



INSATS SEPTEMBER 2022 (NR.7) ENGLISH SUMMARY

CALENDAR:

AUGUST 28 – International Safe Abortion Day
OCTOBER 10 – World Day Against the Death Penalty
OCTOBER 21 – Global Day of Action
NOVEMBER 10 – Write for Rights campaign start
NOVEMBER 9 – Amnesty A English
12-13 NOVEMBER – Activist Seminar

UPDATE: AFTER PRESS RELEASE UKRAINE

On August 4, Amnesty International published a lengthy press release showing that Ukrainian forces have endangered civilians by establishing bases and using weapons systems in populated residential areas, including schools and hospitals.

As many of you have probably noticed, the press release created strong reactions around the world and led, among other things, to Oksana Pkhalchuk, head of Amnesty Ukraine, choosing to resign in protest. Members and activists in Sweden have also reacted to the press release and have turned to the secretariat with a series of questions, comments and views. Just over 2,000 members have chosen to leave Amnesty Sweden, including Per Wästberg, who co-founded the organization in 1964. At the same time, many members have reached out and given support, both via email and in social media.

Together, we are the world's largest human rights organization. This means a great responsibility - and we must withstand both scrutiny and criticism. Parts of the criticism have been factual, reasonable and important for us as an organization to take very seriously. Therefore, Amnesty Sweden has acted to achieve a solid evaluation of the events and decisions that led to the publication of the press release. The evaluation will begin shortly and will be led by external persons who are not employed by, or elected representatives of, Amnesty International. Once the evaluation is complete, we will have reason to return with information about its conclusions and the lessons we can draw.

Independence and neutrality are at the heart of Amnesty's work and have been since the beginning. We investigate and expose violations of human rights regardless of



where they occur, who they affect and who is guilty of them. From this principle it is not possible to back down - then we question the basis of all our work.

Do you have additional thoughts or concerns? Please keep in touch! You can reach me at anna.johansson@amnesty.se

WORLD DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

As early as the beginning of May this year, Iranian news agencies began to spread the message that Iran would execute Ahmadreza Djalali, as revenge for the Iranian citizen Hamid Nouri being put on trial for gross violations of international law in Sweden. Many of us were worried when Nouri was sentenced to life in prison by the Stockholm district court on July 14, but fortunately Iran has not carried out the death penalty. It appears that Iran's leaders still hope to use Ahmadreza to do a prisoner exchange with one of the Iranian nationals imprisoned in EU countries. It is important to continue to draw attention to his case and show Iran that many people are committed to his cause.

The situation is still critical. Many of you have probably already acted for Djalali's release. In recent years, we have collected over 155,501 signatures, written physical letters to those in power in Iran, and written letters to him in prison.

We will now use the International Day Against the Death Penalty, October 10, to once again put pressure on Iran's authorities and remind them that our work to get Djalali released will not end until he is released!

Our demands

That Ahmadreza be released immediately and that his death sentence be overturned. We also demand that he be reunited with his family in Sweden

What should we do?

Write physical letters to the Iranian embassy.

Collect signatures for Amnesty's campaign at amnesty.se

Write submissions in local media to draw attention to Djalali's case in Sweden

When:

Please act around October 10, but there is no end date for this promotion. When you act - please let us know at the secretariat.

Material:

On the activist portal <https://aktivism.amnesty.se/dodsstraff/> there is an updated basic kit for the work against the death penalty that you can use. There are also contact



details for the Iranian embassy as well as other influence methods that you need for this campaign.

Sign up to October 10 [here!](#)

DEATH PENALTY IN THE UNITED STATES

There is also an action focused on the US to stop the execution of death row inmate Benjamin Cole! The death penalty in the United States was the focus on our campaign on the International Day Against the Death Penalty 2020.

Demand that the US stops the execution of Benjamin Cole!

