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URGE THE PRIME MINISTER TO HELP PEOPLE
FLEEING WAR IN UKRAINE



The Russian invasion of Ukraine is a human rights catastrophe and a crime under international law. The UK government must do its part to help those fleeing the war.

Millions of people have fled Ukraine, seeking safety and refuge in neighbouring countries and beyond.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been marked by indiscriminate attacks on civilian areas and strikes on hospitals and schools. They've shown a blatant disregard for civilian lives, including children, by using ballistic missiles in densely populated areas.

The UK government has committed to provide sanctuary to some of those fleeing Ukraine, but the response has been slow, chaotic and doesn't go nearly far enough.

To add insult to injury, despite this humanitarian crisis and those in countries including Afghanistan and Syria, the government is still pursuing plans to penalise refugees entitled to asylum in the UK, through the Nationality and Borders Act.

The UK must act now - civilians who have fled the invasion and those still in Ukraine cannot wait.

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/UkraineCrisis>

IRAN: EXECUTION LOOMS FOR TORTURED ACADEMIC



Tortured Swedish-Iranian academic Ahmadreza Djalali, arbitrarily detained in Tehran’s Evin prison, is at risk of imminent execution according to multiple Iranian state media reports that his death sentence for “corruption on earth” (efsad-e fel-arz) will be carried out by 21 May 2022 at the latest.(currently postponed yet again) He was sentenced to death in 2017 following a grossly unfair trial that relied on torture-tainted “confessions.” The authorities must halt any plans to execute him and release him immediately.

TAKE ACTION

Ahmadreza Djalali

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/iran-stop-execution-of-ahmadreza>

VENEZUELAN DEFENDERS FACE CRIMINALISATION



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On 16 May 2022, recognised Venezuelan human rights defenders Marino Alvarado and Alfredo Infante received notification of a defamation lawsuit filed against them by the governor of Carabobo state, Rafael Lacava. The lawsuit comes as a response to a report published in March by the NGOs Alvarado and Infante belong to, Provea and Centro Gumilla respectively, which exposes possible extrajudicial executions in Carabobo state and the lack of accountability enforced by the governor. This attack from the governor against Marino Alvarado and Alfredo Infante must end immediately, dropping the lawsuit and ensuring a safe working environment for human rights defenders.

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/urgent-actions/venezuelan-defenders-face-criminalisation>

Five young women of colour fighting climate change worldwide

Follow the link below to find out about these remarkable women

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/climate/five-women-colour-fighting-climate-change-worldwide>



FINAL WORD

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our annual coffee morning at the Central Methodist Hall will resume on Tuesday 5th July from 10am. Although this is an annual event, we have been unable to hold the coffee morning for 2 years due to Covid restrictions. It will be lovely to get back into the swing!

Our annual annual walk with Amnes Tea will take place on Sunday 18th September from Upton Cross Hall at 2pm. The walk will be around Caradon Hill and the leader will talk us through the industrial landscape.

We are hoping to hold a quiz at The Manor at Rilla Mill in September. No date yet, but to be arranged with the owners who have kindly agreed to hold a quiz for Amnesty.

Please put these dates in your diary and support such a worthy cause. We are all so blessed to enjoy our freedoms here in the UK, whilst others are imprisoned, tortured and often killed for upholding human rights.