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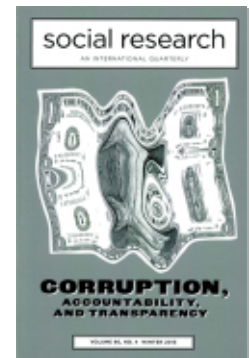
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Social Research was founded by a group of scholars known as the University in Exile, refugees from Nazi Europe who found a home at the New School. In each issue we publish the names and details of scholars, researchers, and students who have been threatened 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 socres@newschool.edu.

The information in this report is current, to the best of our knowledge, as of December 1, 2013. Additional information and more recent information about many of these cases may be available on our website at <http://www.newschool.edu/cps/endangered-scholars/>.

SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS: NEW AND CONTINUING CASES

BAHRAIN

Previously featured scholars from Bahrain who remain in prison include **MAHDI 'ISSA MAHDI ABU DHEEB**, former president of the Bahrain Teachers' Association (BTA), sentenced to five years' imprisonment on October 21, 2012, on charges of "inciting hatred against the regime" and "calling to overthrow and change the regime by force"; and **DR. ABDUL-JALIL AL-SINGACE**, professor of engineering at the University of Bahrain, sentenced to life in prison on charges of training and financing a terrorist organization.

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CAMEROON

Previously featured scholar **ENOH MEYOMESSE**, a writer, political activist, historian, and founder of the Cameroon Writers Association, remains in prison. He was sentenced to seven years in prison on December 27, 2012, on charges of illegally trafficking gold.

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CHINA

On November 4, 2013, a spokesperson for Toyo Takuen University near Tokyo, Japan, confirmed that one of the university's professors of Sino-Japanese affairs, Chinese scholar **ZHU JIANRONG**, has been held incommunicado by Chinese authorities since mid-July 2013. He went missing in mid-July while on a trip to Shanghai and was unable to communicate with family until over three months later when a

letter penned by Zhu made it to his brother in Shanghai. The letter only confirms 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.

XIA YELIANG, a professor of economics at Peking University, was dismissed from his position on October 15, 2013, following publications in which he expressed liberal views and criticized the Chinese government. Although university officials released a statement claiming that the dismissal was due to a poor teaching record, several organizations and universities throughout the world, including Scholars at Risk, have expressed concern that the move was politically motivated. Xia was one of the first to sign Charter 08, a call for democratic reforms and respect for human rights, coauthored by previously featured scholar and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, **LIU XIAOBO**.

Scholars featured in previous issues who remain in prison in China include 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 ten years in prison and three years of deprivation of political rights in October 2009 on charges of "inciting subversion of state power"; and **LIU XIAOBO**, a scholar and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, held in Jinzhou Prison since his arrest in December 2008 for "inciting subversion of state power."

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Communication)
Salutation: Dear President

Mr. Wang Shengjun
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Facebook group in support of Liu Xiaobo:
<<http://www.facebook.com/Free.Liu>>

IRAN

Scholars from Iran who remain in prison include **ABDOLREZA GHANBARI**, a teacher of Persian literature arrested following the 2009 presidential election protests, sentenced to 15 years of imprisonment and exile to the south of Iran in June 2013; **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; **MASSOUD 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, 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" through supporting Kurdish opposition groups in August 2011; **SAEED LEILAZ**, a journalist and professor of economics at Shahid Beheshti University, convicted in 2009 of violating public order, planning to undermine the country's security, and insulting Iran's Supreme Leader; and **DR. MOSTAFA ALAVI**, an Iranian doctor and researcher sentenced to fifteen years in August 2008 for "plotting against the regime." All are at risk of torture and need your support.

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ISRAEL

A previously featured scholar who remains imprisoned in Israel is **AHMED QATAMESH**, a political scientist and Palestinian activist. He has been detained without trial since his arrest on April 21, 2011.

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ITALY

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: **ENZO BOSCHI**, **FRANCO BARBERI**, **BERNARDO DE BERNARDIS**, **GIULIO SALVAGI**, **CALVI GIANMICHELE**, and **CLAUDIO EVA**.

