

**We take action to protect individuals and communities around the world whose basic human rights are under attack.**

**People like...**

**Maher Arar**, a Canadian citizen unjustly detained and tortured in his native country of Syria

**Zhang Lin**, a reporter imprisoned for writing true reports about the hard life of China's rural poor

**Digna Ochoa y Plácido**, a leading human rights lawyer, who was shot dead in her office in Mexico City

**Mabinte Bangura**, who fled to Guinea from her home in Sierra Leone with her children, to escape torture, killing, and enslavement



**Join Amnesty International and make your voice heard.**

Human rights abuses can be stopped. Justice and dignity for all people everywhere can be achieved, but only when enough people speak out.

**"Amnesty International saved my life... I found out [that I had been adopted by AI] in prison, from somebody in the next cell. I didn't see the person; my cell was dark; I was not permitted to see other persons or be seen. He asked me quietly if I was Carmen Popescu... He told me 'don't be frightened, don't be discouraged. You have friends over the seas: they know about you...'**

**Carmen Popescu** from Rumania, released prisoner of conscience, in a talk to a high-school group in California, USA

**"My soul was calm while I was in prison because I knew that I was innocent and that human rights organizations were supporting me. When I was released from prison the guards handed over a package of 40 letters. They hadn't given me a single one before. There were even drawings children had done for me."**

**Makhbuba Kasymova**, former prisoner of conscience and member of the Independent Human Rights Organization of Uzbekistan, is convinced that she would not have been released if Amnesty International and other human rights organizations had not campaigned persistently for her release.

Amnesty International is about ordinary people working together to achieve extraordinary results.

**Amnesty International in Edmonton**

Edmonton Amnesty International Group 12/26 is one of about 4,300 similar groups working for human rights worldwide. We meet at the Knox Metropolitan United Church, 8307 109 St, on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except December, July and August). Call **462-1871** or go to **www.amnestyedmonton.org** for more information about our meetings.

Our group provides a variety of opportunities to work on human rights issues. Members choose their own level of involvement and may work individually or with others and on a frequent or occasional basis. There are many openings for people to focus on their own interests and to contribute their particular skills.

Our meetings feature speakers or films talking about a human rights issue and opportunities to take action on behalf of those who are suffering persecution. Issues include the oppressive military regime in Burma (Myanmar), child soldiers all around the world, human rights abuses in Sudan, and the Stolen Sisters campaign to help aboriginal women right here in Alberta.

We campaign on behalf of individual prisoners of conscience, to oppose the death penalty and use of torture, for a more socially conscious approach to business among corporations, for an end to the use of child soldiers and for fair treatment of refugees.

**Yes, I want to join Amnesty International and become a member of the Edmonton Group**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on tax receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fees (regular): **\$35**

Membership fees (youth/underemployed): **\$15**

Your membership fees are sent to the Amnesty International Canada. All members of Amnesty International Edmonton receive our newsletter **"The Update"**. If you would like to receive this by e-mail, please check here:

Your additional tax deductible donation towards the work of our group is appreciated.

**Donation** to the Edmonton Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Membership fee and donation)**

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all cheques payable to:  
**Amnesty International Group 12/26**

## Please send me more information

To learn more about volunteering for our group, please fill in the form below.

I would like to help with:

- Letter writing on behalf of victims of human rights abuses
- Taking action on urgent cases
- Staffing information booths at events
- Planning events to publicize human
- Working with media on publicity of events
- Researching and campaigning on behalf of refugees
- Day-to-day local group work (phonin new members, setting up database, preparing for monthly meetings, etc.)
- Anything (Please le me know where I can best put my time)

### Detach and return this coupon to:

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Edmonton, Alberta  
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## Amnesty International takes action to:

- Uncover the truth: Our research is thorough and impartial
- Alert the World: We make the facts about human rights abuses public around the world.
- Mobilize public pressure: We send letters, e-mails and petitions to governments and others who have the power to stop human rights abuses.
- Promote positive change: We are work ing to create a world where the dignit and human rights of all people is respected.

To contact the Edmonton Group or our groups at the University of Alberta and at high schools around the city, please call: 462-1871 or visit: [www.amnestyedmonton.org](http://www.amnestyedmonton.org)

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## Amnesty International's Mission

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people dedicated to the protection and promotion of human rights. We are building a world in which every person enjoys the rights included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards. Members of Amnesty International campaign to stop grave abuses of human rights, to free prisoners of conscience, ensure fair trials for political prisoners, protect refugees, abolish the death penalty, end political killings, "disappearances" and torture, and bring to justice those responsible for human rights violations.

**Luis Alberto D'Elia**, member of the Edmonton Group: *"My wife and I were imprisoned in 1976 by the Argentinian military because of our peaceful social justice activity. We were detained without charges for 6 months. I am a member of Amnesty because I want to prevent others from going through our experiences."*



**Anwar Ibrahim**, former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and a freed Prisoner of Conscience: *"The immense contribution of Amnesty International is indescribable. You cannot imagine how much Amnesty meant."*



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## Defending Human Rights Worldwide

