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Abbreviations:

VO - Voice Over
WS - Wide Shot
MS - Mid Shot
GV - General View
I/V - Interview
CU - Close Up

00:00 INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

00:03 Grigory Pasko, Russia

GVs archive footage Grigory Pasko.

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GVs archive footage of soldiers dumping radioactive waste.

© Grigory Pasko

GVs Pasko's release.

© Udo Lielischkies (journalist for WDR

German TV

in Moscow)

I/V Grigory Pasko (Russian):

"Amnesty International is doing a very important job. Russian prosecutors, the courts, the bureaucracy are pretending not to see it, not to notice it but it is impossible. You cannot hide 25,000 letters with demands that Pasko be freed."

GVs Pasko with Amnesty International staff at the organisations Moscow office

Background: *Grigory Pasko, a military journalist, who was convicted to four years in a labour camp after exposing the Russian military for dumping radioactive material. Tireless campaigning by Amnesty International and other supporters led to his release in December 2002.*

01:03 Imen Derouiche, Tunisia

GVs Tunis market including posters of Ben Ali, Tunisia, November 1999

GVs Imen Derouiche in supermarket, Paris, France March 2001

I/V Imen Derouiche (French):

'When I was arrested, I was tortured for only five days, but my other companions were tortured for twelve days, so Amnesty spared me six or seven days of torture, which is for me the equivalent of six years in prison, so therefore the organisation saved my life during that time.'

Background: *Imen Derouiche, a Tunisian student, was detained in March 1998 for 18 months without charge or trial for taking part in a peaceful demonstration. She reported being tortured by the guards. In Tunisia, the use of torture in prisons and police stations is widespread.*

01:58 Hafez Ibrahim, Yemen

I/V Hafez Ibrahim (Arabic):

"I was sentenced to death after an unfair trial. The first judge asked for medical experts to assess my age but, this didn't happen. Then, a second judge came and sentenced me to death. Amnesty International intervened and protested strongly to the president and also in the press. The execution was stopped. Amnesty International had the lead role in stopping my execution which was also acknowledged in the press."

Background: *Hafez Ibrahim was 16 when he attended a wedding in his home town of Ta'izz. Most of the men were armed and at some point the celebrations boiled over, a gun went off and someone was killed. Hafez was sentenced to death in 2005.*

He credits Amnesty International researcher Lamri Chirouf with stopping his execution for a crime committed when he was a child. Two years into his sentence Hafez managed to send a text message to Lamri's mobile to tell him that his execution was imminent. Following appeals sent by Amnesty International to the Yemeni President, Hafez was not executed. On 30 October 2007, the victim's family agreed to pardon him in exchange for compensation. Now aged 22, Hafez is studying law and plans to dedicate himself to protecting human rights.

02:41 Kim Song-Man, South Korea

GVs French music video with MC Solaar, released on 10th December 1991, demanding the release of Kim Song-Man. This was part of the "Ecrire Contre l'Oublie" campaign.

03:02 I/V Kim Song-Man, in 2009, in the prison where he was detained (Korean)

"I spent 3 years and 4 months on death row and 10 more years in prison. Amnesty continued to send letters and parcels during that whole time. I had been thrown all alone into a dark tunnel forever and they sent me letters from the outside to keep my spirits up, to hand in there. I cannot express how much comfort it was that somebody from the outside remembered me and how much it strengthened me."

