



INSATS JANUARY 2023 (NR.1) ENGLISH SUMMARY

CALENDAR:

November 10 – February 28 Write for Rights campaign

January 29 – Nomination stop

January 29 – Deadline motions

February 28 – Deadline functionaries

March 8 – Abortion rights in the United States

May 6-7 – Annual meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FRIENDS AT AMNESTY!

I wish you all health, strength and courage for 2023. Amnesty is more important than ever in a world where human rights are questioned and undermined and in that work ahead we all need!

Amnesty International is a global human rights movement and its local, national and global work is linked. Because it is important that Amnesty Sweden is also a clear voice for people's rights at home. In 2022, we have continued our work to protect human rights in Sweden through our election campaign. Human rights are not an election. The purpose has been to remind of Sweden's commitments to promote, protect and guarantee human rights and to make visible rhetoric that undermines human rights.

Best regards,

Anna Johansson
Secretary General



THE ELECTORAL PLATFORM – A FOLLOW UP

During the election campaign, we chose to focus on four areas where we see that there are clear deficiencies in terms of protection for human rights in Sweden: justice and care for survivors of sexual violence, Sami rights and climate justice, social justice and social security, as well as the right to housing. We wooed all party leaders and asked them to sign our shortest ever petition (which six out of nine also did) and also urged the Swedish population to make clear demands on Sweden's incoming prime minister to protect and respect human rights. Almost 34000 people signed!

WRITE FOR WRIGHTS – THE EFFECT OF A POWERFUL CAMPAIGN!

21,000 Swedes have signed to the Bengali climate activist Shahnewaz Chowdhury shall acquitted of the cyber crime charges because he warned of the consequences of a local coal-fired power plant in its district. A charge for which he risks ten years in prison alone to have exercised their freedom of expression. The family members of 80-year-old Zineb Radhouane who died when a tear gas grenade from French riot police was fired against her window in Marseilles continues its struggle to their loved ones will receive redress. So far, almost 7000 digital signatures received to demand investigation and that those responsible are held accountable.

Almost 8,000 people have signed the digital list of names to support the Russian artist and musician Aleksandra 'Sasha' Skochilenko who faces ten years in prison for an action where she replaced sticky notes in the vegetable counter against information about Russia's war in Ukraine, which led to prosecution for “disseminating knowingly false information about the Russian Armed Forces”. For the Cuban artist and activist Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara has almost 18,000 signatures defense of his struggle for freedom of expression in Cuba. Luis too Manuel's crime is related to him using his freedom of speech in social media and he too risks five years in prison.

Write for Freedom runs throughout the month of January. Then comes the letter harvest of postcards, letters of solidarity and pressure letters to be added to all digital signatures.

BEFORE END OF PROMOTION CAMPAIGN

The deadline for submitting promotional materials to us is 15 January for those of you who acted during November/December. For those of you who want to continue acting, there is an opportunity to do so during January and then you need to send the material like that that they are with the 28th of February at the latest.



THIS IS HOW YOU SEND THE MATERIAL!

- Collect all signed postcards + count the number of the signatures on petition lists and postcards for each individual case and report this.
- Sort the postcards so that the cases are separated from each other.
- Put the petition lists in an envelope and write name of the case on the outside.
- Send all materials to Amnesty headquarters. It is important that the sender is clearly stated!

Postal address: Amnesty International,
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Best regards,

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WOMEN AND LGBTQI PERSONS RIGHTS

We have entered a new year and with it comes new plans and actions to empower women and LGBTQI people rights. We in the MR team have collected it as we have so far know takes place during the year and hope you want to be part of it the journey in one way or another. To make it easy for you have we collected all promotions in one and the same registration form where you register your interest in the respective campaign. Then we send send out information about meetings/meetings/actions to those who signed up one. We have switched roles in the MR team so now it's me, Marianne Gyllenpistol, you should contact for questions.

THE AREAS THAT ARE CURRENT DURING THE YEAR ARE:

- Time for change - start-up meeting week 9
- Abortion rights in the USA – March 8
- Abortion rights in Poland - spring and autumn
- PRIDE - summer

Best regards,

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AMNESTY SWEDEN'S ANNUAL MEETING 2023!

It's getting closer to the annual meeting, and not just any annual meeting preferably but for the first time in three years we will have a physical annual meeting, hooray! Amnesty's annual meeting in 2023 will be held the weekend between 6-7 May in Hallunda Folkets hus (Borgvägen 1, 145 68 NORSBORG), Stockholm.

During two spring days in Stockholm, we will finally be able to see each other physically to listen to what has happened during the Amnesty Year 2022, ask questions to the board, prepare motions, elect new ones people in positions of trust, make decisions, listen to exciting things human rights defenders, mingle in the movement and not least have nice together. We start the annual meeting at Hallunda people's house at 9 a.m. on Saturday and ends around 3 p.m. on Sunday. For those of us staying at hotel Scandic Skärholmen, it is a short trip to Hallunda.

The notice and registration for the annual meeting can be found via this link:

[amnesty.se/annual meeting](https://amnesty.se/annual-meeting).

Do you need travel and/or accommodation, aids, an interpreter or otherwise, please register as soon as possible, but absolutely no later than April 7. Regarding interpretation, there has been one board resolution that at least 10 people need to state that they need an interpreter for us to finance this, here too it applies to register by April 7 if you need an interpreter, this applies interpretation between Swedish and English.

Would you like to come in contact with the editorial office?

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