

United States: Free #TheBerksKids

April 6, 2018

Kirstjen Nielsen
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Nebraska Avenue Complex
3801 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Nielsen:

Kids and their parents are stuck in places like Berks County, Pennsylvania, in what are known as “baby jails.” Their only “crime”? Fleeing violence and dreaming of safety in the US. **It's time to free #TheBerksKids.**

Sincerely,

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Myanmar: End the Crimes Against Humanity Against Rohingya People

April 6, 2018

Commander in Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Ambassador Than Swe
c/o Ambassador Mr. Than Swe
Permanent Mission of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations
10 East 77th Street
New York, New York 10075

Dear General Min Aung Hlaing: and Ambassador Than Swe:

I am writing to ask you to all that you can to put a stop to the ongoing crimes against humanity that have forced over 620,000 Rohingya to flee their homes over the past few months. Along with others around the world, I have watched in shock as well over half a million people fled an intense campaign of violence in that is systematic, organized and ruthless.

The Myanmar military has killed Rohingya women, men and children, raped Rohingya women and girls, and burnt entire Rohingya villages. Rohingya people who stay behind are still at risk, as Myanmar's authorities are restricting their access to lifesaving humanitarian aid and assistance. They continue to live under a system of institutionalized discrimination and segregation that amount to apartheid.

I urge you to end the ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and:

- Immediately end the military's campaign of violence and crimes against humanity.
- Ensure free and unimpeded access to Rakhine state to humanitarian actors, the UN, independent journalists and human rights monitors and ensure their security.

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United Nations: Urge Sudan to Protect Civilians and Human Rights Defenders

April 6, 2018

H.E. Ms. Nikki Haley
Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you in order to express my **grave concern regarding the terrible human rights situation in Sudan** and to urge you, as the chief diplomatic representative of the United States to the United Nations (UN), to work with other members of the UN to take action to end the violations and bring those responsible to account.

In particular, I hope that you will raise your voice at the UN to:

- Urge the government of Sudan to immediately and unconditionally release 61 opposition members and human rights defenders arbitrarily arrested and detained in January and February 2018 in connection with protests around Sudan against rises in the cost of food and medicine, and abandon any criminal proceedings against them.
- Call upon the government of Sudan to release all persons including human rights defenders being held under arbitrary detention by the government in violation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights and to ensure independent, prompt and effective investigations into the detention practices by Sudanese security services.
- Urge the Government of Sudan to ensure unrestricted access for humanitarian organizations and the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) to all areas of Darfur, including unfettered access to Jebel Mara and for the Government and the SPLA-N to agree on a framework for humanitarian access to opposition controlled areas in South Kordofan and Blue Nile, and ensure that UN and African Union refugee and IDP protection standards are respected.
- Ensure that UNAMID's temporary operating base in Golo, Jebel Marra, is completely built and fully operational with a view of effectively protecting civilians in the area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

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Sri Lanka: Justice for the Trinco Five

April 6, 2018

President Maithripala Sirisena
Presidential Secretariat
Colombo 1, Sri Lanka

Dear President Sirisena:

I am very concerned about the killing of Ragihar Manoharan and four other Sri Lankan Tamil students on January 2, 2006 in Trincomalee. According to a witness, members of the Sri Lankan security forces shot the five innocent students dead when they had gathered near the seafront that evening for a chat.

An initial police investigation into the killings did not disclose who killed the students or lead to any prosecutions. The Sri Lankan government established an ad hoc commission of inquiry in September 2006 to examine this case and certain others. The commission's final report was given to President Rajapaksa in 2009 but was not made public until October 2015. A police sub-inspector and 12 Special Task Force personnel were arrested in February 2006 in connection with the case but later released without any charges being brought. In July 2013, the same STF personnel were re-arrested and then released on bail on October 14, 2013. To date, after 12 years, no one has been held responsible for these murders.

The families of Ragihar Manoharan and the four other students deserve justice. Please ensure that those responsible for their deaths are finally held accountable in proceedings meeting international standards for fair trials. Thank you for your consideration.

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Iran: Immediately and Unconditionally Release Narges Mohammadi
and All Prisoners of Conscience

April 6, 2018

His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
The Office of the Supreme Leader
Islamic Republic Street – End of Shahid Keshvar Doust Street
Tehran
Iran

Your Excellency:

I am concerned about the human rights activist, Narges Mohammadi. She has been in prison for almost 3 years. In May 2016 she was sentenced to 16 years in prison on several unsubstantiated national security charges. She is a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for her peaceful exercise of her rights to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly.

I ask that you release Narges Mohammadi immediately and unconditionally.

I urge you to ensure that while Narges Mohammadi is in prison that she receive any medical cares she may require. I also ask that she be given regular visits with her family.

I'm especially concerned that Narges Mohammadi's conviction and prison sentence were based on baseless charges and that her trial in a Revolutionary Court did not adhere to international standards for a fair trial. I believe Narges Mohammadi is a prisoner of conscience and should be released.

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China: Immediately and Unconditionally Release Tashi Wangchuk and All Prisoners of Conscience

April 6, 2018

Ambassador Cui Tiankai
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
3505 International Place, NW
Washington DC 20008

Your Excellency:

I am writing to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Tashi Wangchuk, a prisoner of conscience. He is a Tibetan entrepreneur and language rights activist. He has been detained by the Chinese government since January 27, 2016 on charges of inciting separatism, after he worked to sue the Chinese government to expand access to Tibetan language education. He faces up to 15 years in prison if he is convicted.

Please do all you can to ensure:

- The immediate and unconditional release of Tashi Wangchuk
- Regular access for Tashi Wangchuk to his family, lawyer of his choosing, and any medical treatment he may require, pending his release
- That Tashi Wangchuk is protected from torture and ill-treatment

I thank you for your attention to these concerns and look forward to your reply.

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