

TEACHER TORTURED AND JAILED FOR WAVING A FLAG

JOHAN TETERISSA INDONESIA

Johan Teterissa has spent nearly 10 years in prison for the simple act of waving a flag. The primary school teacher led a group of men in a dance protest in front of the Indonesian president, which ended with them raising a flag banned by the government. The men were taken by the police, whipped, beaten and eventually thrown in jail. Johan was given a 15-year sentence.

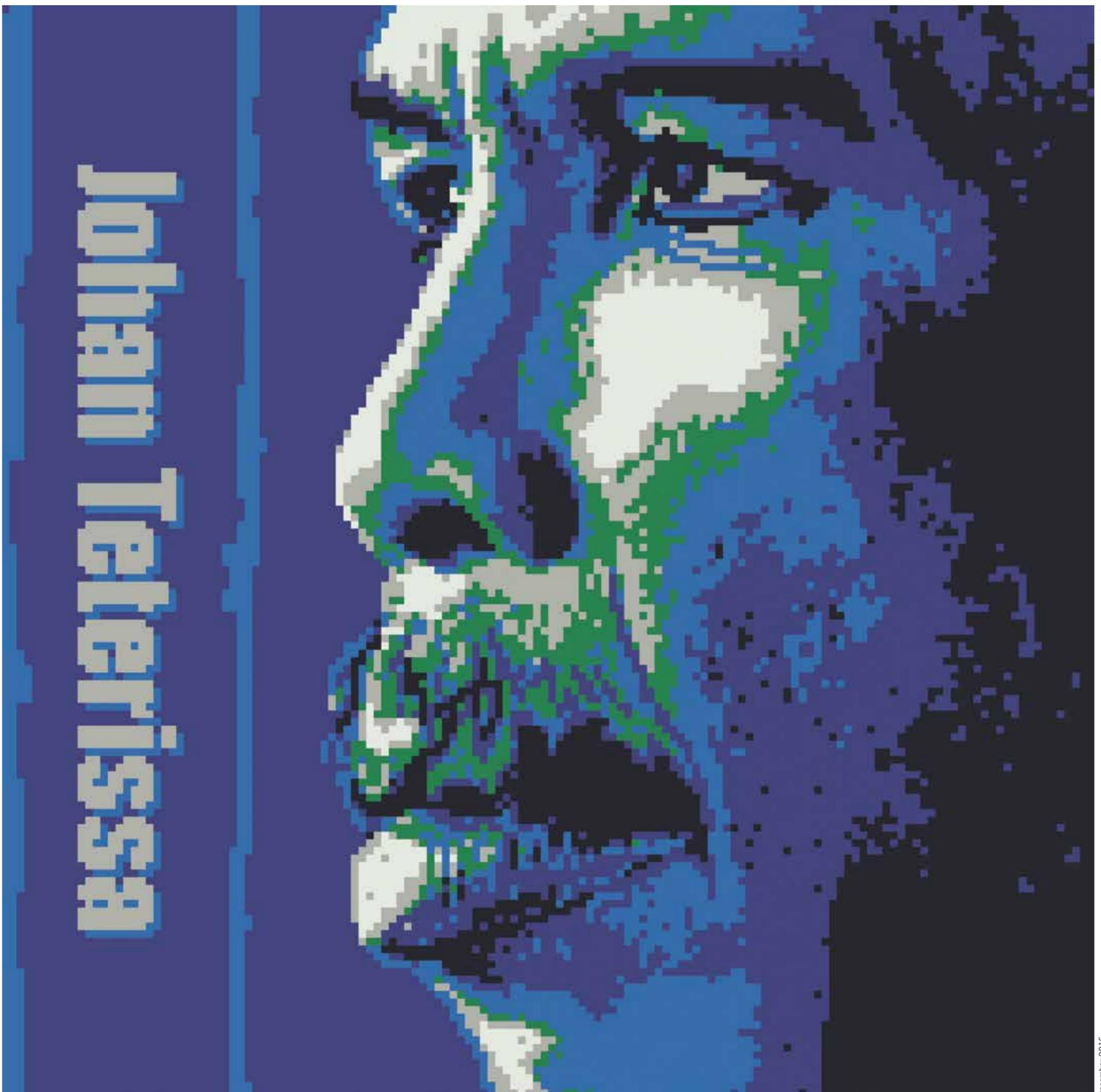
Tell Indonesia to free Johan without delay.

