

Endangered Scholars Worldwide

Social Research was founded by a group of scholars known as the University in Exile, refugees from Nazi Europe who found a home at the New School. In each issue we publish the names and details of scholars, researchers, and students who have been threatened or imprisoned, along with ways to offer them support. We see this effort as consistent not only with our own history as a journal but with the need to call attention to the increasing and often brutal attempts to silence our colleagues around the world.

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

The information in this report is current, to the best of our knowledge, as of November 5, 2014. Additional information and more recent information about many of these cases, as well as sample letters of protest, may be found on our website at <http://www.newschool.edu/cps/endangered-scholars/>. We would also like to announce that Endangered Scholars Worldwide now has a Facebook page. Please like us and follow our posts at <https://www.facebook.com/endangeredscholars>.

SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS: NEW AND CONTINUING CASES

AZERBAIJAN

Students: Previously featured student activists, who were arrested on May 23, 2014, on the charge of organizing a student protest at Baku State University, remain in prison: SUBHAN GAMBARLI and TAMERLAN FEYZULLALI,

members of the Free Youth Organization, and HUSEYNGARASULU, a member of National Front Party of Azerbaijan, one of the leading parties of the opposition wing. As of this report their condition remains unknown.

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BAHRAIN

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Bahrain who remain in prison include prisoner of conscience MAHDI 'ISSA MAHDI ABU DHEEB, former president of the Bahrain Teachers' Association, sentenced to five years' imprisonment on September 21, 2012, on charges of "inciting hatred against the regime" and "attempting to overthrow and change the regime by force"; and DR. ABDUL-JALIL AL-SINGACE, head of the department of engineering at the University of Bahrain, sentenced to life in prison by the military National Safety Court on charges of "plotting to topple" the government in June 2011. As of this report Dr. al-Singace's health condition remains unknown.

Students: Previously featured students from Bahrain who remain in prison include AHMAD HASSAN ALI MSHAIMA', arrested on December 28, 2013, and charged on April 16, 2014, with "illegal gathering with an intent to commit crimes and disturb public security" following protests to mark the second anniversary of the uprising on February 14, 2013. AHMED AL ARAB, 22, a nursing student from Bani Jamra, was arrested on January 9, 2014, in Hamad Town, and reportedly severely tortured in extracting a confession. As of this report his health condition remains critical. Also still imprisoned are AHMED AOUN, arrested by authorities when he sought treatment at a hospital following an eye injury inflicted by police during protests on May 13, 2012; and six students, arrested on March 5, 2012, as part of a crackdown on student involvement in

pro-democracy demonstrations: JAWAD AL-MAHARY, SHAWQI RADHI, JASSIM AL-MUKHODHER, YOUSIF AHMED, and JASSIM AL HULAINI, the latter of whom remains in prison despite the fact that he has served his full sentence. According to the Bahrain Youth Center in Al- Wafaq, all of these students have been severely tortured in order to extract confessions.

All aforementioned scholars and students are in danger of being tortured and need your help.

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Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs
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BENIN

Student: On November 12, 2013, a previously featured student leader, DAMIEN DÉGBÉ, was arrested following his involvement in organizing a two-day student strike on campus. As of this report, even after a year his condition remains unknown.

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CAMEROON

Scholars and Researchers: On July 11, 2014, previously featured scholar ENOH MEYOMESSE, who remains in prison, was taken to the prison hospital for the second time. Meyomesse, 58, a writer, political activist, historian, blogger, and founder and president of the Cameroon Writers Association, was sentenced on December 27, 2012, to seven years' imprisonment on charges of illegally trafficking gold. No witnesses or evidence were presented during the trial, and he was not allowed to testify in his own defense. Meyomesse is a recipient of the 2012 Oxfam Novib/PEN Award in recognition of his continued work in the face of persecution. As of this report his situation remain critical.

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CHINA

Scholars and Researchers: GUO YUSHAN, a founder of the Transition Institute, a think tank that researches business regulations, reform, and civil society, was detained on October 9, 2014, on the charge of “causing a disturbance.” Guo was involved in helping the blind dissident Chen Guangcheng flee to the United States in 2012.

