



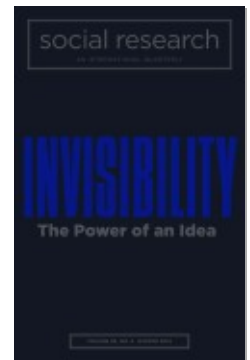
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Endangered Scholars Worldwide

The information in this quarterly report is current as of January 11, 2017. The situation of scholars and students around the world changes on a daily basis. For the most up-to-date information and ways in which you can be involved in calling for the freedom of endangered scholars and students, please visit www.endangeredscholarsworldwide.net or follow us at www.facebook.com/endangeredscholars. In these printed pages we simply introduce new cases that have come to our attention in the past three months and provide basic information about continuing cases—a description of charges and potential or actual reported sentences.

If you are aware of a scholar or student whose case you believe we should investigate, please contact us at esw@newschool.edu.




OPEN LETTER SENT TO DONALD TRUMP

November 16, 2016

To President-elect Donald Trump:

Endangered Scholars Worldwide is deeply concerned about the escalating number of incidents of aggression experienced by students, faculty, and staff in educational institutions across the country after the United States presidential election. The ongoing and increasing severity of threats made against students and faculty members based on their race or religion have raised grave concerns about the ability of



scholars, intellectuals, and students to work safely in American educational settings, particularly at the university level, where education is elective.

On Saturday November 12, 2016, swastikas were discovered on four dormitory rooms at The New School, home to Endangered Scholars Worldwide and the original University in Exile, which provided academic refuge to scholars threatened by the Nazi's rise to power in 1933. On the same day, two bathrooms at Reed College's library in Oregon were defaced with racist, homophobic, anti-Semitic and pro-Trump graffiti. Similar incidents have been reported across the US. Most cases appear to involve graffiti or violence directed at racial or ethnic minorities. In some reports the perpetrators indicated support for President-elect Donald Trump. Some of the cases were reported by police, many more appeared on social media as anecdotes, and not all have been independently verified. African Americans and Muslims have reported a dramatic rise in racist remarks since the election. At the University of Pennsylvania, students were added to a chat group where users with names like "Daddy Trump" sent them racial and sexist slurs, along with an invitation to an event called "Daily Lynching." Anonymous users also called students "dumb slaves" and sent a picture of a mass lynching with the caption "I love America." As of this report, a University of Oklahoma student has been suspended in connection with the messages.

Endangered Scholars Worldwide respectfully urges the president-elect to speak out against these unacceptable attacks and stand in solidarity with higher education authorities who are investigating these incidents and taking the appropriate measures to guaranty the safety and well being of students, faculty, and staff. The targeting of scholars, professors, and students seriously undermines the mission of institutions of higher learning to provide safe environments in which everyone is respected and teaching and learning is fostered.

NEW AND CONTINUING CASES

AFGHANISTAN

On December 3, 2016, Taliban militants publicly hanged a university student on the campus of Kabul Polytechnic University after accusing him of killing a senior intelligence officer. The militia took FAIZUL REHMAN, a fourth-year student, from his car as he traveled home to visit his family in Maidan Wardak province, about 60 kilometers west of Kabul. As of this report none of the Taliban militants involved in the execution have been arrested. However, according to BBC Persian, the Afghan interior ministry confirmed the execution and said they had launched an investigation “to arrest and punish the perpetrators of this criminal act.”

Endangered Scholars Worldwide condemns this heinous crime in the strongest possible terms and stands in solidarity with the family of the victim. In recent years, students, professors, and academics have been increasingly targeted in violent attacks—an unacceptable trend that hurts the future of societies at large. Universities, as all-in-one symbols of freedom, empowerment, and peace are increasingly targeted for the values they promote, which stand in strong contrast with the extremist ideology and ruthless methods of terrorist groups. Endangered Scholars Worldwide strongly urges the Afghanistan government to protect schools and universities from attacks, as stated in the Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict (formerly known as the Lucens Guidelines).