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ARRESTED OVER 100 TIMES FOR SPEAKING OUT

EREN KESKIN TURKEY

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Lawyer Eren Keskin refuses to give up on justice. In 2014, she was convicted of “insulting the Turkish state” because she spoke out against the killing of a 12-year-old boy by the army. Since then, she has repeatedly faced arrest for articles published in the newspaper she used to edit. The government wants to throw her in jail for speaking out for justice. But Eren will not be silenced.

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Tell Turkey not to jail Eren.



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HIS COURAGE CHANGED THE WORLD

EDWARD SNOWDEN USA

When Edward Snowden shared US intelligence documents with journalists, he revealed how governments were hoovering up our personal data, including phone calls, emails and much more. His actions sparked a global debate which changed laws and protected our privacy. Yet he's forced to live in exile and faces decades in prison.

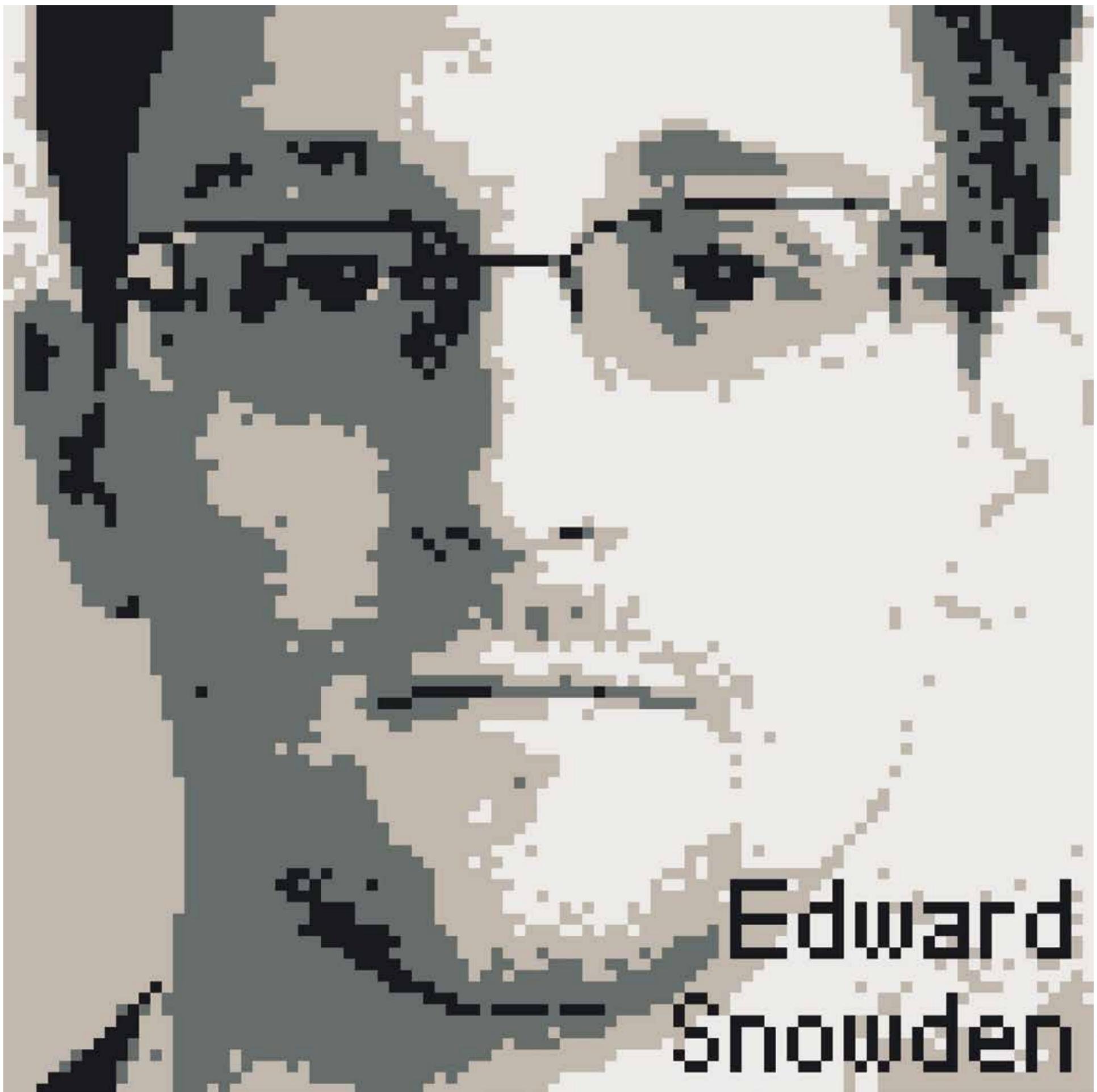
Tell President Obama to pardon Edward Snowden now.

