't you organize a quiz-night at the library or student union? A tip (which you already may be doing) is to keep track of what other organisations are doing locally and maybe

you can join one of their activities or even start cooperating with them! Regardless - focus will be on our report and the important work against rape in Sweden.

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PHILIPPINES - STOP THE DEATH SENTENCE LEGISLATION!

The Philippine congress is on its way to consider a legislation that would mean the reinstatement of the death penalty. If you want to act in the matter, please visit: aktivism.amnesty.se/dodsstraff

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THE SWEDISH GENERAL SECRETARY HAS THE WORD - REMEMBER WHY WE EXIST!

I would like to yell you. It is probably nothing new but nevertheless important. We must remember why we are engaged in human rights. What it means to individuals around the world.

Two years ago I visited Istanbul, Turkey, to observe and report on the trial against the "Istanbul 10" - a group of 10 individuals that worked within various organisations and gathered for a training session in IT-security. Among them was the general secretary of Amnesty Turkey - Idil Eser - and the Swedish consultant Ali Gharavi. The charge against Taner Kiliç - chair of honor in Amnesty Turkey - was also added to the indictment. They were all accused of being members of a terror organization.

Another ongoing case is about the - to a high extent - peaceful protests against construction in Gezi Park in Istanbul 2013. The protests spread across 81 provinces and approximately 3.5 million people participated. 16 representatives from the civil society were charged in relation to the protests in Gezi Park for coup d'etat.

In September I visited Istanbul as an observer on both these trials. The trial against the Istanbul 10 and Taner Kiliç lasted for 20 minutes and was then postponed. The trial concerning the protests in Gezi Park felt like a farce. The different individuals were questioned about possible connections to George Soros and if they had bought food and gasmasques for protesters.

On the 27th of November there was an additional trial and the prosecutor continued to amend that Taner should be sentenced on the grounds of being a member of a terror organization and that Idil, Ozlem, Unal, Beli and Nejat are to be charged for assisting a terror organization. The next trial is set for the 19th of February. The Swede Ali Gharavi and four others were freed, which is of course a great relief.

However, this is unfortunately far from being a farce. For those indicted, and their loved ones, this is a life-changing process. Taner told me that it has been hard for him to get new cases as an attorney due to the public smear campaign against him. He has now started a new law-firm and hopes that he is soon free of all charges. He also tells me about how important it has been to receive all the letters from Sweden and he sincerely thanks the Swedish section for this.

During the trials against these 27 individuals there has been no evidence put forth which argues for any internationally acclaimed crimes. Amnesty demands that all who are persecuted are released and that all charges against them are dropped. We also believe that actions that work against and harass individuals that engage in different organisations should stop immediately.

The world that Taner live in holds a troublesome future. What I choose to bring with me is the power that exists among these individuals, those who stand up for their own, and others, rights, and for a functioning judicial state. How they support each other. This is also our world. I am convinced that we can change the world to something much better. We in Amnesty works together. We investigate violations and write letters - during the trial the judge actually referenced to an Amnesty report. We are noticed. We act. We make a difference. You all know this, and it is important. And sometimes it is the reminder that makes us even better and stronger as an organisation. Together. Strong. Brave.

A more beautiful and better world. A few days after I met Taner his oldest daughter got engaged.

Anna Lindenfors
General Secretary of Amnesty Sweden

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

**GÖR DIN RÖST HÖRD!
DELTA I ÅRSMÖTET!**

**NÄR? 9-10 MAJ, 2020
VAR? HALLUNDA, STOCKHOLM**

Årsmötet är Amnestys största mötesplats där du tillsammans med andra engagerade inspireras, utvecklas och fattar beslut om sektionens framtid.

Kallelsen till årsmötet publiceras på amnesty.se och i andra kanaler den 31 januari 2020. Då öppnar också anmälan till årsmötet.

Att delta i årsmötet är gratis för alla medlemmar. För 300 kronor får du dessutom boende och mat.

VILL DU FÖRÄNDRA - SKRIV EN MOTION

Genom att skriva en motion kan du påverka vilka frågor som diskuteras på årsmötet. Skicka din motion till bl@amnesty.se. Beredningskommittén kan dessutom hjälpa dig i motionskrivandet.

MOTIONSSTOPP: 14 FEBRUARI

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

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Participate in the planning of Amnesty's annual general meeting 2020!

Are you interested to organise large events and the great combination of human rights, organisation and management? Or do you have ideas about important and engaging content for the annual meeting? In that case, YOU are needed in the annual meeting taskforce! It is their job to plan and execute the annual meeting of Amnesty Sweden. The meeting will take place between the 9-10th of May 2020.

In order to apply for the assignment you need to participate in at least four worksessions during evenings through 2020, with a start in January, and also be able to participate at the meeting in May

Questions? Registration? Reach out to Karin Ledin da Rosa! See contact details below.

Become an annual meeting volunteer! We are looking for a president and secretary to the preparation groups.

Amnesty members and the national board can draft motions for the annual meeting. Before a decision is made by the entire assembly on the annual meeting, the questions are discussed in smaller groups - so called preparation groups. In these groups, participants can suggest changes and additions to the motions that have been sent in.

In order for the discussions and propositions to be as good as possible each preparation group have three volunteers: one president and two secretaries that together led and document the discussions.

Are you interested for any of these roles? Please reach out to arsmotet@amnesty.se!

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INTERESTED IN AN ASSIGNMENT OF TRUST?

When you are elected to work with assignments of trust within Amnesty you develop and lead the world's largest human rights organisation.

We are now looking for candidates to:

- The section board
- The Amnesty fund board
- The review committee
- The preparation committee

Do you want to know more? Contact valberedningen@amnesty.se, deadline: 8th of February 2020.

PINBOARD

One of Pussy Riot's front figures Masha Alyokhina and the Femen-aktivist Inna Shevchenko participated in a dialogue that Amnesty moderated during Malmö Live.



Finally Amnesty is back in business on Sweden's largest island - Gotland! Here the student group pay's attention to the Bhopal disaster! ë