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ETHIOPIA

Students: MANYAZEWAL ESHETU, a previously featured student at Addis Ababa University, who was charged in March 2013 with criminal defa-

mation for allegedly posting criticism of university and city officials for corruption on his Facebook page, remains in prison. Police apprehended him on campus and he remains held without charge. As of this report his condition remains unknown.

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BAHRAIN

Scholars and Researchers: ABDUL-JALIL AL-SINGACE, head of the department of engineering at the University of Bahrain, has been in Jau prison since 2011. At that time, he was sentenced to life imprisonment for allegedly “plotting to overthrow the government” during the Arab Spring protests demanding greater democracy. Al-Singace, a polio victim who can only stand on one leg, was nevertheless tortured at the time of his detention by beatings, sexual assault, and being forced to stand upright for long periods despite his disability. The professor of engineering at the University of Bahrain was also a Draper Hills Fellow at Stanford University’s Center on Democracy in Development and the Rule of Law. He has long campaigned for political reform and an end to torture, writing on these and other subjects on his blog (in Arabic), Al-Faseela (The Date Sapling).

Students who remain in prison are AHMED AL ARAB, a nursing student, arrested in January 2014 and sentenced to life imprisonment; and AHMED AOUN, arrested in May 2015 on charges of “involvement in pro-democracy demonstrations.” In addition, five students were sentenced to 15 years in prison at a trial on March 5, 2012, following involvement

in prodemocracy demonstrations, including JAWAD AL-MAHARY, SHAWQI RADHI, JASSIM AL HULAINI, JASSIM AL-MUKHODHER, and YOUSIF AHMED.

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CHINA

Scholars and Researchers: On December 10, World Human Rights Day, a group of internationally renowned writers sent a letter to China's president, Xi Jinping, urging the Chinese authorities to release jailed or detained writers, journalists, bloggers, and activists.

They urged the release of ILHAM TOHTI, an economics professor and distinguished scholar of China's Uyghur Muslim minority, who was sentenced to life in prison in September 2014 by the Xinjiang People's High Court for "separatism" after what Human Rights Watch called "a grossly unfair trial." In recent developments, according to an interview conducted by Radio Free Asia, the family of the jailed Uyghur scholar is facing extreme hardship and increasing isolation as his wife struggles to raise the couple's young sons in Beijing.

On the anniversary of his arrest, Endangered Scholars Worldwide deplores the Chinese government's pervasive and ongoing crackdown on the Uyghur people. We call on the Chinese government to free Professor Ilham Tohti immediately and unconditionally, and to investigate the allegations of his mistreatment while detained.

Also remaining in prison are XU ZHIYONG, sentenced in July 2015 to four years in prison for “gathering a crowd to disturb public order,” GUO QUAN, a literature professor at Nanjing Normal University, sentenced to 10 years in prison in October 2009 on charges of “inciting subversion of state power,” and LIU XIAOBO, 60, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and *Social Research* author, who has been held in Jinzhou Prison since his arrest in December 2008 for “inciting subversion of state power.” Even six years after winning the Nobel Peace Prize, the jailed Chinese dissident seems unlikely to be given a chance to “seek medical parole” overseas as high-profile dissidents have done before him. Since 2010, Liu’s wife, Liu Xia, has remained under strict house arrest and close police surveillance at the couple’s home. She later was denied contact with friends and fellow activists. Endangered Scholars Worldwide calls on the Chinese government to release the Nobel Peace Laureate as well as many other members of the Independent Chinese PEN Centre who have been imprisoned and persecuted.

Students who remain in prison on charges of “separatism” and their connection to Professor Ilham Tohti are PERHAT HALMURAT, SHOHRET NIJAT, LUO YUWEI, MUTELLIP IMIN, ABDUQEYUM ABLIMIT, ATIKEN ROZI and AKBAR IMIN.