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TORTURED AND JAILED FOR GRAFFITI

BAYRAM & GIYAS AZERBAIJAN

Bayram Mammadov and Giyas Ibrahimov dared to criticize the state in the most public way they could. They painted a defiant message on the statue of Azerbaijan's former president – on the eve of his birthday. The following day – 10 May 2016 – they were arrested and jailed on sham drug charges. Both young men were beaten into confessing to carrying heroin. If convicted, they face up to 12 years in prison.

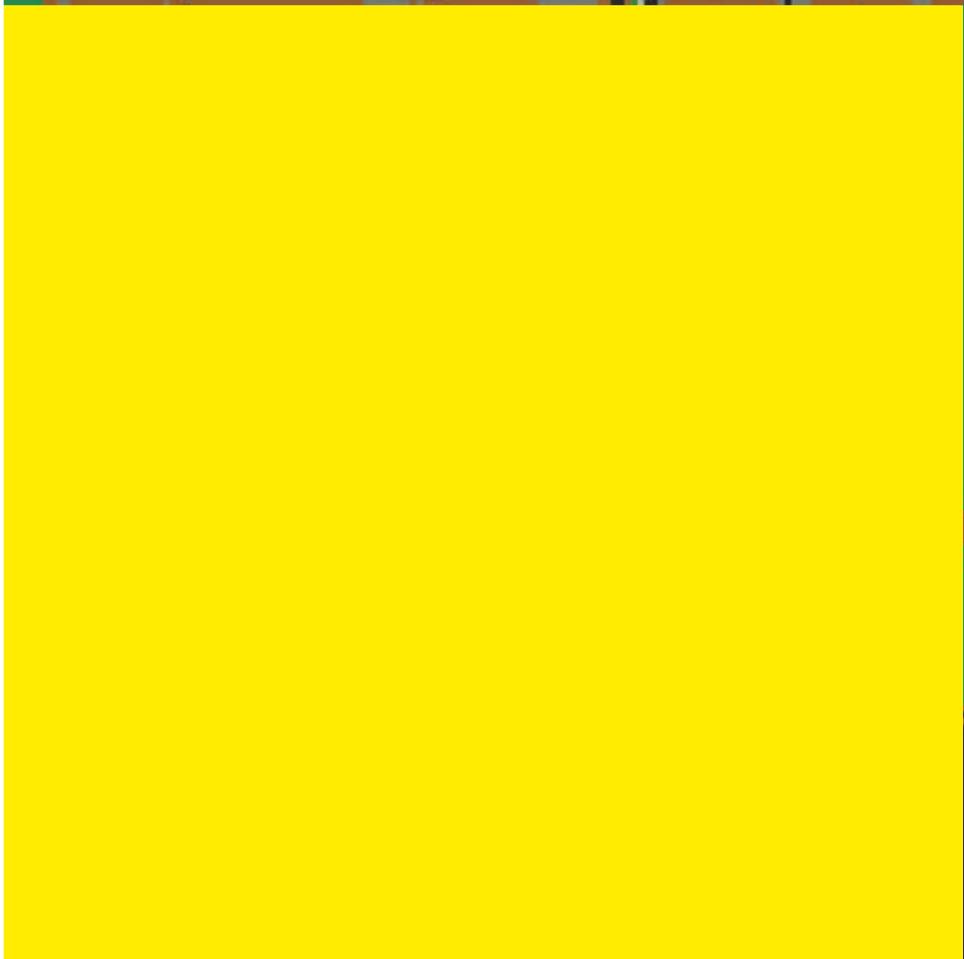
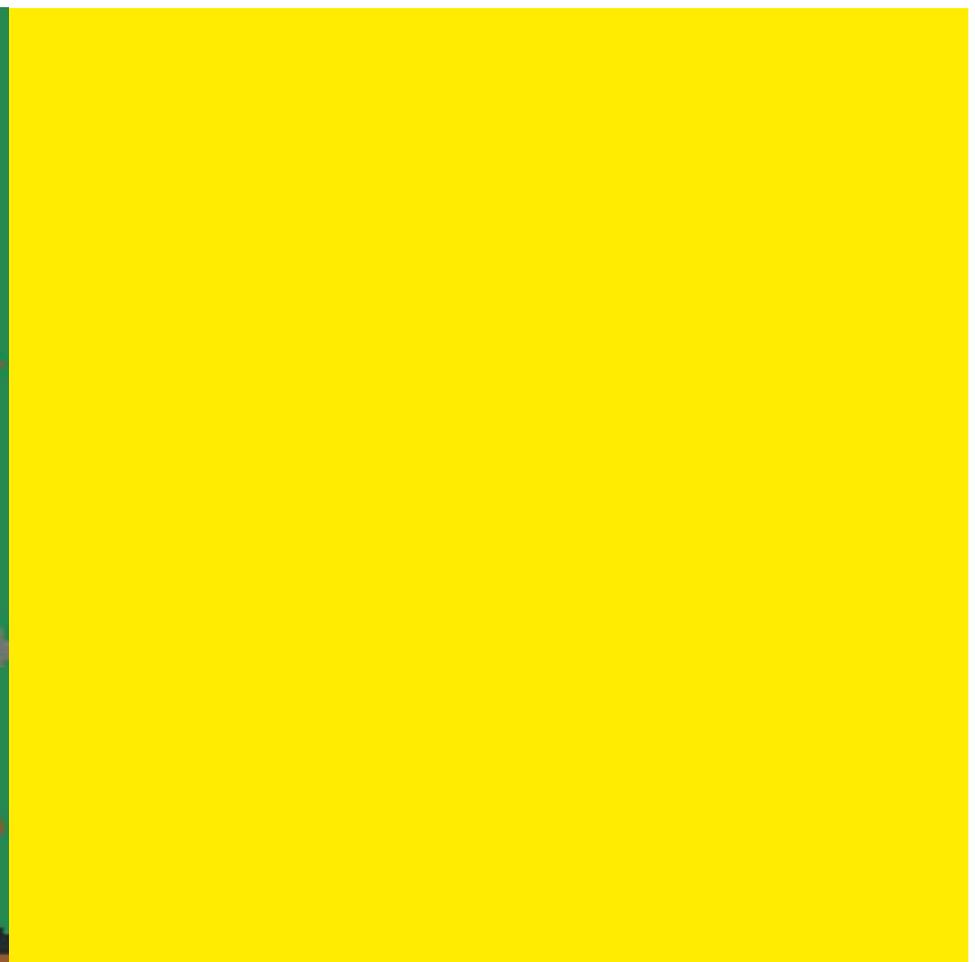
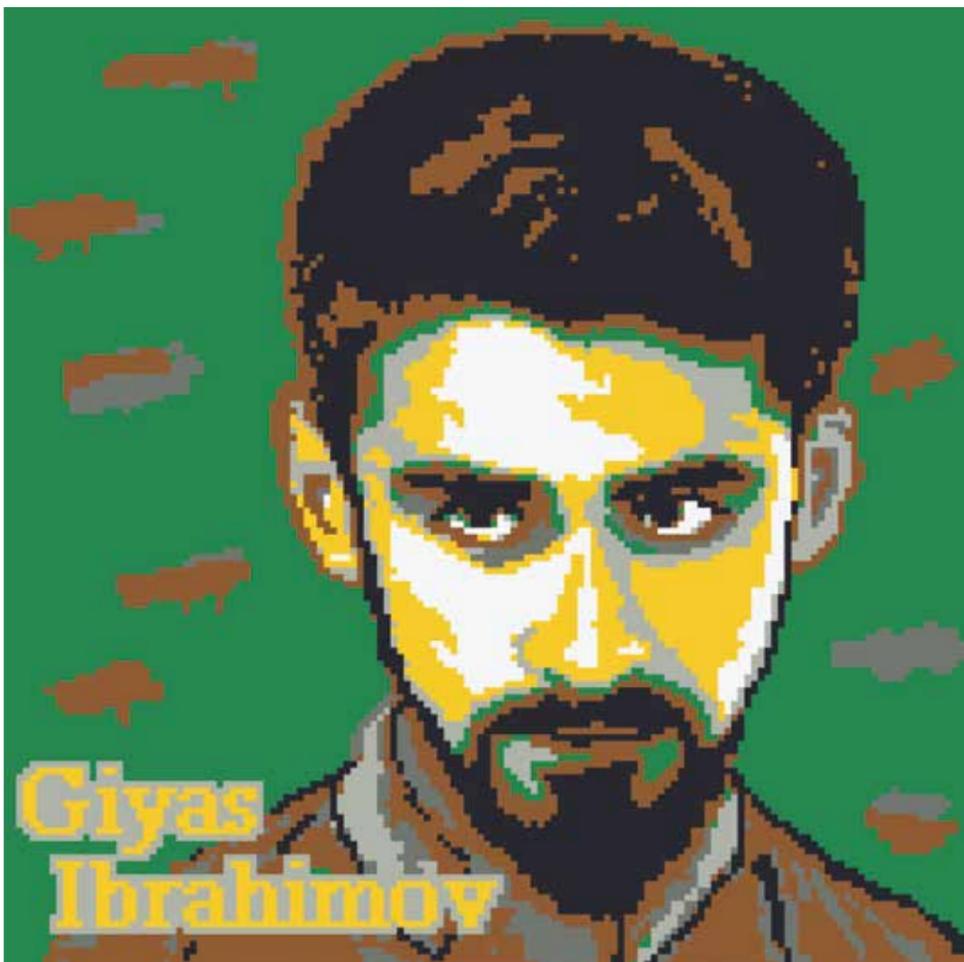
Urge Azerbaijan's President to free Bayram and Giyas now.

