

Shahnewaz Chowdhury

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Honourable Minister,

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Shahnewaz Chowdhury, who is charged under Bangladesh's Digital Security Act (DSA) and if convicted faces up to a decade in prison just for expressing his views on Facebook.

The DSA is being weaponized by the government and powerful non-state actors to stifle dissent, and the least powerful are disproportionately targeted. I call on you to repeal or amend the DSA and other domestic laws in line with international human rights standards on the right to freedom of expression.

Yours sincerely,

Aleksandra Skochilenko

THE PROSECUTOR OF SAINT PETERSBURG
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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Dear Prosecutor,

I call on you to ensure the release of Aleksandra Skochilenko, who is being detained for criticizing Russia's war against Ukraine. Everyone has a right to freely express their opinions, including Aleksandra. All charges against her must be dropped and she should immediately and unconditionally be released from prison.

I also call on you to ensure that, pending her release, Aleksandra is held in conditions that comply with international standards, and she has access to adequate healthcare as well as the food she needs in relation to her medical condition. Aleksandra must also be protected from harassment by detention centre employees and her cellmates.

Yours sincerely

Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara

PRESIDENT OF CUBA
C/O Ambassador Ms Rosario Cristina Navas Morata
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Dear President,

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release prisoner of conscience Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara. All charges against him must be dropped, as he has been detained solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Luis Manuel's trial was unfair and took place behind closed doors without access for independent human rights monitors or journalists.

While being held in a maximum-security prison, Luis Manuel's health has reportedly deteriorated. Pending his release, please ensure that he is not ill-treated in detention, and has access to adequate healthcare and regular contact with his family and lawyers.

Yours sincerely,

Dorgelesse N'guessan

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON
PALAIS PRÉSIDENTIEL
YAOUNDÉ
CAMEROON

Your Excellency,

I am writing to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Dorgelesse Nguessan, who is detained solely for the peaceful exercise of her rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Dorgelesse was arrested in Douala, while attending her first ever protest. She had never been politically active, but her concerns about the state of Cameroon's economy led her to join the demonstrations.

Dorgelesse was found guilty of “insurrection, assembly, meetings and public demonstrations” and after an unfair trial by a military court she was sentenced to five years in prison. She must be freed and returned to her family, who rely on her as the main wage-earner.

Yours sincerely,

Zineb Redouane

Juges d’instruction (Investigating judges)
Tribunal judiciaire de Lyon
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FRANCE

Dear Investigating Judges,

I am writing to demand full accountability for the killing of Zineb Redouane, who died due to an alleged unlawful use of tear gas grenades during a protest. The responsibility of the officer who fired the grenade and his chain of command should be fully ascertained. Please duly consider all the existing evidence and, if the evidence warrants it, ensure that all suspects are tried in proceedings that respect their right to a fair trial.

Yours sincerely,