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Facebook group in support of LIU XIAOBO:

<http://www.facebook.com/Free.Liu>

Calls for letters on behalf of ILHAM TOHTI: <http://goo.gl/RIScCG>

EGYPT

Students who remain in prison include KARIM AL-BANNA, sentenced to three years in prison in January 2015 on charges of contempt of religion and insulting the divine. SHERIF GABER, a student from Suez Canal University, was sentenced to one year in prison in February 2015 for contempt of religion relating to activities on campus and atheist statements online. Mr. Gaber went into hiding upon his release on bail and prior to his sentencing. He has been granted asylum abroad but chooses to remain in hiding in Egypt.

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IRAN

Scholars and Researchers who remain in prison are SAEED MADANI, a sociologist, sentenced in June 2013 to six years in prison and ten years in exile; and KAMRAN MORTEZAIE and VAHID MAHMOUDI, connected to the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education, who were arrested following coordinated attacks on the institute in May 2011 and each sentenced to five years in prison. Also still in prison are MOSTAFA ALAVI, an Iranian doctor and researcher sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment in August 2008 on charges of "plotting against the regime," and ABDOLREZA GHANBARI, a university lecturer in Persian literature, arrested in 2009 and initially sentenced to death. In June 2013 his death sentence was reduced to fifteen years' imprisonment and exile to the south of Iran.

Students who remain in prison are YASHAR DAROLSHAFI, a graduate student in sociology at Tehran University, arrested and charged with "assembly and collusion against national security" and "founding or leading an organization aimed to disrupt national security," currently serving a five-and-a-half year sentence; ARASH SADEGHI, a student rights

activist sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in September 2014 on charges of "collusion against the regime" and "insulting the Supreme Leader of Iran"; and VAHID RANJBAR, arrested in August 2014.

Other students still in prison include ZIA NABAVI, serving a ten-year sentence after attending protests following the 2009 elections and currently is in critical condition; and HAMID BABAIEI, a PhD student at the University of Liege in Belgium, detained in August 2013 shortly after his return to Tehran and sentenced to six years in prison on charges of "communicating with hostile foreign governments and spying." Babaei has consistently said that he was imprisoned for refusing to operate as an informant in Belgium for Iran's Intelligence Ministry. Babaei has also been suffering from severe gum disease and other dental problems in prison, but the authorities have ignored his need for proper medical treatment.

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LAOS

Student protestors THONGPASEUTH KEUAKOUN, SENG-ALOUN PHENGPHANH, and BOUAVANH CHANHMANIVONG remain in prison following their arrest on

charges of treason in 1999 for displaying posters calling for economic, political, and social change during demonstrations. Even after seventeen years, it is not known in which prison the three students are being held or if they are still alive.

Please send appeals to:

President Choummaly Sayasone
Office of the President

Vientiane
Laos

PAKISTAN

Militants raided Balochistan Police College in Quetta, on October 24, 2016, killing at least 61 people and injuring at least 120. Immediately following the attack, Pakistani state officials pointed fingers at a Taliban affiliate known as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi. However, Islamic State (ISIL) officials publicly claimed responsibility for the attack just hours later. An investigation into these claims is ongoing. As of this report at least 61 people were killed and another 120 injured, with most casualties being students from Balochistan Police College.

Endangered Scholars Worldwide demands that the authorities prosecute the perpetrators of the massacre and ensure the security of higher education sites inside the country.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Scholars and Researchers: In March 2016, ALI ABDULLAH AL-HAJI, a professor at King Saud University in Riyadh, was arrested along with 31 others on charges of spying for Iran. The accused also include a student at Imam Muhammad Bin Saud Islamic University, as well as an academician who held the job of “development researcher” at the Ministry of Education for more than 25 years. Endangered Scholars Worldwide has not been able to obtain the names of the latter two defendants.