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FACING 20 YEARS FOR AN SMS

FOMUSOH IVO FEH CAMEROON

Fomusoh Ivo Feh was just about to start university when an SMS message changed everything. One day, he forwarded a sarcastic text to a friend. The message joked that even Boko Haram (an armed group) wouldn't hire you unless you did well in your exams. That text got Ivo arrested. Now he faces up to 20 years in prison.

Demand that Cameroon drop all charges against Ivo and let him go.

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STRUGGLING TO SAVE THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE PEACE RIVER CANADA

More than 100 years ago, Helen Knott's great-great grandfather signed an agreement with the Canadian government that was meant to protect his people's way of life. That promise is being broken. The government has given the go-ahead for the Site C dam, a huge hydroelectric project in the Peace River Valley, British Columbia. If built, it will drown over 80km of land, sweeping away Indigenous hunting, fishing and burial grounds.

Tell Canada to halt the Site C dam.

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LIFE IN JAIL FOR FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION

ILHAM TOHTI CHINA

Respected university professor Ilham Tohti worked tirelessly to build bridges between ethnic communities in China. He always opposed violence in his writing and lectures, and sought to encourage co-operation and understanding. But he's been jailed for life – supposedly for stirring up ethnic hatred.

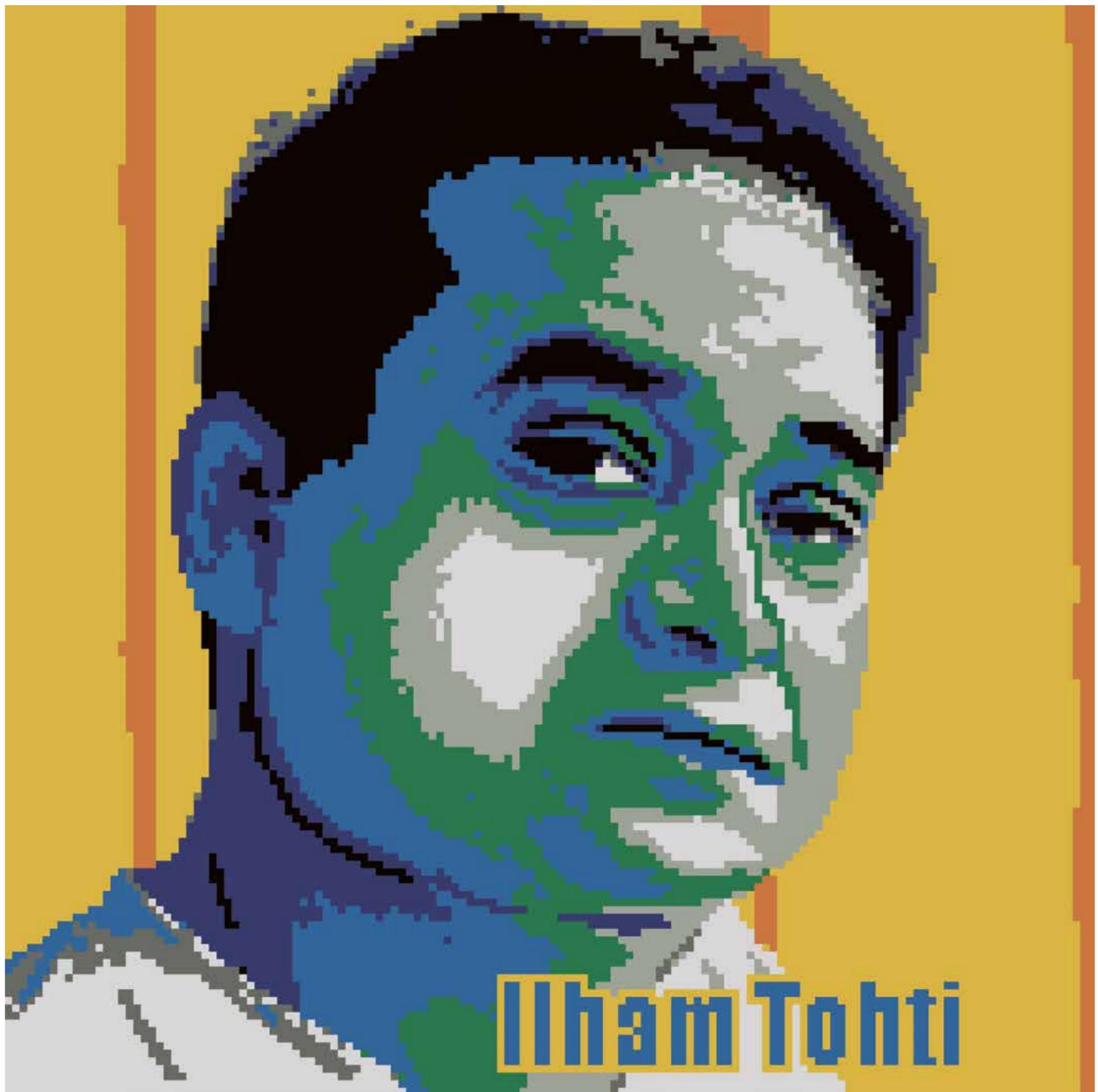