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MONGOLIA

Previously featured scholar **ROLMAAJIDIIN TSENGEL**, a southern Mongolian historian and translator, remains in prison. He was arrested on May 6, 2012, and has been subject to torture during his detention and barred from having visitors.

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PAKISTAN

PROFESSOR SYED SHABBIR HUSSAIN SHAH, director of student services at the University of Gujrat, was shot and killed on November 19, 2013. A note found at the scene claimed the murder was carried out by Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, an extremist group active in Pakistan that often targets professors. Shabbir Shah belonged to Pakistan's Shia minority and, according to a spokesperson from his university, had a reputation as a progressive thinker. He had received death threats in the past and his murder is part of a pattern of threats and violence against Shia academics in Pakistan.

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RUSSIA

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 passing secret information to the Chinese government.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Previously featured scholars from Saudi Arabia who remain in prison include **DR. ABDUL KAREEM YOUSEF AL-KHODER**, a professor of comparative jurisprudence at Qassim University, sentenced to eight years' imprisonment and a ten-year travel ban on June 24, 2013; **DR. SA'UD MUKHTAR AL-HASHIMI**, a medical doctor and faculty member at the King Abdulaziz 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 teaches at Imam Muhammad bin Sa'ud University in Riyadh, arrested after posting a YouTube video critical of long-term detentions of security suspects without due juridical process, 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-DUGHAITHIR**, **MUHAMMAD BIN NASIR AL-GHAMIDI**, and **ABD AL-KARIM AL-KHADHAR**, all members of a group of nine intellectuals who drafted a party proposal seeking to create what would have been the first political party in Saudi Arabia, arrested on February 16, 2011.

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SUDAN

On October 29, 2013, nine professors at Ahfad University in Khartoum were detained after a university meeting was raided by officials. They were meeting to discuss taking a unified stand against government crackdowns on student protestors, which have become increasingly brutal in recent months as the result of the use of force by security officials. The professors were released later the same day. Sources have not released the names of the professors or whether any of them were charged with crimes prior to their release.

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TURKEY

AYSE BERKTAY, a historian, translator, and women's activist, is one of two previously featured scholars from Turkey who remains in prison. Berkday was arrested in October 2011 as part of a crackdown on the pro-Kurdish Peace and Democracy Party. **FATİH HILMIOĞLU**, former rector of İnönü University in Malatya, was arrested in April 2009 and is serving a 23-year sentence on charges of attempting to violently overthrow the government.

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ENDANGERED STUDENTS: NEW AND CONTINUING CASES

BAHRAIN

Previously featured students who remain in jail include student activist **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, all sentenced to 15 years in prison at a trial on March 5, 2012, as part of a crackdown on student involvement in pro-democracy demonstrations, including **JAWAD AL-MAHARY**, **SHAWQI RADHI**, **JASSIM AL HULAINI**, **JASSIM AL-MUKHODHER**, and **YOUSIF AHMED**.

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BELARUS

A previously featured student from Belarus who remains in prison, **ALEXANDER OTROSCHEKOV** (also transliterated as **ALIAXSANDER ATROSCHEKOV**), is an international law student at the European Humanities University. He was sentenced in the spring of 2011 to four years in prison on charges of inciting rioting following protests over the disputed Belarusian presidential election in December 2011.

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BENIN

On November 4, 2013, peaceful student protestors at Abomey-Calavi University were attacked by security forces, who fired tear gas at protestors and arrested student leaders. Students were protesting the introduction of new tuition fees. According to Scholars at Risk, dozens of students were injured as the result of the violent crackdown. On November 12, 2013, student leader **DAMIEN DÉGBÉ** was arrested following his involvement in the organization of a two-day student strike on campus. The campus has remained under police surveillance since the initial protests.

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

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EGYPT

On November 16, 2013, security forces used batons, tear gas, and smoke bombs to disperse protestors at the school of engineering at Zagazig University. Students were protesting the military coup of July 2013, as well as the previous arrests of 23 student protestors earlier in the month. Protestors called on fellow students to boycott midterms until the students were released.

