

Ambassador Gaudence Sindayigaya
Embassy of the Republic of Burundi
2233 Wisconsin Ave NW #408
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Ambassador,

I call on you to request the immediate and unconditional release of Germain Rukuki. Germain has dedicated his life and work to truth and justice. He is also a dedicated father, yet because of his commitment to what's fair, he has never seen his own three-year-old son.

Germain is serving a 32-year prison sentence for defending human rights, after a court found him guilty on three charges, including "rebellion", in an unfair trial.

Germain's little boy wants his father back home. Please, help free Germain today.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Francisco Santos
Embassy of the Republic of Colombia
1724 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ambassador,

Jani Silva has been standing alongside the *campesino* farmers in the Putumayo region for decades. She has dedicated her life to defending the environment and natural resources.

However, Jani's work has put her in danger. She has been followed, intimidated by unknown people with guns and threatened with death.

As protectors of resources that the world depends on for its survival, Jani and the *campesino* farmers she stands with should be defended.

I call on you to protect Jani and all members of ADISPA, an organization she founded along with her colleagues to preserve the peasant Amazon Pearl Reserve Zone. In doing so, you will be safeguarding not just them, but a whole ecosystem powering the planet.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Asad Majeed Khan
Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
3517 International Ct NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador,

I urge you to request the release of Idris Khattak, Pakistan's expert on enforced disappearances, who has himself been subjected to enforced disappearance.

If there is credible and admissible evidence that he has committed an internationally recognized crime, then please try him promptly and fairly in a civilian ordinary court, without recourse to the death penalty. If not, release him immediately and unconditionally.

His daughters have not seen Idris since he was abducted in November 2019. They don't know where he is or whether he can take his medication. They just want their father back home safe with them.

Yours sincerely,

Princess Reema Bandar Al-Saud
Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia
601 New Hampshire Ave NW
Washington, DC 20037

Your Royal Highness,

Nassima al-Sada is a woman whom Saudi Arabia should take great pride in. Her lifelong journey has been one dedicated to the improvement of women's freedoms and her vision of them being active members of an open, vibrant society.

But instead of embracing Ms. al-Sada, the authorities arrested her in July 2018 and placed her in solitary confinement for one year. Today, she is still behind bars. I respectfully call on you to request the release of Ms. al-Sada and all other detained women human rights defenders, immediately and without conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Serdar Kiliç
Embassy of the Republic of Turkey
2525 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador,

Biology students Melike Balkan and Özgür Gür are among a group of 19 people facing up to three years in prison for exercising their right to peaceful assembly.

On 10 May 2019, a Pride sit-in at Middle East Technical University was violently broken up by police. Melike, Özgür and 21 others were detained and then released. Now Melike, Özgür and 17 others are on trial.

Participating in a peaceful gathering is not a crime. I call on you to monitor the case to ensure they are acquitted of all charges.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Pham
Interim ICE Director
US Immigration and Customs Enforcement
500 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Director Pham,

I am deeply concerned about the safety and wellbeing of all families detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

With confirmed cases of COVID-19 in family detention facilities, families face grave complications and even death if they contract the virus. There are credible, consistent, and disturbing accounts by families of dangerous conditions that put all families, facility staff, and surrounding communities at risk.

These families came to the United States seeking protection from violence and persecution. They must be able to pursue the right to seek asylum in safety.

As the acting head of ICE, you are responsible for their health and safety and must take all appropriate steps to protect them from COVID-19.

I call on you to release all the families together.

Yours sincerely,

State Attorney General Kwame Raoul
Office of the Illinois Attorney General
Attn: Crime Victim Services Division
100 West Randolph Street, 13th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Attorney General Raoul,

Teyonna Lofton graduated from high school the morning of May 31, 2020. She spent much of the day watching celebratory car parades and taking pictures with family. Excited to start college at Louisiana State University (LSU) in the fall, Teyonna is a proud graduate and Vice President of the Honor Society of Chicago's Perspectives Leadership Academy.

On the evening of May 31st, Teyonna decided to go out to get something to drink from a local gas station around the corner from her home. Due to COVID-19, the gas station had locked its doors and were allowing only one customer at a time. A line of patrons stood socially-distanced outside the store. Security footage from the gas station shows a vehicle driving onto the scene and an individual opening fire on the customers who were waiting in line. As people hit the ground, you can see Teyonna has been shot.

She has received no follow-up information from the police about the shooter and was not well-informed about victim's compensation benefits to which she is entitled. As celebration turned to tragedy, Teyonna is one of many individuals who experiences everyday gun violence in her South side of Chicago community.

I demand accountability for the crime to which Teyonna was subjected, and I request that your office provide Teyonna with victim's compensation as outlined in the Illinois Crime Victim Compensation Act.

Yours sincerely,