Background: *Kim Song Man was sentenced to death in January 1986 for "anti-state" activities, a sentence later commuted to life imprisonment. Amnesty International adopted Kim Song-Man as a prisoner of conscience and campaigned tirelessly for his release. In February 1998, his sentence was further reduced to 20 years imprisonment. He was released in August 1998 following a second prisoner amnesty granted by President Kim Dae-jung, a former prisoner of conscience, since taking office in February 1998.*

**03:48 Jack Mapanje, Malawi
I/V Jack Mapanje, Malawi (English)**

"Now, this postcard, which says, in Dutch 'greetings from Holland', actually says 'Mr Jack mapanje, Mikuyu Prison, near Zomba, Malawi: greetings from' ... and the signature I can't read. But you have no idea what that postcard meant to me and meant to the detainees in Mikuyu Prison! This was the first indication of any link whatsoever with the international community. I did not know that the international community was fighting for me. I did not know that you were fighting for me, but when I got that two things happened ... Actually, normally its very difficult to get postcards of this sort, but strangely - I'll continue in my 'Lecture' - the officer in charge called me to his office and he said, 'You've got a lot of friends'. I said, 'What do you mean?' He said, 'This card: do you know whose signature it is at the front?' I looked at it, and I knew it was from Holland, I said 'I can't remember that signature, I don't know that person ...' But within me, I said thank you very much. I would like to thank you - Holland - whoever signed that postcard. This, in Mikuyu Prison; this in any prison - a postcard of greetings, is a sign of hope! This lifted my life up! This uplifted the lives of the detainees in Mikuyu to know just that knowledge that someone out there cares for your life. Cares for your freedom ... I would like therefore to publicly thank Holland'.

Background: *Jack Mapanje was the head of the English department at Chancellor College. He was detained by the Malawian authorities without charge or explanation from 1987 to 1991. Amnesty International adopted Jack Mapanje as a prisoner of conscience.*

**05:03 Igor Sutyagin, Russia
I/V Igor Sutyagin (English)**

"Yeah, it's very good to meet you in person because now I finally have the chance to say my thanks really personally. I've brought your letter actually and

it's an interesting story and you know they have these detectives inside of the colony? and he came to me and said "Look, it's very bad soap." "You need to have some French soap" How can I have that? "Who do you have in Toulouse?" I don't know! "Well, you're lying. You definitely have someone because you've received a letter from Toulouse" "And you need to write to them and order good French soap!"

Bernard Burgain, Amnesty international France member (who wrote to Igor while he was detained):

"But does it really work to write letters if you don't receive them?"

Igor:

"Yeah. Because the officials do know about these letters ... They know that this person is somehow untouchable And I really want to ask you and all Amnesty members to continue this activity because that will help others, so it's very important."

IV Igor Sutyagin (English)

"Nearly all this time I have been receiving letters from Amnesty International. It was very important for me and my family to know that we are not alone in this world, that people believed in my innocence."

"It was really a very great pleasure to receive them because in the prison even a single letter is a great event. Prison is a world where nothing happens and even one letter is a really serious event and for several minutes you are just really happy for having that in your hands."

Background: Igor Sutyagin was imprisoned in labour camps in Russia for 10 years, accused of spying. He was released in July 2010 and was given asylum in the UK, after being forced to agree to leave Russia. He met Bernard Burgain, a French member of Amnesty International who wrote to him while he was imprisoned.

06:58 WELL KNOWN SUPPORTERS

07:01

GVs Cheik Lo playing at a concert, singing: 'Get up, stand up, sign up, for your rights'. People dancing wearing Amnesty International t-shirts

CU of Amnesty International 'Get Up Sign Up' Campaign Logo

MS Mary Robinson signing the pledge to the UDHR accompanied by Pierre Sané, Secretary General, Amnesty International

IV with Mary Robinson:

'I am very honoured to join my name with that of Aung San Suu Kyi and I hope that this link will mean that she will feel she is being thought about as one of many millions who need our thoughts during this year and who need us to join with her in recommitting ourselves to the principles of the UDHR and so I wish her well particularly as I sign my name.'