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ETHIOPIA

On March 28, 2013, **MANYAZEWAL ESHETU**, a student at Addis Ababa University, was charged with criminal defamation for allegedly posting criticisms of university and city officials for corruption on his Facebook page. He remains held without charge.

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IRAN

Previously featured students from Iran who remain in prison include: **ASHKAN ZAHABIAN** and **AFSHIN KESHTKARI**, student activists arrested on, respectively, May 27 and 18, 2013, serving eight-month and six-month sentences 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 ten years’ imprisonment in July 2012 on charges of communicating with a hostile government and taking illegal earnings; student activist **JAVAD ALIKHANI**, arrested on May 28, 2010, and charged with “propagating against the regime,” “acting against national security,” “blasphemy” and “insulting the Supreme Leader”; **ABDOLLAH MOMENI**, a student activist and spokesman for Iran’s largest reformist student organization, in Evin Prison since 2009 serving a nine-year sentence; **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; **NASIM SOLTAN BEIGI**, serving a six-year sentence for “propaganda against the regime” and “assembly and collusion against national security”; and **MAJID TAVAKOLI** and **BAHAREH HEDAYAT**, distinguished student activ-

ists sentenced to eight-and-a-half and nine-and-a-half years, respectively, for their involvement in antigovernment protests in 2009. All are at risk of torture and need your support.

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LAOS

Student protestors **THONGPASEUTH KEUAKOUN**, **SENG-ALOUN PHENG-PHANH**, and **BOUAVANH CHANHMANIVONG** remain in prison following their arrest on charges of treason in 1999 for displaying posters during a demonstration that called for economic, political, and social change.

Appeals to:

President Choummaly Sayasone

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NIGERIA

On September 29, 2013, gunmen believed to be from the Islamist militant group Boko Haram attacked the College of Agriculture in Yobe state, setting fire to classrooms and killed dozens of students, shooting them as they slept. At least 42 students were killed and 18 others were injured. Boko Haram, whose name means “Western education is forbidden,” has targeted educational facilities as part of its efforts to overthrow government control in northeastern Nigeria.

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SYRIA

As of November 2013, scores of students who have fled Syrian universities are living in refugee camps in Jordan and other Middle Eastern countries, according to a survey conducted by US researchers. Since conflict 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 (reported in our Spring 2013 feature). 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, with the goal of providing 600 scholarships starting in 2014.

ANAS SHUGHRI, a third-year economics student, continues to be held without charge in prison since March 2011, after his participation in protests.

For information on the Syria Consortium for Higher Education, please visit: <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Syria-Scholarships>.

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TURKEY

On October 18, 21, and 26, 2013, riot police used water canons, stun grenades, plastic bullets, and tear gas to disperse student protests at Middle East Technical University in Ankara. The students were protesting the building of a highway that would cut through the campus and involve the removal of approximately 3,000 trees. Several students were injured by police as well as individuals wearing civilian clothes who attacked the students. According to Amnesty International, one student suffered a severe head injury and second and third degree burns when a police officer threw him into a burning barricade.

Previously featured scholar **PINAR SELEK**, a writer, feminist, and PhD candidate in political science at the University of Strasbourg, remains in exile after being convicted in absentia on January 24, 2013, and sentenced to aggravated life imprisonment for her alleged role in a 1998 explosion at an Istanbul market.

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VIETNAM

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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RELEASES

EGYPT

We are happy to report that on October 11, 2013, two Canadian academics, **TAREK LOUBANI**, an emergency room physician and assistant professor of medicine at the University of Western Ontario, and **JOHN GREYSON**, associate professor of film at York University, returned home to Canada after their release from imprisonment in Cairo. The pair were arrested by police in Cairo on August 16, 2013, and held for 50 days without formal charges. They had stopped temporarily in Cairo on their way to al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza, where both were to engage in projects related to their research.

SOURCES:

Amnesty International <http://www.amnesty.org/>

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 (HRW) <http://www.hrw.org/>

The International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran <http://www.iranhumanrights.org/>

Islamic Human Rights Commission <http://www.ihrc.org/>

Scholars at Risk (SAR) <http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/>
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