War Resisters' International

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Prisoners for Peace Honour Roll 2011

Armenia

Armenia continues to imprison conscientious objectors who refuse to perform the substitute service, which is under the control of the Ministry of Defence.

- Gor Aslanyan (27 Jul 2009—26 Jan 2012)
- Grigor Safaryan (4 Sep 2009—3 Mar 2012)
- Levon Vardanyan (18 Jan 2010—17 Jan 2012)
- Artur Tonoyan (9 Mar 2010—8 Sep 2012)
- Samvel Prutsyan (23 Mar 2010—22 Sep 2012)
- Arayik Nahapetyan (11 Apr 2010—10 Apr 2012)
- Levon Tumanyan (5 May 2010—4 Nov 2012)
- Rafael Khatlov (19 May 2010—18 May 2012)
- Suren Tonoyan (6 Jun 2010—8 Jun 2012)
- David Khlyshyan (19 Jul 2010—18 Jul 2012)
- Andranik Bagryan (2 Aug 2010—1 Feb 2013)
- Levon Arakelyan (3 Aug 2010—2 Feb 2013)
- Alik Davtyan (4 Aug 2010—3 Feb 2013)
- Manuk Khechoyan (9 Aug 2010—8 Feb 2013)
- Gor Mezir (27 Aug 2010—28 Feb 2013)
- Vardan Antonyan (21 Sep 2010—10 Mar 2013)
- Anri Khachatryan (29 Sep 2010—28 Sep 2012)
- Nikolai Poghosyan (21 Oct 2010—20 Apr 2013)
- Ashot Voskanyan (2 Feb 2011—1 Feb 2014)
- Harutyun Kirovosyan (9 Mar 2011—8 Sep 2013)
- Hayk Sargsyan (8 Apr 2011—7 Oct 2013)
- Erebuni Penal Institutions

Armenia

Jehovah's Witness CO. Sentenced for refusing to perform military service (article 327, para I)

- David Muradyan (30 Dec 2010—29 Jun 2012)
- Samvel Sargsyan (3 Feb 2011—2 Aug 2013)
- Arman Nerisyan (14 Mar 2011—13 Mar 2013)
- Hovik Gasparian (11 Apr 2011—10 Oct 2013)
- Kosh Penal Institution

Armenia

Jehovah's Witness CO. Sentenced for refusing to perform military service (article 327, para I)

- Hovhannes Sardaryan (1 Jul 2011—30 Jun 2013)
- Artur Adyan (7 Jul 2011—6 Jan 2014)
- Vahan Margaryan (7 Jul 2011—6 Jan 2014)
- Garegin Avetisyan (19 Jul 2011—18 Jan 2014)
- Harutyun Khachatryan (27 Jul 2011—7 Jul 2013)
- Edouard Sargsyan (6 Aug 2011—5 Aug 2013)
- Nubarashen Penal Institution

Armenia

Jehovah's Witness CO. Sentenced for refusing to perform military service (article 327, para I)

- Narek Chinaryan (24 May 2010—23 Nov 2012)
- Meitir Camp

Armenia

Jehovah's Witness. Imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service.

- Suren Tonoyan (19 Jul 2010—18 Jul 2012)
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- Vahe Avelisyan (13 Aug 2010—12 Aug 2012)
- Artashes Arshakyan (6 Sep 2010—5 Mar 2013)
- Aharon Mushchyan (12 Nov 2010—11 Nov 2013)

Egypt


El-Marg prison

El-Kalag, El-Khanka, Qalyubeya

Conscientious objector. Arrested on 29 March on charges of "insulting the military" and "obstructing public security". Sentenced to three years' imprisonment on 10 April 2011.

Eritrea

Eritrea continues to imprison conscientious objectors. WRI has no recent information on the situation of the conscientious objectors listed below, who have — to WRI's knowledge — not been heard.

- Pauloos Eyassu (24 Sep 1994—)
- Ngede Teklemariam (24 Sep 1994—)
- Isaac Mogos (24 Sep 1994—)
- Aron Abraha (9 May 2001—)
- Mussie Fessehaye (1 Jun 2003—)
- Ambakom Tsegezab (1 Feb 2004—)
- Bennet Fessehaye (1 Feb 2005—)
- Henok Ghebru (1 Feb 2005—)
- Kibreab Fessehaye (27 Dec 2005—)
- Bereket Abraha Ootaphahir (1 Jan 2006—)
- Amanuel Abraham (1 Jul 2007—)
- Yousel Fessehaye (1 Jan 2007—)

Sawa Camp

Sawa

Jehovah's Witness. Imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service.