A number of scholars featured in previous issues remain in prison. ILHAM TOHTI, an economics professor and distinguished scholar of China's Uyghur Muslim minority, received a life sentence on September 23, 2014, for “separatism” by a court in northwestern China's troubled Xinjiang region as well as deprivation of political rights and confiscation of all his assets. In the latest update, according to Tohti's wife, the Chinese authorities removed 850,000 yuan (US\$140,000) from Tohti's

bank account on October 28. There is also reasons to believe that the authorities will confiscate the apartment where Tohti's family lives.

ZHU JIANRONG, a Chinese scholar, has been held incommunicado by Chinese authorities since mid-July 2013. He went missing at that time while on a trip to Shanghai and was unable to communicate with family until more than three months later, when his brother in Shanghai received a letter written by Zhu. The letter confirms only that he is being detained by Chinese authorities and does not specify when he will be released. Prior to his disappearance, Zhu had been engaged in a research project involving interviews with officials of the Chinese military.

Also still imprisoned are writer and editor TASHI RABTEN (pen name Te'urang), sentenced to four years' imprisonment on June 2, 2011, for his critical political writings; GUO QUAN, a former literature professor at Nanjing Normal University, sentenced to 10 years in prison and 3 years of deprivation of political rights in October 2009 on charges of "inciting subversion of state power"; and LIU XIAOBO, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and *Social Research* author, held in Jinzhou Prison since his arrest in December 2008 for "inciting subversion of state power."

Students: Previously featured student WANGCHUK DORJE, a Tibetan student leader at the Middle School of Humanities in Rebkong County, remains in prison. He was sentenced in June 2013 to four years in prison for his alleged role in organizing student protests.

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Facebook group supporting LIU XIAOBO: <http://www.facebook.com/Free.Liu>
Calls for letters on behalf of ILHAM TOHTI: <http://goo.gl/RIScCG>

EGYPT

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars who remain in prison include EMAD SHAHIN, a political science professor at the American University in Cairo, who was charged for associating with the Muslim Brotherhood, including espionage and conspiring to undermine national security. AMR HAMZAWY, a professor at the American University in Cairo, also still in prison, has been charged with “insulting the judiciary” for a Tweet criticizing a court ruling. Hamzawy has played a prominent political role in the past three years, winning a seat in parliament and leading a liberal party.

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ETHIOPIA

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars and researchers who remain in prison in Ethiopia include ABRAHA DESTA, a political science lecturer at Mekelle University who was arrested on July 8, 2014, and detained in connection with his involvement with the legally registered Arena Tigray Party. He has been held incommunicado since then. As of this report his whereabouts remain unknown.

Also still in prison are ZELALEM KIBRET, a professor of law at Ambo University, and BEFIKADU HAILU, a former lecturer and current staff member at St. Mary’s University College, who were arrested along with members of the Zone 9 bloggers, ABEL WABELA, ATNAF BERAHANE, MAHLET FANTAHUN, BEFEQADU HAILU, NATNAEL FELEKE, ASMAMAW HAILEGEORGIS, TESFALEM WALDYES and EDOM KASSAYE. All were detained on April 26, 2014. “Zone 9” symbolizes the invisible prison that surrounds Ethiopians, implying that all citizens could be arrested at any time for exercising their right to free expression. The weblog’s mission is to cover harassment, threats,

surveillance, and intimidation by the Ethiopian government. Kibret was arrested at the Ambo University campus, and intelligence forces seized computers and books from his office and home. Kibret, Hailu, and all the bloggers are reportedly charged with inciting violence through social media and spreading instability in Ethiopia. The scholars are being held incommunicado at Makelawi prison with no access to legal representation, and officials have not permitted family members to visit the prisoners. All are at risk of torture and need your support.

Students: MANYAZEWAL ESHETU, a previously featured student at Addis Ababa University, who was charged with criminal defamation 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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Calls for letters on behalf of Prof. Kibret and Mr. Hailu: <http://goo.gl/dH1tR5>

Calls for letters on behalf of Abraha Desta: <http://goo.gl/9aLKg3>

IRAN

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Iran who remain in prison include SADEGH ZIBAKALAM, a political science professor at the University of Tehran, who was sentenced to 18 months in prison on June 18, 2014, after being convicted on charges of “propaganda against

the Islamic Republic regime,” “publishing falsehoods to create public anxiety,” and “insulting judges and Judiciary officials.” Zibakalam is an outspoken scholar in Iran.

