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This e-newsletter informs you of Amnesty International's current human rights work and is sent every six weeks to MPs and government staff.

THIS MONTH'S TOP STORIES

Rebiya Kadeer visit to NZ highlights Amnesty International's concerns for the Uighurs

Amnesty International Aotearoa NZ welcomes the Green Party's announcement that Rebiya Kadeer will visit New Zealand next week. Kadeer will visit both Auckland and Wellington where she will meet with Members of Parliament and hold two public meetings.

To read more, click [here](#)

China: Harassment, detention of and violence against lawyers

Human rights lawyers in China have been systematically harassed, intimidated, assaulted, abducted, forcibly disappeared, placed under surveillance and house arrest and have faced criminal charges for protecting the rights of others. To read Amnesty's report *Breaking the Law: Crackdown of Human Rights Lawyers and legal Activists in China*, click [here](#)

China's 60th Anniversary - Human Rights Activists not welcome



In the past few weeks, Chinese authorities have increased their surveillance of petitioners, human rights activists, religious practitioners and ethnic minorities to ensure that they do not raise human rights issues and complaints during the National Day celebrations.

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Human Rights Council adopts Universal Periodic Review outcome on New Zealand

The 12th session of the UN Human Rights adopted the outcome of the Universal Periodic Review of New Zealand on 28 September 09. To read more, click [here](#)

Submissions

To read AIANZ's oral statement on NZ's UPR outcome, click [here](#)

To read AIANZ's written statement on NZ's UPR outcome, click [here](#)

Human Rights Council adopts Universal Periodic Review outcome on Vanuatu

Amnesty International welcomes the progress made towards ensuring that human rights are promoted and protected in Vanuatu, including through the enactment of the Family Protection Act in June 2008, which is the first dedicated domestic violence legislation in the Pacific Islands. To read more click [here](#)

Amnesty disappointed by Shell's response to Niger Delta Report

Following Amnesty's recently released report *Nigeria: Petroleum, Pollution and Poverty in the Niger Delta*, Amnesty New Zealand has been in correspondence with Rob Jager, Country Chair of Shell New Zealand Limited, regarding Shell's failure to effectively prevent and address environmental damage and pollution caused by its operations.

To read the report *Nigeria: Petroleum, Pollution and Poverty in the Niger Delta*, click [here](#)

Fiji: Paradise Lost

International action must be taken on the deteriorating human rights situation in Fiji, especially by China who is one of Fiji's biggest foreign donors.

To read the Amnesty's report *Fiji: Paradise Lost*, click [here](#)

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TAKE ACTION

Human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng, who has been missing since February 2009, was seen in his home town in Shaanxi province, central China, in late June or early July. He was seen by local residents, accompanied by a dozen local and Beijing Municipality Public Security Bureau officers. The witnesses reported he looked thin and weak. His current whereabouts remain unknown, and he is at risk of torture or other ill-treatment.

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