Schrijfactie Jordanië:

wiskundeleraar krijgt 5 jaar cel voor kritiek op de koning



De Jordaanse wiskundeleraar en activist Ayman Sanduka postte in december 2023 een brief aan de koning op Facebook. Daarin uitte hij kritiek op de diplomatieke relaties van zijn land met Israël. Sanduka maakte alleen maar gebruik van zijn recht op vrijheid van meningsuiting. Toch werd hij tot 5 jaar gevangenisstraf veroordeeld.

Wat kun jij voor Ayman Sanduka doen?

Schrijf vóór 1 juni 2025 een brief aan de koning van Jordanië. Roep hem op om Ayman Sanduka onmiddellijk vrij te laten.

Kritiek wordt gesmoord

Sinds Israël in oktober 2023 Gaza binnenviel, gebruiken de Jordaanse autoriteiten allerlei vage wetten om journalisten, activisten en anderen die kritiek hebben op het Israël-beleid van de regering de mond te snoeren.

Schrijfactie Colombia:

activisten met de dood bedreigd



Activisten van de organisaties CREDHOS en FEDEPESAN zetten zich al jaren in voor de rechten van mensen in het noorden van Colombia. Ze doen dit met gevaar voor hun eigen leven. Ze worden voortdurend bedreigd en geïntimideerd door gewapende groepen en drugsbendes. Afgelopen januari kwam naar buiten dat er zelfs een plan lag om Iván Madero Vergel (foto rechts), de voorzitter van CREDHOS, te vermoorden. De Colombiaanse autoriteiten doen te weinig om dit geweld te stoppen.

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Schrijf vóór 1 juni 2025 een brief aan de minister van Binnenlandse Zaken van Colombia. Roep hem op om mensenrechtenorganisaties als CREDHOS en FEDEPESAN te beschermen tegen geweld.

Natuurlijke rijkdommen

In de regio Magdalena Medio in het noorden van Colombia vechten het Colombiaanse leger en minstens vier gewapende groeperingen om de natuurlijke rijkdommen van het gebied, zoals olie en water. Het geweld tegen mensenrechtenverdedigers, waaronder vele moorden, begon al minstens 40 jaar geleden.

His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein

Royal Hashemite Court

Amman

Jordan

Veldhoven, April 2025

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I urge you to ensure that Ayman Sanduka is immediately and unconditionally released as he has been convicted solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression. Pending his release, I urge you to ensure that he is protected from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and has access to adequate medical care on request or as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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