- Yiel Tsegezab (26 Aug 2008—)
- Nehemiah Hagos (26 Aug 2008—)
- Samuel Ghirmay (1 Mar 2009—)
- Meitir Camp

India

Iron Sharmila Chanu

6 Nov 2000 —

On 2 November, 2000, Iron Sharmila Chanu, a Manipuri poet decided to go on a hunger strike after the Indian Army massacred ten civilians in Malom, Manipur. On 6 November 2000 she was arrested by the police and charged with attempt to commit suicide under section 307 of the Indian Penal Code. On 21 November 2000 a plastic tube was inserted into her nose and liquid nutrient was inserted into her stomach.

Support for our future work

For more than 50 years, War Resisters' International has publicised the names and stories of prisoners of conscience. Help us keep up the tradition. Send in a special PFP donation to WRI to help fund next year's research.

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South Korea continues to imprison conscientious objectors. On 30 August 2011, the Constitutional Court again rejected the right to conscientious objection, although the UN Human Rights Committee has repeatedly ruled on cases from South Korea that not to provide for conscientious objection is a violation of the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and beliefs.

The great majority of conscientious objectors in South Korea are Jehovah’s Witnesses. On 1 November, 776 of Jehovah’s Witnesses served sentences of 18 months. A list of imprisoned Jehovah’s Witnesses is available at http://www.jw-media.org/kor/20110901pt.htm.

Below is a list of imprisoned conscientious objectors who are not Jehovah’s Witnesses. In addition, activists nonviolently campaigning against the construction of a new US military base on Jeju Island are in prison.

### South Korea

- **Youngjiun Kim (#841)** (28 Jan 2011—27 Jul 2012) 837, P.O. Box 165, Geumcheon-gu, Seoul, South Korea, 153-600
  - P.O. Box 99, Uijeongbu, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea, 480-700
  - Conscientious objector. Sentenced to 18 months’ imprisonment for refusing military service.

- **Jihwan Ahn (#530)** (17 Feb 2011—16 Aug 2012) 746222 Lebap vilayet, Turkmenistan
  - Seydi Labour Camp, Turkmenistan
  - Seydi uchr. LB-KI2
  - Sentenced to imprisonment for refusing to serve in the military (under Article 219 Part 1 of the Criminal Code).

### Turkey

- **Inan Suyer** 6 Aug 2010 —
  - Manisa Kapali Cezaevi
  - Turgut Özal Mh., 45040 Manisa Turkey
  - Seydi uchr. LB-KI2
  - Sentenced to imprisonment for refusing to serve in the military (under Article 219 Part 1 of the Criminal Code).

### United States of America

- **Rafii Dhafer (11921-052)** (26 Apr 2000—26 Apr 2022) 706-600
  - P.O. Box 48, Suseong-gu, Daeju, South Korea
  - Conscientious objector. Sentenced to 18 months’ imprisonment for refusing military service.

- **Jungku Lee (#1038)** (14 Sep 2011—13 Mar 2013) 5701 8th St. - Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568
  - Conscientious objector. Sentenced to 18 months’ imprisonment for refusing military service.

- **Joeun Lee (#3956)** (30 Sep 2011—29 Mar 2013) 437-050
  - P.O. Box 20, Gunpo, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
  - Conscientious objector. Sentenced to 18 months’ imprisonment for refusing military service.

- **Kang Dong-Kwon (#515)** (24 Aug 2011 —)
  - Seoul Detention Centre
  - 476-050
  - P.O. Box 20, Gunpo, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea

- **Kim Joon-Hwan (#515)** (24 Aug 2011 —)
  - Seoul Detention Centre
  - 476-050
  - P.O. Box 20, Gunpo, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea

### Sending cards and letters

- Always send your card in an envelope;
- Include a return name and address on the envelope;
- Be chatty and creative: send photos from your life, drawings;
- Tell prisoners what you are doing to stop war and war preparations;
- Don’t write anything that might get the prisoner into trouble;
- Think about the sort of thing you’d like to receive if you were in prison;
- Don’t begin, “You are so brave, I could never do what you have done”;
- Don’t expect the prisoner to reply;
- Remember—next year it could be you ...

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