

WHAT IS BRAVE

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DEFEND THE BRAVE

BRAVE IS RISKING YOUR FREEDOM FOR OTHERS

BRAVE IS SPEAKING OUT FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

Azza Soliman risks her own safety and freedom to defend survivors of abuse in Egypt.

BRAVE IS STANDING UP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Tep Vanny has been defending the right to housing for her community in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh for almost 10 years. She has been targeted by the authorities and faced harassment, beatings, arrests and imprisonment. Throughout all the challenges, Tep Vanny has retained her determination and untiring struggle for justice.

BRAVE IS A PEACEFUL PROTEST

Husband and wife Arash Sadeghi and Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee, who have been targeted by the Iranian authorities solely for their peaceful human rights activities, including their involvement in Iran's growing movement against the death penalty. They are imprisoned in Iran, and are prisoners of conscience.

Brave is Amnesty International's campaign that supports and protects Human Rights Defenders (HRDs).

Our goal is for HRDs to be empowered, safe and supported, alongside thousands who are inspired to act with them against injustice.

We want a world where people can speak out for what's right without being attacked, threatened, jailed and more.



WHY DO WE NEED THIS CAMPAIGN?

This campaign is in response to the increased attacks and targeting of Human Rights Defenders (HRD), activists and civil society organisations around the world.

Over the past few years we have seen Human Rights Defenders (HRD's) around the world increasingly face harassment, intimidation, smear campaigns, ill-treatment and unlawful detention; and some are even being killed.

Who is a HRD? A Human Rights Defender is a person who, individually or in association with others, acts to defend, promote and protect human rights at the local, national, regional or international levels.

In 2016, at least 281 HRD's were killed in 22 countries, including defenders who challenged economic interests, protected the environment, defended minorities or opposed traditional barriers to women and LGBTI rights.

Right now, people across the world are risking everything to speak out against injustice. They are student leaders, political opponents, teachers, lawyers, journalists, women's rights & environmental defenders and many others. They're being harassed, tortured, jailed and even killed – just for daring to stand up for what's right.