Scholars and researchers who remain in prison include ABDUL KAREEM YOUSEF AL-KHODR, a professor of comparative jurisprudence at Qassim University, sentenced in June 2013 to eight years' imprisonment and a ten-year travel ban, and SA'UD MUKHTAR AL-HASHIMI, a faculty member at the King Abdulaziz University, sentenced in November 2011 to thirty years in prison.

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REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

Scholars and Researchers: SIDIG NOREEN ALI ABDALLA, who has taught at the University of West Kordofan, has been in prison since January 14, 2014. According to the African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) report dated March 25, 2015, there are concerns for the safety of the detained scholar, who has been held incommunicado and without charge by Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS).

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THAILAND

Students who remain in prison include PATIWAT SARAIYAEM, a student at Khon Kaen University's Fine and Applied Arts Faculty, and PORNTHIP MANKONG, on charges of insulting the monarchy for staging a play called *The Wolf Bride* at Thammasat University in 2013. They were sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison for "damaging the monarchy." The two were convicted on one count of Thailand's strict *lese majeste* laws in February 2015, which protects the royals from any insults.

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TURKEY

Endangered Scholars Worldwide is deeply concerned about the harsh measures the Turkish government has taken against universities and other institutions of higher education, and its systematic targeting of the country's scholars and professors, since the coup attempt on July 15, 2016. Endangered Scholars Worldwide is deeply distressed by the Turkish government's actions, which harm the entire educational community by undermining universities' abilities to meet scientific and ethical standards as well as fulfill intellectual, educational, social and institutional responsibilities.

In July 2016, Turkey's Council of Higher Education (YOK) effectively dismissed 1,577 university deans and four university presidents; and took "legal action . . . against academic and administrative staff



[engaged in] in parallel state formation,” which resulted in the shutting down of 15 universities. Since then, more than 120,000 people have been dismissed, while nearly 44,000 have been jailed and more than 80,000 detained. Additionally, university rectors are no longer elected by the vote of faculty but rather appointed by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan from a panel of candidates selected by the YOK. The first such appointment took place on November 12, 2016, when President Erdogan appointed Mehmed Ozkan instead of the democratically elected incumbent rector, Gulay Barbarosoglu, as rector of Bogazici University.

By January 6, 2017, the Turkish government had issued three new statutory decrees, which dismissed another 8390 civil servants, including 649 academics and more than a hundred administrative staff members. The three decrees also empower the Turkish state to summon Turkish nationals living abroad and “legitimately” strip them of their status as Turkish citizens. With the latest decrees, the number of academics to lose their jobs across the country has reached a total of 6986.

The war against academics in Turkey began long before the attempted coup. On January 10, 2016, a group of scholars calling themselves Academics for Peace signed an open letter calling on the Turkish government to end its violence in the Kurdish provinces. The next day, Turkish President Erdogan accused the letter’s organizers and signatories of treason, calling for their immediate punishment. The Turkish judiciary system subsequently initiated public prosecutions under Turkish antiterror laws, alleging defamation of the Turkish state and accusing signatories of spreading “terrorist organization propaganda.” The YOK ordered university rectors to commence disciplinary investigations. Numerous suspensions, dismissals, and imprisonments followed.

Arrested and Imprisoned: SERKAN GOLGE, a 36-year-old NASA physicist of Turkish descent was arrested on August 6, 2016, and on August 16 formally accused of involvement with the Gulen movement, which

Turkey considers a terrorist organization. Golge has also been accused of spying for the CIA. He traveled to Turkey in late June, along with his wife and two sons, to visit family.

On July 23, 2016, İSTAR GOZAYDIN, chair of the Department of Sociology at Gediz University, was suspended from her position on the basis of her Twitter account. According to the official letter she received, tweets she sent on July 17, 2016, allegedly contained content implying “support for the coup attempt or criticism of those who opposed the coup.” Gozaydin was taken into custody on December 20, 2016; and on December 27 she was arrested on charges of “being a member of a terrorist organization.”

