Schrijfactie Mozambique:

zwaar verminkt bij politiegeweld



De 31-jarige kledingontwerper Alcina Nhaume was aan het werk in haar atelier in de Mozambikaanse hoofdstad Maputo, toen er rellen uitbraken. De politie greep in en er klonken schoten. Een daarvan ging dwars door een metalen rooster in de winkelruit en raakte haar in het gezicht.

Alcina is ernstig verminkt en zal waarschijnlijk nooit meer kunnen spreken. Ook eten zal grote moeite kosten. Momenteel krijgt ze sondevoeding.

**Wat kun jij doen?**

Schrijf **vóór 1 juli 2025** een brief aan de openbaar aanklager in Mozambique. Roep hem op om een onderzoek in te stellen naar het schietincident waarbij Alcina Nhaume zwaar verminkt werd.

**Loze belofte?**

De autoriteiten hebben toegezegd de zaak te onderzoeken. Maar de vrees bestaat dat dit de zoveelste loze belofte van de overheid is en dat de daders nooit verantwoording zullen afleggen.

**Schrijfactie Cuba:**

**7 jaar cel voor vreedzaam protest**



Loreto Hernández García is een Cubaanse activist en priester binnen de Afrikaanse Yoruba-religie. In juli 2021 werd hij samen met zijn vrouw Donaida opgepakt bij een vreedzame demonstratie tegen de regering. Ze uitten enkel hun mening en hebben niets misdaan. Toch werd Loreto veroordeeld tot 7 jaar gevangenisstraf vanwege het ‘verstoren van de openbare orde’ en ‘belediging’. Donaida kreeg 8 jaar opgelegd, maar kwam afgelopen januari vervroegd vrij.

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**Vervroegde vrijlating?**

Loreto heeft diabetes en hoge bloeddruk, waarvoor hij in de gevangenis niet behandeld kan worden. Daarom hoopt hij dat hij op medische gronden vervroegd wordt vrijgelaten. Maar de autoriteiten hebben gezegd dat ze hem alleen laten gaan als zijn vrouw stopt met haar activisme.

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Veldhoven, May 2025

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As Nhaume was about to grab her purse to go home, she heard several gunshots. One of the shots went through a metal barrier in the window of her shop and struck her in the face. Her face is severely disfigured. She is currently being fed through tubes, and according to her doctors she will never speak again, and will struggle to eat, unless she undergoes specialized surgery abroad. Even with such a surgery, it will take time for her to regain the ability to speak.

In light of the above, I call on you to promptly, independently, impartially and effectively conduct an investigation into Alcina Nhaume’s shooting, ensuring that the findings are made public, and the perpetrators are held accountable in fair trials.

Yours sincerely,

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