Tell China to release Ilham Tohti immediately.

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JAILED FOR DOING HIS JOB

SHAWKAN EGYPT

“It was like a Hollywood movie,” said Shawkan. Except the bullets were real. The tear gas was real. The tanks descending on protests across Egypt were real. And the 1,000 people who were killed were all too real. Journalist Shawkan, whose real name is Mahmoud Abu Zeid, photographed the crackdown in Cairo in August 2013. For this he was arrested, tortured and jailed.

Urge Egypt to drop all charges against Shawkan and free him immediately.

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DON'T LET THEM STEAL HER SIGHT

ZEYNAB JALALIAN IRAN

Zeynab Jalalian is enduring a life sentence, with the world around her growing darker by the day. Arrested for her political activities, she was tortured in custody and may now go blind. In 2008, she was jailed for her supposed links to the military wing of a Kurdish opposition group. Today, the authorities are denying her the treatment that will save her sight.

Tell Iran to release Zeynab and give her the urgent medical care she needs.

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HUNTED FOR HER BODY PARTS

ANNIE ALFRED MALAWI

Annie Alfred is like any other child in Malawi, but some people believe her body has magic powers. Annie was born with albinism, an inherited condition that prevents her skin cells from producing enough colour. And like other people with albinism in Malawi, Annie could be hunted and killed for her body parts because some think this will make them rich. Thousands like Annie are at risk.