MS Wei Jingsheng, Chinese prisoner of conscience, signing the pledge to the UDHR accompanied by Pierre Sané

MS Tony Blair signing the pledge to the UDHR

MS Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, and Pierre Sané holding up the book

MS Lech Walesa, former Polish president, signing the book and receiving flowers

MS Yasser Arafat signing book accompanied by Pierre Sané

Background: Amnesty international ran a campaign “Get Up, Sign Up!” from December 1997 until December 1998 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The campaign collected pledges from 13 million people from 124 countries around the world which were brought together to form the world’s biggest book, presented to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

09:18

I/V Dalai Lama speaking at the Paris concert on 10th December, 1998

(English):

“I think real technique to achieve mental peace, inner calmness is human of the spirit sense of caring of one another, sense of sharing one another's problem. So like AI, their sole sort of aim is helping one another. There are millions of people who are facing difficulties of painful experiences because of the violation of human rights so therefore your spirit your determination your will to support these organisations are very very important. Thank you very much.”

GVs Crowds cheering after the speech

Background: Amnesty international held a concert in Paris on Human Rights Day on the 10th December 1998. It featured Radiohead, Bruce Springsteen, Alanis Morissette, Youssou N'Dour and Peter Gabriel, amongst others, with special appearances by the Dalai Lama and international human rights activists.

10:26

I/V Nelson Mandela receiving the Ambassador of Conscience award in 2006

(English):

“It is my fervent wish as I come together with human rights activists around the world today that we shine the candle of hope for the forgotten prisoners of poverty. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is people who have made poverty and tolerated poverty. And it is people who will overcome it. And overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity, it is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right – the right to dignity and a decent life. While poverty persists there is no true freedom. Amnesty international is right to make the struggle against poverty it’s focus for the coming years.”

GVs People clapping after Nelson Mandela’s speech

CU Nelson Mandela thanking the crowd

CU Ambassador of Conscience Award 2006 given to Nelson Mandela

Background: Amnesty International awarded the movement's 1st Ambassador of Conscience award to Vaclav Havel, former Prisoner of conscience, in 2003. Others followed: [Mary Robinson](#) and [Hilda Morales Trujillo](#) (2004), U2 and their manager Paul McGuinness (2005), Nelson Mandela (2006), Peter Gabriel (2008) and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (2009).

12:02

I/V Kim Dae Jung in 2009 (Korean)

"I fully know how much Amnesty International has dedicated to people in pain and how much they encourage them. In this sense, I really value Amnesty international's work and I think that I am in great debt to them. Therefore, when I was at the University of Cambridge in 1993 I went to the London headquarters of Amnesty International, to express my gratitude for their efforts and dedication to human rights."

Background: *Kim Dae Jung*, a former Amnesty International prisoner of conscience, *Kim Dae Jung* was a lifelong activist who sought to raise the profile of human rights both in South Korea and around the world. Once a death row inmate, he was a tireless campaigner against the death penalty.

12:37

I/V Bruce Springsteen, on stage (English):

"We are here tonight to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article one which states that all human beings are born free and equal, in dignity and rights and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the declaration without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, religion, political opinion. Government's are supposed to protect these rights for all of their citizens. And my prayers are with the young many of you who can use their hearts and voices in the struggle for the dignity and freedom of all the African people. Because whether it is the systematic apartheid of South Africa or the economic apartheid of my own country where we segregate our underclass in ghettos of all the major cities, there can be no peace without justice and where there is apartheid systematic or economic there is no justice. And where there is no justice there is only war ..."

13:59 I/V Sting (English)

"We wrote a song ... Bruce and I and Peter wrote a song last week ... it starts of ... [laughs] Let's safari in Harare, let's get it on in Abidjan. We will free your captors and your prisoners. We will if anybody can. We are the good guys of the century. We help old ladies cross the street ... it goes on about helping old ladies cross the street. I am not that good a guy actually [laughs] but I am a member of Amnesty International

GVs Sting dancing on stage with the mothers of the disappeared in Argentina.

Background: *Human Rights Now!* was a worldwide tour of 20 benefit concerts on behalf of Amnesty International that took place over six weeks in 1988.

Held not to raise funds but to increase awareness of Amnesty and to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the shows featured Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Sting, Peter Gabriel, Tracy Chapman, and Youssou N'Dour.

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