

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA**

**[INSERT GROUP NAME]**

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**We can stop torture in the Philippines,**

**says Amnesty International [insert name of town/ suburb] group**

Just imagine, for a moment, that you are checking your email at a nearby [insert name of town/ suburb] internet cafe one day. Imagine your shock when police swoop into the cafe and arrest you on false drugs charges. Imagine they then torture you for hours - threatening to kill you, beating you with a metal bar, and forcing a dirty mop into your mouth.

For most [insert name of town/ suburb] locals this scenario would be unthinkable, but this is the terrible true story of Alfreda Disbarro, a 32-year-old mother in the Philippines, who is still in prison to this day.

“Alfreda’s case sadly is all too common in the Philippines,” said [full name and role with your Amnesty group].

“But our Amnesty [insert name of town/ suburb] group is determined to help stamp out the horrific widespread practice of torture in the country.”

The group is holding a stall at xx Markets on xx February [or insert details of your event here] and invites [insert name of town/ suburb] residents to add their voices to the growing global call for an end to torture in the Philippines.

OR, if after the event:

The group held a stall at xx Markets on xx February [or insert details of your event here], where [insert name of town/ suburb] residents added their voices to the growing global call for an end to torture in the Philippines.

Already, in the last few months [insert name of town/ suburb] Amnesty supporters have helped bring about an investigation into the police who tortured Alfreda, and helped pressure the Philippines into launching a senate inquiry into torture in the country.

“We were so excited when we found out our work had helped Alfreda in some small way,” said [name].

“But we need to keep up the pressure if we really want to stamp out torture in the Philippines once and for all - so we invite everyone in [insert name of town/ suburb] to come along on xx February [insert date] and be a part of that success!”

OR, if after the event:

“But we need to keep up the pressure if we really want to stamp out torture in the Philippines once and for all - so we thank everyone in [insert name of town/ suburb] who came along on xx February [insert date] who is contributing to that success!”

For more information go to [insert link to event page on website/social media].

**[Name of your event] (not relevant if after the event)**

**[date] February 2015**

**[time]**

**[address]**

**[rsvp details if necessary]**

/Ends.

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Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people campaigning to protect human rights. We have a vision of a world in which every person enjoys all of the rights stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

The [Insert group/network name] meets at [insert venue, dates and times]. All welcome.

*[If available be sure to include a photograph of your group with Amnesty International T-shirts, flyers or anything else to give the photo context].*