

WELCOME TO AMNESTY GERMANY

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 10 million people who take injustice personally. We are campaigning for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all. We were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for our campaign to stop torture around the world.

We are funded by members and people like you. We are independent of any political ideology, economic interest or religion. No government is beyond scrutiny. No situation is beyond hope.



Protest for human rights, German Parliament, Berlin, February 2024



Amnesty Youth campaign ahead of the European elections 2019

OUR STORY – DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR OVER 60 YEARS

Amnesty International was founded in 1961. Ever since then, we have been campaigning for justice wherever it has been denied. We protect people, defending their right to freedom, truth and dignity. We take action to prevent illegal evictions, torture and executions. We fight for the rights of migrants and refugees, stand up against racism and discrimination, and demand accountability for human rights violations. We are also demanding action from governments in the fight against climate change, which is a human rights issue.

We do all this by investigating and exposing human rights abuses, galvanising our global movement and educating future generations, so that one day the dream of human rights for all becomes a reality.

WHAT ARE HUMAN RIGHTS?

Human rights are the fundamental rights and freedoms that belong to every single one of us. The 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights form the foundation of what we do and drive all of our work.

HOW CHANGE HAPPENS



RESEARCH: Human rights change starts with the facts. Our experts do accurate, crosschecked research into human rights violations by governments and others worldwide.



ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING: We use our analysis to influence and press governments, companies and decision-makers to do the right thing.



CAMPAIGNS AND ACTION: Through petitions, letters and protests, campaigners worldwide demand action from the people and institutions who can make change happen.

Burundian journalist **Floriane Irangabiye** received a presidential pardon and was released from prison on 16 August 2024. She had been serving a 10-year sentence for “threatening the integrity of the national territory” on account of comments made on an online radio show in August 2022.

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„Amnesty International calls on the Government of Burundi to take immediate and effective action to end the repression of civic space, in particular the use of state security charges to silence journalists and human rights defenders and activists.“

Iranian dissident rapper **Toomaj Salehi** was released from prison on 1 December 2024. He was arbitrarily detained, tortured and sentenced to death in relation to his peaceful activities, including participation in the “Woman Life Freedom” uprising and social media posts critical of the Iranian authorities.



AMNESTY IN GERMANY

We are Amnesty Germany. We are one of over 60 national Amnesty sections based in countries around the world. **More than 180.000 people all over Germany support our fight for human rights.** There are nearly 600 groups in many different parts of the country. Their volunteer members organise events, actions and petitions. They play a crucial role in informing the public about the work of Amnesty.

Our strategic direction and campaign focus are discussed and decided at our annual general meeting, where every member holds an equal vote. This and other meetings are held in a different location every year and are an opportunity for members to bring their ideas, meet other members and participate in the organisation's decision-making.

GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to support Amnesty International's human rights work – whether you would like to become an active group member or simply take action from the comfort of your home.



Save the lives of individuals at risk by participating in Urgent Actions.
amnesty.de/urgent-actions



Become a member and support our work.
amnesty.de/mitglied-werden



Sign a petition to put pressure on those responsible for abuses.
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Make a donation to safeguard our independence.
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Write for Rights and inspire hope.
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Anyone can join, and there are many different ways of getting involved.
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