Also still in prison are SAEED MADANI, a sociologist and member of the Nationalist-Religious Front, sentenced on June 21, 2013, to six years in prison and ten years in exile; ARZHANG DAVOODI, a poet, teacher, and cofounder of the pro-Western Confederation for Iranian Students, imprisoned since October 2003; MASOUD SEPEHR, a political science lecturer at Shiraz Azad University, detained without charge since his arrest on November 17, 2011; seven people connected to the Baha’i Institute for Higher Education, arrested following coordinated attacks on the institute in May 2011, including KAMRAN MORTEZAIE and VAHID MAHMOUDI, each sentenced to five years, and RAMIN ZIBAIE, MAHMOUD BADAVAM, FARHAD SEDGHI, RIAZ SOBHANI, and NOUSHIN KHADEM, each sentenced to four years; two cultural figures, educator FARHAD VAKILINIA serving three years and NAEEM NAJAFI, a student, serving four years, both charged with “acting against national security” by supporting Kurdish opposition groups in August 2011; and DR. MOSTAFA ALAVI, an Iranian doctor and researcher sentenced to fifteen years in August 2008 for “plotting against the regime.” ABDOLREZA GHANBARI, a university lecturer of Persian literature arrested following the 2009 presidential election protests, was initially sentenced to death. His death sentence was reduced to fifteen years’ imprisonment and exile to the south of Iran in June 2013 by the court of appeal. All of these scholars are at risk of torture and need your support.

Students: Previously featured students who remain in prison include VAHID RANJBAR, a member of the students union from the University of Sistan and Baluchistan, arrested in his home on August 12, 2014. He is suffering from a peptic ulcer. MASOUMEH GHOLIZADEH, a former student activist and student in Turkey, was arrested on May 23, 2014, shortly after his return to Tehran for a family visit. According to her family, she is suffering from heart failure and needs regular medical supervision. MARYAM SHAFIPOUR, 29, was sentenced to seven years in prison on March

1, 2014, on charges of “propaganda against the regime” and “assembly and collusion against national security.” HAMID BABAEI, a PhD student at the University of Liege in Belgium, was arrested by the ministry of intelligence in August 2013 shortly after his return to Tehran for a family visit. After four months in detention, including three weeks of solitary confinement, Babaei was sentenced to six years in prison on December 21, 2013, for allegedly acting against national security by “communicating with hostile foreign governments and spying.”

Other Iranian students who remain in prison include ASHKAN ZAHABIAN, a student activist arrested on May 27, 2013, who is serving an eight-month sentence on charges of “acting against national security,” “spreading propaganda against the system,” and “forming an illegal group with intention of harming national security”; OMID KOKABEE, a PhD student in physics, sentenced to six years’ imprisonment in July 2012 on charges of communicating with a hostile government and taking illegal earnings apparently on the basis of his scholarship funding; SOROUSH SABET, serving a two-year sentence since September 2012 in connection with his involvement in protests in 2007; LEVA KHANJANI, a member of the persecuted Baha’i religious minority, banned from receiving further education and serving a two-year sentence in connection with her involvement in protests in 2009; SAYED ZIAODDIN (ZIA) NABAVI, serving a ten-year sentence after attending protests following the 2009 elections and currently in critical condition; and MAJID TAVAKOLI and BAHAREH HEDAYAT, distinguished student activists sentenced to eight-and-a-half and nine-and-a-half years, respectively, for their involvement in antigovernment protests in 2009. HEDAYAT is in a critical condition. All are at risk of torture and need your support.

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Amnesty International and the Committee of Concerned Scientists have set up a petition for immediate release of KOKABEE that can be found at http://freomid.org/?page_id=1136.

Scholars at Risk has set up a petition letter in support of BABAEI. The petition letter and sample letters can be found at http://www.scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/Documents/LOA_Babaei_04-02-2014.pdf.

ITALY

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Italy who remain in prison include six scientists convicted in October 2012 on charges of manslaughter for failing to predict an earthquake that devastated the city of L'Aquila in 2009. Each received a sentence of six years' imprisonment: ENZO BOSCHI, FRANCO BARBERI, BERNARDO DE BERNARDIS, GIULIO SALVAGI, CALVI GIANMICHELE, and CLAUDIO EVA.

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LAOS

Students: Previously featured student protestors THONGPASEUTH KEUAKOUN, SENG-ALOUN PHENGPHANH, and BOUAVANH CHANHMANIVONG remain in prison following their arrest in 1999 on charges of treason for displaying posters

calling for economic, political, and social change during demonstrations.

