



## STAND UP TO GOVERNMENTS OPPRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN TURKEY AND IRAN

Right now we are seeing governments lock up individuals for daring to speak out and protect human rights in countries across the world. In mid-2018 we will be approaching the one year anniversary of the verdicts and imprisonment of our colleague Taner Kilic and of young human rights defenders Arash Sadeghi and Golrokh Ebrahimi Irae. This is unacceptable.

We've had amazing success in helping to free human rights defenders by mobilising globally on cases over the years, join us in 2018 as we mobilise around these two cases and build pressure to influence the Turkish and Iranian governments to release and drop the charges of these human rights defenders.

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### Theory of change: how do we win?

**Our movement is most powerful when we work together.**

Mobilisation moments allow us to build momentum around cases so we can influence change. If we build power in our communities through ongoing community organising and mobilise them to take coordinated action at key times, then we can strategically pressure governments who are oppressing individuals and influence them to respect and uphold human rights.

**6 June 2018 marks one full year that Taner will have been imprisoned.**

**21 August 2018 marks one full year since the verdict against Arash Sadeghi and Golrokh Ebrahimi Irae.**

We need to stand up and show the Turkish and Iranian governments that their treatment of these human rights defenders is unacceptable and call on their immediate release and for all charges to be dropped. We can show the strength of our movement when we run actions simultaneously. The key dates of 6th June and 21st August are significant milestones for our Brave individuals at risk, so it's an important time to mobilise.

### How are we going to do this?

Visibility of these cases is essential. Running stunts and promoting through local media will be really important. From three people in a small town to thousands coming together in cities, all of us together can show how we make a difference and protect lives around the world.

Along with stunts, collecting petitions and solidarity actions we will be coordinating calling programs asking Amnesty supporters to host calling parties and call embassies.



## Planning for mobilising your community

### STEP 1: Research and Planning

### STEP 2: Events and Activities

### STEP 3: Stunts

#### STEP 1: Research and Planning

- Learn about the cases with your group - visit [www.amnesty.org.au/brave\\_activist](http://www.amnesty.org.au/brave_activist)
- Read the materials about the cases that are made for you and share that information with your group.
- Talk about the cases at your group meetings.
- Work out what about these cases is important to you? Ask your group:
- Why do we care about this person/people?
- Why do we want to defend them?
- Plan your events and plan major stunts around the key dates.

#### STEP 2: Events - Outreach and education in your community

You can build momentum in many ways!

Creative action - collect 72 x 5 = 365 days in prison!

- Local media coverage - get ads and articles into your local media.
- Street art/postering - put it EVERYWHERE!
- Events - Run as many stalls, events and activities as you can to reach as many people as you can in the lead up to your stunts. Here is where you collect your creative actions!

#### STEP 3: Stunts and Street Art

- When people see images which make them curious they are likely to want more information. That is why we are making large stickers of Taner, Arash and Golrokh, media advertisements and posters which lead people to want to find out what they are about rather than telling them straight out.
- Putting up posters in your local cafes, taking out ads in your local papers and doing some street art or performances are ways you can draw the curiosity of people who usually wouldn't pay attention.
- This builds interest around the cases while you run events in your community to give people more information about them and ask them to help by taking the actions.
- People who have seen the posters, street art or adds in the papers might then and come up to you to find out what it's all about!

Need some inspiration? Click the image below to watch see the activities that are already being done around the world marking 300 days of Taner being imprisoned.



**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE CREATIVE ACTIONS GUIDE FOR TIPS AND IDEAS FOR EVENTS AND STUNTS**