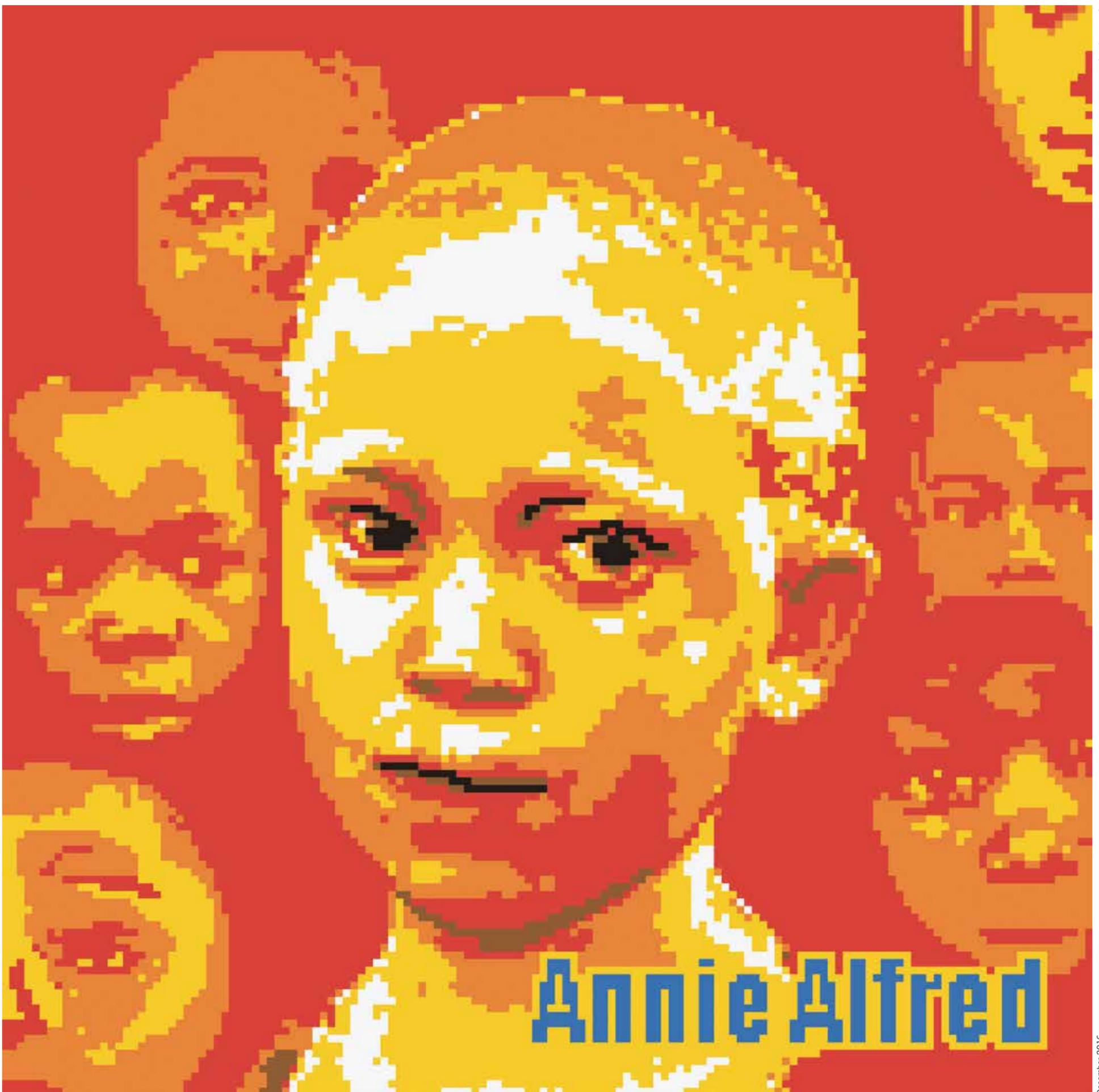
Demand that Malawi protect people with albinism from murder.

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ATTACKED BY POLICE FOR SPEAKING OUT

MÁXIMA ACUÑA PERU

Máxima Acuña won't back down. A peasant farmer in northern Peru, she has braved violent harassment and intimidation from local police for refusing to leave the land where she lives with her family. She believes they want to drive her away from her home. But she's not going anywhere.

Stand with Máxima – tell Peru to protect her from violence and intimidation.

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