

Insats, English Summary, #8 October 2021

Calendar:

9 & 12 OCTOBER: Act during the qualifiers to World Cup in Qatar
10 OCTOBER: International Day against the Death Penalty
14 OCTOBER: Organizer workshop Write for Rights
17 OCTOBER: Campaign workshop Write for Rights
25 OCTOBER: Dialogue meeting regarding fundraising
30-31 OCTOBER: The national youth meeting
9 & 16 NOVEMBER: Workshop with the Drafting Committee
20-21 OCTOBER: The student gathering
10 NOVEMBER - 13 DECEMBER: Campaign period Write for Rights
10 DECEMBER: Campaign peak Write for Rights

Time to take to the streets and town squares again!

As of September 29, new recommendations from the Swedish Public Health Agency (FHM) apply. This has meant a removal of the maximum number of participants at events as well as a removal of the recommendation to work from home. However, the recommendation regarding the protection of ourselves and others against covid-19 remains.

At Amnesty's secretariat, employees will continue to work from home the majority of this autumn. This is partly due to the recommendations to continue to keep distance from one another at the offices, and to avoid rush hours when traveling with public transport.

What do the new recommendations mean for our activism?

- We continue to follow FHM's recommendations.
- Amnesty groups are welcomed back to our offices for meetings, although we have a maximum number of 15 people per occasion. Book your meeting through your activist coordinator. It is important that we create a safe working environment for all of us, e.g. by continuing to keep our distance, practice good hand hygiene and staying at home when symptoms occur. This also applies if you are vaccinated.
- Due to the maximum number of people at secretariat gatherings, we do not plan any major meetings during the autumn, however, we hope to be able to be seen in a larger context this spring if the situation allows.

Contact your activist coordinator if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you again!

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Update on Afghanistan

Since the Taliban captured Kabul and took power in Afghanistan in August, the situation in the country has changed drastically and the respect for human rights has severely

deteriorated. The situation is now very serious for several marginalized groups and people who have used their freedom of expression. Read Amnesty's report [here](#).

Amnesty International and the Swedish section is focusing on Afghanistan in several ways, and we now have a petition on our website. Find it [here](#).

If you want to shed light on the situation in Afghanistan, you can:

- Arrange a panel discussion/lecture/seminar etc. to highlight human rights violations.
- Pay attention to the situation on social media by sharing our posts.
- Spread our petition.

Feel free to contact your activist coordinator when planning an activity for advice and support. Keep up to date on the situation on our website [here](#).

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Act for Ahmadreza Djalali on October 10!

On November 24, 2020, Ahmadreza Djalali called his wife in Sweden to say goodbye, as he was being transferred to solitary confinement. The Swedish-Iranian doctor and researcher was sentenced to death by the Iranian Revolutionary Court in October 2017.

In April, Ahmadreza Djalali was released from solitary confinement after 20 weeks. During this time, his state of health had severely deteriorated. Despite now being back at the general ward, he has not received the hospital care he desperately needs. This summer, the presidential election was held in Iran and Ebrahim Raisi was elected president. This resulted in new ministers being appointed. Therefore, we have new names to send appeals to.

In recent years, we have collected over 110,000 signatures, written letters to those in power in Iran and to Djalali personally. We will now use the International Day Against the Death Penalty, October 10, to put pressure on authorities in Iran and remind them that our work to free Djalali will not end until he is free!

We demand the immediate release of Ahmadreza Djalali and that his death sentence is revoked. We also demand him having access to hospital care and contact with his lawyer and family. Stand up for Ahmadreza by sending letters to the Iranian Embassy, collect signatures and submit articles to local newspapers. More information on [aktivistportalen](#).

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Time for Change - We are up and running!

The Time for Change campaign highlights the importance and the right to health care for survivors of rape. After this year's information meetings, working groups have been formed in various regions around Sweden. We want to make sure regional political parties pursue

the issue in their programs ahead of the 2022 election. During the autumn until December, the groups will work with various methods to ensure that parties prioritize the issue.

Do you want to join one of the groups? Get in touch with me, julia.karlsson@amnesty.se, and I will put you in touch with one other! Let's go!

We are giving a #RedCardToFIFA in October

The campaign regarding the World Cup in Qatar is currently ongoing and we continue to put pressure on FIFA, as we demand they use their influence to protect all migrant workers who make the World Cup possible! Therefore, we will act in connection with Sweden's World Cup qualifiers on October 9 & 12, to highlight the issue and collect signatures for our petition. Would you like to know if there is a planned activity where you live? Contact me!

If you or your group want to participate in the campaign, you have two options:

1. **Do you want to act during the qualifiers on the 9th or 12th of October?** Contact me directly and I will make sure that you receive material and instructions to print.
2. **Do you want to act after the 12th of October?** Submit your material order via [this form](#). Signatures must be received by the secretariat no later than November 10.

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Climate campaign ahead of COP26

Finally we have a climate campaign to act on! It concerns COP26, where countries come together to find solutions regarding how the Paris Agreement goals can be met and climate change de-escalated. Sweden has historically accounted for a disproportionately large carbon dioxide emission. We are a privileged country with great opportunities to change. So far, Swedish climate goals do not include even half of the actual emissions that Sweden is responsible for.

Therefore, we must demand the utmost of our government: for the sake of the planet and for human rights. Read more about the campaign, demands and how to act [here](#).