MEHMET ALTAN, a professor of economics at Istanbul University, who was detained along with his brother, journalist and author Ahmet Altan, on September 12, 2016, remains in custody after a hearing on his links with the Gulenist Movement. Both were arrested on September 12 as a result of their appearance on a Turkish TV channel one day before the July 15 coup attempt. According to the official statement issued by the court, Mehmet Altan had implied on the show that “a coup was imminent.” The ruling stated that he was known for his pro-Gulenist views, and that he had changed his public perception to be supportive of a possible coup.

Fired from their positions, facing prosecution: On June 19, 2016, ZEYNEP SAYIN BALIKCIOGLU, a professor of German philology and member of the Faculty of Communication at Bilgi University, was fired after “insulting the Turkish president during a lecture” on June 18.

HALİL İBRAHİM YENİGUN, an assistant professor of political science and International Relations, and the Foreign Relations Committee chairman of the Association of Human Rights and Solidarity for Oppressed Peoples (*Mazlum-Der*), received a 40-day suspension for signing the Academics for Peace petition. He was dismissed from his position at Istanbul Commerce University after the publication of a column by a government mouthpiece targeting him.

NURIYE GULMEN, a comparative literature teaching assistant, was suspended from her position in Selcuk University via a statutory decree in November 2016. To protest her suspension, Gulmen held a sit-in protest in the Turkish capital Ankara, where she was arrested 17 times over her 17-day long protest. She was subsequently fired from her position via the new statutory decrees released on January 6, 2017, and on January 11 she was beaten and detained by the police in Ankara.

On January 25, 2016, BATTAL ODABASI, an assistant professor of psychological guidance and counseling at the Faculty of Education of Istanbul Aydın University, was fired for signing the Academics for Peace declaration. ORSAN K. OYMEN, a philosophy professor at Isik University, faces up to four years in prison for an op-ed he published in the *Aydınlık* newspaper in April 2015. In that piece, Oymen suggested that the Turkish leader should be put on trial for a range of charges, including corruption and the violation of the constitution.

Released: ESRA MUNGAN of Bogazici University, KIVANC ERSOY of Mimar Sinan University of Fine Arts, MUZAFFER KAYA formerly of Nisantasi University, and MERAL CAMCI, formerly of Istanbul Yeniyyuzyl University, were arrested for signing the Academics for Peace letter. Professors Kaya and Camci were both fired from their positions as a result of signing the petition. They all were discharged in April 22, 2016, following the first court hearing.

NECMIYE ALPAY, a 70-year-old professor of linguistics, was arrested on August 31, 2016, on charges of being member of a terrorist organization and disrupting the unity of the state. She denies all charges against her. The strongest evidence for her alleged terrorist affiliations was her membership of the advisory board of the anti-government daily *Ozgur Gundem*. As of December 29, 2016, Alpay was released along with the writer Asli Erdogan and journalist Zana Kaya. Alpay and two others, however, are prohibited from traveling abroad.

RESAT BARIS UNLU, an assistant professor of political science at Ankara University, had faced seven years in jail on charges of “terrorist propaganda” based on an exam question in which he asked students

to compare two writings by Abdullah Ocalan, the jailed leader of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). As of February 3, 2016, Unlu was acquitted of all charges.

For full coverage of the crisis in higher education in Turkey and to sign our letter of protest, please visit our dedicated webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/esw-turkey>.

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VIETNAM

Students who remain in prison are DINH NGUYEN KHA and NGUYEN PHUONG UYEN, sentenced to eight and six years in prison, respectively, on charges of “conducting propaganda against the state” in May 2013. The two were arrested in October 2012 for handing out leaflets critical of the government.

Please send appeals to:

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President of the Socialist Republic of
Vietnam
c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Hanoi
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Salutation: Your Excellency

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TURKEY

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