Find out more about how you can act [here!](#)

For any further questions please contact Fartun Ramnemo Andersson at fartun.andersson-ramnemo@amnesty.se

INTERNATIONAL SAFE ABORTION DAY

On International Safe Abortion Day, September 28, we stand up for abortion rights in the United States! We plan to hold demonstrations in major cities, appear on our channels and continue to call on the governors of the US states to stop the restrictions on abortion rights! Do you want to act for abortion rights? Feel free to register and download material at: <https://aktivism.amnesty.se/kvinnorsrattigheter/>

We will continue to work for abortion rights in the USA during the autumn, but above all after the mid-term elections in November.

For any questions please contact me!

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ACTIVIST SEMINAR

In the last issue of Insats, we informed you about the Activist Seminar 2022 and it's comeback. It will be held on the weekend of November 12-13 in Stockholm. The activist seminar is for all activists, new and old, and is an opportunity to deepen relationships with others within the organization, increase knowledge of Amnesty's work and fill up with new energy for the continued fight for justice and equality inside and outside of Sweden.

The activist seminar will mainly be in Swedish, which means that you as a participant need to be able to understand Swedish to keep up with the lectures and seminars.



However, you do not need to be able to speak Swedish to participate, it is perfectly fine to ask questions in English. We are also investigating the possibility of being able to offer sections in English throughout Sunday. You are of course also welcome to participate in Saturday's dinner if you wish. A prerequisite for us to adapt Sunday's program is that the demand is large enough. Therefore, we would like you, who speak English and want to participate on Sunday 13 November, to register your interest as soon as possible [here!](#)

For any further questions please do not hesitate to contact:

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Where: Ersta conference in Stockholm	When: November 12-13
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Registration for the activist seminar closes on October 9. If you are English-speaking and want to participate on Sunday, however, we need your registration as soon as possible, as a decision about the program needs to be made as soon as possible.

Sunday's schedule in brief:

Write for Rights / Right to protest
International guest speaker
Joint action within Write for Rights 2022
Workshop: Strategic campaigning

Availability:

At Ersta there is a lift, hearing loop and accessible toilets.

Accommodation:

Amnesty only pays for accommodation during the weekend for those who are in need of it. Accommodation is booked in a double room; a private room can be booked for a fee of SEK 500.

Trip:

In accordance with current guidelines, Amnesty does not cover travel costs, so each participant has to solve this on their own (please check with your group or district if they can cover all or part of the cost). IF it cannot be solved at all, please contact us and we will see if we can find a solution together.

**Food:**

Amnesty offers a vegetarian lunch. On Saturday, a dinner is also organized at the secretariat for those who want.

ARE WE ONE AMNESTY OR SEVERAL?

This year, the Global Assembly Meeting took place on July 30-31 and was once again held digitally. Parul Sharma and Clara Wallin participated from the board's side. It was a charged, interactive and intense GA meeting, with a series of difficult questions and observations that left more questions than answers. Most of the questions are about who and how we are as an organization and movement.

Regarding motions and the decisions taken during the meeting, it is important to point out that all GA decisions are binding for the entire movement. The Global Assembly unanimously decided to revise and simplify the global quality management system. Furthermore, it was decided to remunerate the board members of the international board and that the Global Assembly will henceforth handle motions every two years (instead of every year as now). The International Board will also have the opportunity to propose, to the Global Assembly, to close previous Annual Meeting decisions, in cases where they are no longer relevant or cannot be achieved. We also have that model in the Swedish section.

The Global Assembly also decided on a new model for conducting elections for international positions of trust, with the aim of making the elections more fair and democratic. In accordance with GA resolution 2021/05, a decision was also made to adopt principles that will form the basis of Amnesty's future policy on taxation, inequality and human rights. The principles should be seen as a first step and a basis for discussion within the movement, before the work of developing the full policy, which is on the agenda for the GA meeting in 2023.