Please send appeals to:

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Vientiane
Laos

MONGOLIA

Scholars and Researchers: A previously featured scholar, ROLMAAJIDIIN TSENGEL, a southern Mongolian historian and translator, remains in prison. He was arrested on May 6, 2012, on charges of “attempting to overthrow the government of Mongolia and conspiracy of a coup.” Tsengel is currently being held in the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator’s Pre-trial Detention Center No. 461. He has been subject to torture during his detention and banned from having visitors or legal representatives.

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RUSSIA

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Russia who remain in prison are SVYATOSLAV BOBYSHEV and YEVGENY AFANASYEV, both professors at Baltic State Technical University in St. Petersburg, who were sentenced at a closed trial in June 2012 to 12 years in prison on charges of espionage and passing secret information to the Chinese government.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Saudi Arabia who remain in prison include DR. ABDUL KAREEM YOUSEF AL-KHODR, a professor of comparative jurisprudence at Qassim University, sentenced on June 24, 2013 to eight years' imprisonment and a ten-year travel ban; DR. SA'UD MUKHTAR AL-HASHIMI, a medical doctor and faculty member at the King Abdul-Aziz University, sentenced in November 2011 to thirty years in prison, which is to be followed by a thirty-year travel ban; DR. YUSUF AL-AHMAD, an Islamic scholar who taught at Imam Muhammad bin Sa'ud University in Riyadh, arrested after posting a YouTube video critical of long-term detention of security suspects without due judicial process and sentenced to five years' imprisonment and a five-year travel ban on April 11, 2012; NADHIR AL-MAJID, a teacher and writer, detained on April 17, 2011, soon after the appearance of an article in which he criticized the Saudi government; and university Professors SA'UD AL-DUGHATHIR, MUHAMMAD BIN NASIR AL-GHAMIDI, and ABD AL-KARIM AL-KHADHAR, all members of a group of nine intellectuals who drafted a proposal seeking to create what would have been the first political party in Saudi Arabia, arrested on February 16, 2011. All are at risk of torture and need your support.

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SUDAN

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholar SIDIG NOREEN ALI ABDALLA, who has taught at West Kordofan University, remains in prison. He was arrested on January 16, 2014, while his son was undergoing treatment at a hospital in Khartoum. He is currently being held in El Obeid without access to legal representation and has not been allowed to contact his family members.

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SYRIA

Scholars and Researchers: Scholars from Syria who remain in prison include MAHMOUD BAHBOUH, a university professor who was arrested in June 2013 by Syrian authorities and has been incommunicado since his

arrest. As of the date of this report, his location and condition remains unknown. Bahbouh was a professor of chemistry at Al'baath University. ABDULRAHMAN ALKHATEB has been imprisoned since September 28, 2013. He was the head of the Syrian Arab Crescent Branch in Talbisah, Homs, and the chair of the civil engineering department at Al'Baath University.

Students: ANAS SHUGHRI, a third-year economics student, remains in prison without any specific charge.

The crisis in Syria continues to have a devastating impact on professors, researchers, students, and the whole body of higher education system in Syria. According to “The War Follows Them: Syrian University Students and Scholars in Lebanon,” published by the Institute of International Education and the University of California–Davis Human Rights Initiative, as of July 2014, scores of students in rising numbers have fled Syrian universities and are living in refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon. Since conflicts began in March 2011, universities have been targeted in retribution for student and faculty participation in protests. In the past year, universities in Aleppo and Damascus have been bombed, killing students and destroying university classrooms, dormitories, and labs (as reported in our previous features). The Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis, a program led by the Institute of International Education, is bringing together universities throughout the world to establish scholarships for displaced Syrian students. For information on the Syria Consortium for Higher Education, please visit: <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Syria-Scholarships>

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VIETNAM

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

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SOURCES

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Bahrain Center for Human Rights. <http://www.bahrainrights.org/en>
Committee of Concerned Scientists. <http://concernedscientists.org/>
Council for Assisting Refugee Academics. <http://www.academic-refugees.org/>
English PEN. <http://www.englishpen.org/writersinprison/>
Human Rights in China. <http://www.hrichina.org/>
Human Rights Watch. <http://www.hrw.org/>
The International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran. <http://www.iran-humanrights.org/>
Islamic Human Rights Commission. <http://www.ihrc.org/>
The New York Times. <http://www.nytimes.com>
Scholars at Risk. <http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/>
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