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The world's largest human rights campaign, Write for Rights, is around the corner!

This year we will finally be able to take to the streets and town squares again, to urge the public to sign for freedom! The campaign runs from mid-November to mid-December, with the campaign culminating on December 10, the International Human Rights Day. The focus this year is on the right to peaceful protests and we are highlighting five individual cases.

Join our workshop where we talk about this year's cases and campaign methods on October 17 at 13.00-15.00 via Google Meet. The workshop will be held in Swedish. More information is available on the activist portal [here](#).

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The consultation process - Where we are at!

The entire Amnesty Movement has now agreed on a new global strategy for the period 2022-2030! Read more about the strategy [here](#). The global strategy is the basis for Amnesty Sweden's strategy, which we are now working on developing. Members, supporters and activists have been involved in this process. The results will be announced once we finish compiling the consultation. Now, we are focusing on concretizing the input we have received through focus groups, which have been formed around the prioritized human rights issues from the global strategy. The 2022 Annual General Meeting decides the strategy, but we hope that everyone who wants to, will comment during the development of the strategy.

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Who will govern Amnesty next year?

Every year, the Election Committee compiles a needs report for the commission of trust that the Annual General Meeting is to appoint (the Section Board, the Board of the Fund, the Review Committee and the Drafting Committee). Therefore, we would like to know your thoughts. What qualities should we in particular be looking for this year? Answer the survey no later than the 5th of November by clicking [here](#).

Election Committee, valberedningen@amnesty.se

Your opportunity to make your voice heard! - Influencing Amnesty Part I

The Drafting Committee welcomes you to a dialogue about internal democracy and what opportunities to influence you have as a member. We mainly target new members and no prior knowledge is required. We will address: Amnesty's organisational structure, the Annual General Meeting as a decision-making body, as well as contacts within the organisation.

Date: Tuesday November 9, and Tuesday November 16, at 18.30 - 20.00.

Location: Zoom, register [here](#) (link will be sent out after registration).

In January, *Influencing Amnesty part II*, will take place.

/The Drafting Committee: Åsa, Sofia, Anna and Anders - bk@amnesty.se

We are looking for more ABC educators!

Do you enjoy lecturing? Would you like to disseminate information about Amnesty's work and how we function as an activist organization?

We are in need of more Amnesty ABC educators who can educate new Amnesty activists, both digitally and physically! As an educator, you receive training, support and materials for your assignment. Hence, there is no requirement for you to have been active for a long time. Is this something for you? Apply by contacting me via email and write a bit about yourself.

Karin Danelius / karin.danelius@amnesty.se

Welcome to this autumn's national youth meeting!

Sign up for the upcoming national youth meeting - online version! The weekend will consist of exciting lectures, fellowship and engagement development and is for youths involved in an Amnesty group. The deadline for registration is October 27 and if you register before October 20th, you will receive a goodie bag!

When? October 30-31, at 09.30-14.00 both days

Where? Zoom, registration is made through [here](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to email or call me!

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Save the date - The national student meeting!

We are very pleased to announce that this year's national student meeting will take place on November 20-21. During the weekend, activists gather online from all over the country to be inspired by each other, receive further education within Amnesty and human rights and last, but not least, have fun!

The weekend is intended for those of you who are active in a student group and is arranged by the Student Council. Invitation and further information will shortly be available.

When and where? November 20-21, through Zoom

Best regards,

The Student Council / studentradet@amnesty.se

Are you interested in international issues?

If so, you have the opportunity to register your interest in joining AIC - Amnesty's International Committee. AIC supports the board and the secretariat regarding analyzing important choice of path issues that correlates to the international movement. For example, AIC participates in the section's analysis work of the proposals at the international movement's annual meeting, Global Assembly Meeting.

Criteria:

- Experience and knowledge about human rights, ideally from an international context.
- Experience and knowledge about Amnesty, ideally from the international parts of the movement.
- Ability to analyze complex issues.
- Ability to read and critically review extensive material in English.
- Fluent in English and good at Swedish.

Is this something for you?

Send me your contact details before October 18. Briefly summarize your background, experiences, and motivate why you are interested in joining AIC. The number of positions is limited, a selection from the registrations of interest will be made. The board appoints AIC.

Lina Jakobsson / lina.jakobsson@amnesty.se

The Secretary General informs

Regarding the international Global Assembly Meeting

- A very welcomed difference compared to last year's meeting, was the proportion of participants from the African continent, which had increased and now accounted for about 17 percent of the participants.
- The new International Secretary General, Agnès Callamard's, introductory speech included the situation in Afghanistan as well as the inequity that comes with the pandemic and the vaccination, where Callamard urged us to demand that vaccines are made accessible to everyone.
- Callamard highlighted the importance of Amnesty's work against racism, sexism and other inequalities and that human rights must become our identity, not just our demands. It was also presented how the international secretariat worked to strengthen the anti-racist work and the importance of inclusivity.
- All the eleven proposals during the summit were voted through, including that Amnesty should develop a policy on taxation, inequality and human rights, and that Amnesty should have a feminist leadership.
- The sections must now use 80 percent of their resources on the two prioritised issues (freedom of expression and freedom of association, and equality and anti-discrimination), or explain how long it will take before the requirement can be met.

Parul Sharma, chairman

Ulrika Westerlund, board member