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WHAT IS W4R?

Write for Rights started when a group of Amnesty activists in Poland held a 24-hour letter writing marathon, writing letters on behalf of people whose rights had been wronged. Since then, we have come together to take action every year for twenty years and today, Write for Rights is the world's biggest human rights event. People from over 170 countries take millions of actions every year, putting pressure on governments and making change happen.

Join in today at amnesty.org.au/w4r - write a letter, change a life.



ACTIVIST FREED IN SAUDI ARABIA

Nassima al-Sada, a campaigner for women's freedom, was arrested in 2018 for peacefully defending human rights. While in jail, guards beat her and banned everyone – even her lawyer – from visiting her. But thanks to supporters worldwide who wrote a massive 777,611 letters, tweets and more, Nassima walked free in June 2021, and is back with her family and friends.

FATHER OF THREE TO BE REUNITED WITH FAMILY

In April 2018, NGO worker and human rights defender Germain Rukuki was found guilty of a slew of sham charges and sentenced to 32 years in prison in Burundi. He was jailed before getting a chance to hold his youngest child, born just weeks after he was taken. His family fled the country for fear of reprisals. On 30 June 2021, Germain was finally freed, and will soon be reunited with his family, thanks in part to the more than 400,000 actions calling for his release.



ONE STEP CLOSER TO JUSTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Friends Popi Qwabe and Bongeka Phungula were murdered while heading for a night out in May 2017. Until recently, their families had been distressed by irregularities and delays in the police investigation. However, in March 2021, police revived the case after receiving 341,106 petition signatures from supporters worldwide. The police have completed their investigation and handed over the case to the country's National Prosecuting Authority. "I feel optimistic," said Popi's sister Thembelihle. "I feel like finally, something is about to change."





CHANGING LIVES

Amnesty supporters stand in solidarity with people facing human rights abuses, put pressure on the authorities to stop human rights abuses and help change people's lives for the better. Act now and defend the rights of people facing injustice: amnesty.org.au/w4r