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BRAVE are the people who defend, promote and protect human rights.

BRAVE is the individual who has been persecuted for advocating for human rights and continues to do so.

DEFEND THE BRAVE because breaches of human rights affect us all.



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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.





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.

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.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Brave is Amnesty International's campaign that supports and protects Human Rights Defenders (HRDs). And that inspires more people to take action for justice, freedom and equality. In doing so, we'll help turn Amnesty into a 25 million strong movement.



PLAN YOUR ACTIVISM

Below are some key dates to plan your activism around.

- Tashi Wangchuck's birthday is May 8, we're sending birthday cards with supportive messages to Tashi for his birthday. Please send your cards back to your Action Centre so they arrive by Friday 20 April.
- May 17 is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, so the perfect time to plan activism for Sakris Kupila.
- June marks a year that Taner Kilic has been in prison.
- August 21 and September 8 are the anniversaries of the verdicts against Arash Sadeghi and Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee.



MATERIALS

We will be updating www.amnesty.org.au/brave_activist throughout the year with new cases and materials! It will always be easy for you to find all that can found right here.