The Global Assembly also unanimously decided to adopt a definition of feminist leadership, based on six principles. The purpose of the principles is to ensure that the decisions made within the movement are transparent, common, take place in broad collaboration and promote equal participation, as well as contribute to discussions about how power is shared and exercised within the organization, that social justice is achieved and that comprehensive change, both inside and outside the organization, is possible.

Our International Secretary General Agnès Callamard began her speech by saying that what binds us all together is the belief in human rights, this fact makes us an Amnesty. But we need a new way of thinking, says Agnès Callamard, a new way of thinking that will take us into the future. She went on to say that what has worked for 60 years may not work for the next 60 years. What remains is the belief in human rights and that we always put people at the center. We have a historic role to play, says Agnès Callamard, where human losses in a current climate crisis need to be highlighted.



Parul Sharma, Chairperson

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS?

Then you have the opportunity to register your interest in being part of AIK - Amnesty's international committee. AIK supports the board and the secretariat with analyzes in important path selection issues linked to the international movement. AIK participates, for example, in the section's analysis of the proposals for the international movement's annual meeting, the Global Assembly Meeting.

Criteria:

- Experience and knowledge of human rights, preferably in an international context.
- Experience and knowledge of Amnesty, preferably also the international part of the movement.
- Ability to analyze complex issues.
- Ability to read and critically review extensive material in English.
- Fluent in English and good Swedish.

Interested?

Write me an email with your contact details by Tuesday, October 4. Tell us briefly about your background and experiences and justify why you are interested in being part of AIK. The number of places is limited and a selection will be made from among the expressions of interest. It is the board that appoints AIK.

Best regards,

Lina Jakobsson

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GIVE UP? GIVE ALL!

Recruitment project autumn 2022

In August, the secretariat will offer basic training for recruitment coordinators around the country, and then in September get started with the fall recruitment project "Give up, give everything" 2022. The goal is to start up eight new groups in the country, both in small and large cities. A launch page on amnesty.se will be available when the project starts and marketing in digital channels will be carried out. In connection with recruitment, recruitment coordinators will hold information meetings with the aim of starting new groups locally.



Join us and recruit in your locality!

Autumn means new things for many - which means a golden opportunity for all of us to recruit! Maybe you need more people to join the local group? Does the district need to grow? The more we are, the greater the opportunity we have to influence. With our new operating strategy in the backpack, we know our direction in the coming years, now we make sure that there are more people who work so that human rights apply to everyone, always.

Do you, your group or your district want to be involved in the autumn recruitment effort? Contact Mohammed Ryback at mohammed.ryback@amnesty.se. Materials are available in the form of posters and flyers with the Give Up Give Everything concept.

Now we don't give up, we give everything!

DIGITAL INTRODUCTORY TRAINING AMNESTY A ENGLISH

Amnesty A is primarily for new activists within Amnesty, or for those who just wants to know more about Amnesty International Sweden and how one can get involved. Amnesty A is the first part of our introductory training series Amnesty A & B and focuses on the basics of Amnesty as an organization and what you can do as an activist.

Does your group have new members who have not yet completed the training? Or do you know someone who you think would be interested in becoming an activist? Don't forget to tell them to sign up!

Next session in English:

- Date: November 9
- Time: 18.00 - 19.30
- Place: Zoom

Read more about the training [here](#) and sign up for the next session [here](#).
aktivism.amnesty.se/ab

Questions? Contact Karin Danelius, karin.danelius@amnesty.se.



CONTACT PERSONS AT THE SECRETARIAT

At Amnesty's secretariat, we work with a single commitment to support and develop the member organization. Below you will find which business developer is responsible for which districts. Within the unit there is also a business developer with responsibility for all youth groups. You are always welcome to contact us!

Malmö

Fartun Andersson Ramnemo and Marianne Gyllenpistol work in Malmö. Fartun is the contact person for Malmö, Blekinge and the rest of Scania. Marianne is the contact person for Lund, Halland, Jönköping och,-Kalmar-Kronoberg.

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