

A public call to end Khurram Parvez' arbitrary detention

(18 June 2026) On his 49th birthday, his fifth while arbitrarily detained, we, the undersigned organisations and individuals, stand in solidarity with human rights defender Khurram Parvez. We demand that the Indian authorities drop all charges against him, release him immediately and unconditionally, and cease their campaign of judicial harassment.

We have followed with concern Khurram Parvez's detention on baseless charges since November 2021, and his continued detention without trial in Delhi's Rohini Jail. Tomorrow, on his birthday, he will have spent 1,670 days in prison.

We remind the Indian authorities that three years ago, in June 2023, the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (UNWGAD) [determined](#) that Khurram Parvez's detention was arbitrary and called on the Indian authorities to release him. We are concerned that the Indian government, despite [pledging](#) to participate meaningfully with UN mechanisms as a member of the UN Human Rights Council, has not engaged with the UNWGAD in relation to Khurram's detention.

We recognize that his detention and judicial harassment is happening in a context of longstanding, ongoing grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Jammu & Kashmir. We strongly condemn the Indian authorities' widespread and normalized use of repressive counter-terrorism laws, such as the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, under which Khurram Parvez is being targeted, to silence human rights defenders and dissenting voices.

We urge the government of India to immediately and unconditionally release Khurram Parvez. We also call on India's international partners to publicly denounce Khurram Parvez's detention and to demand that their Indian counterparts release him immediately and unconditionally.

We remain steadfast in our solidarity with Khurram Parvez and will continue to call for his release as long as he remains detained.

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1. ACAT-France
2. Activate Rights
3. Al-Haq
4. Amnesty International
5. Armanshahr / OPEN ASIA
6. Asia Alliance Against Torture (A3T)
7. Asia Human Rights and Labour Advocates (AHRLA)
8. Asia Justice and Rights
9. Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD)
10. Asian Human Rights Commission
11. Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de España (APDHE)
12. Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc (ADFM)
13. Association for Democracy in the Maldives (ADM)
14. Association of Women for Awareness and Motivation (AWAM)
15. Association Tchadienne pour la Promotion et la défense des droits de l'homme (ATPDH)
16. Bridging for Sustainable Development (BSD)
17. Bytes For All, Pakistan
18. Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR)
19. Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC)

20. CENIDH
21. Center for Civil Liberties
22. Center for Prisoners' Rights
23. Centro de Investigación y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (CIPRODEH)
24. Centro de Políticas Públicas y Derechos Humanos (Perú EQUIDAD)
25. CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation
26. Civil Society and Human Rights Network (CSHRN)
27. Collectif de Sauvegarde de la Ligue Algérienne pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme
28. Commission for the Disappeared and Victims of Violence (KontraS)
29. Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) (Northern Ireland)
30. Community Self Reliance Centre (CSRC)
31. Defence of Human Rights Pakistan
32. DITSHWANELO - The Botswana Centre for Human Rights
33. Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO)
34. Forum Against Repression, Telangana
35. FORUM-ASIA
36. Foundation Day of the Endangered Lawyer
37. Front Line Defenders (FLD)
38. Hindus for Human Rights
39. Hivos
40. Human Rights Association (IHD)
41. Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP)
42. Human Rights Defenders' Alert - India (HRDA)
43. Human Rights Online Philippines (HRonlinePH)
44. Human Rights Watch
45. IMPARSIAL, the Indonesian Human Rights Monitor
46. India Labour Solidarity (UK)
47. Indian Alliance Paris (IAP)
48. Indian Social Action Forum
49. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), within the framework of the
Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders
50. International Legal Initiative Public Foundation
51. International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)
52. International Solidarity with Academic Freedom in India (InSAF India)
53. Just Peace Advocates/Mouvement Pour Une Paix Juste
54. Justiça Global
55. Karapatan
56. Kashmir Law and Justice Project
57. Kazakhstan International Bureau for human rights
58. Kirithavar Vazhvirimai Iyakkam (Christian Rights Forum - India)
59. Lawyers for Human Rights (South Africa)
60. League for Defence of Human Rights in Iran (LDDHI)
61. Liga Voor Mensenrechten
62. Liga voor de Rechten van de Mens
63. Ligue Burundaise des droits de l'homme Iteka
64. Ligue des Droits de l'Homme (LDH - France)
65. Ligue Djiboutienne des Droits Humain (LDDH)
66. Madaripur Legal Aid Association (MLAA)
67. Maldivian Democracy Network (MDN)
68. Nonviolence International
69. Odhikar

70. Organisation Marocaine des droits humains (OMDH)
71. People's Watch
72. Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA)
73. Progressive Voice (PV)
74. Project South
75. Public Association "Dignity"
76. Public Committee against Torture in Israel
77. Rafto Foundation for Human Rights
78. Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (RADDHO)
79. Solidarite Fanm Ayisyèn (SOFA)
80. South Asia Justice Campaign
81. South Asia Solidarity Group
82. South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR)
83. SUARAM
84. Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP)
85. The Advocates for Human Rights
86. The Canadian BDS Coalition and International BDS Allies
87. The Sudanese Human Rights Monitor (SHRM)
88. Think Centre
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