Armenia

Armenia continues to imprison conscientious objectors. In October 2010, 69 conscientious objector were expected to remain in prison on 1 December 2010.

Artik Penal Institution

Shahen Asatryan (31 Jul 2008—30 Jul 2011)
Vardan Kasemyan (2 Sep 2008—1 Sep 2011)
Samvel Shkoyan (22 Jan 2009—21 Jan 2011)
Mher Havrapetyan (18 May 2009—17 May 2011)
Sergey Manukyan (28 Jul 2009—27 Jul 2011)
Arkadi Mandoyan (28 Aug 2009—27 Feb 2012)
Vank Soghomonyan (31 Aug 2009—29 Feb 2012)
Raphael Manukyan (17 Sep 2009—16 Mar 2012)
Spartak Khanumyan (28 Dec 2009—27 Jun 2012)
Hovhannes Kasemyan (2 Feb 2010—1 Feb 2012)
Karapet Sarosyan (18 Mar 2010—17 Mar 2012)
Zorayr Arakelyan (14 Apr 2010—12 Oct 2012)

Erebuni Penal Institutions

Vahram Baghramyan (3 Jun 2008—2 Dec 2010)
Mikhtar Sarosyan (17 Jul 2008—16 Jul 2011)
Mher Barsghyan (25 Aug 2008—24 Feb 2011)
David Parsadanyan (22 Jan 2009—21 Jan 2011)
David Mnatsakanyan (2 Feb 2009—1 Jul 2011)
Vigen Sarosyan (15 Feb 2009—14 Feb 2011)
Levon Bashburekyan (18 Mar 2009—17 May 2011)
Tatul Arshakyan (20 Apr 2009—19 Apr 2011)
Vladimir Sarosyan (21 Apr 2009—20 Oct 2011)
Gevorg Karapetyan (11 May 2009—10 May 2011)
Hovsep Mutafyan (12 May 2009—11 May 2011)
Georgi Topkalhtsyan (18 May 2009—17 Nov 2011)
Harutyun Gayanyan (28 May 2009—27 Nov 2011)
Hayk Avagyan (18 Jul 2009—17 Jul 2011)
Gor Aslanyan (27 Jul 2009—26 Jan 2012)
Grigor Safaryan (4 Sep 2009—3 Mar 2012)
Hakob Babudjian (25 Sep 2009—24 Sep 2011)
Vahram Grigoryan (2 Oct 2009—1 Oct 2011)
Levon Vardanyan (18 Feb 2010—17 Feb 2012)
Artik Torosyan (9 Mar 2010—8 Sep 2012)
Samvel Prutyan (23 Mar 2010—22 Sep 2012)
Arayk Nahapetyan (11 Apr 2010—10 Apr 2012)

Levon Tumanyan (5 May 2010—4 Nov 2012)
Rafael Khalatyan (19 May 2010—18 May 2012)
Suren Tanyayan (6 Jun 2010—8 Jun 2012)

Kosh Penal Institution

Lyudvik Arshakyan (7 Sep 2009—6 Mar 2010)
Karapet Aghadarian (22 Sep 2009—21 Mar 2012)
Artak Kroyan (30 Sep 2009—29 Mar 2012)
Gevork Sarosyan (8 Oct 2009—7 Oct 2011)
Roman Minasyan (12 Oct 2009—11 Oct 2011)
Vardan Vardanyan (19 Jan 2010—18 Jan 2012)
Taros Pirapyan (2 Mar 2010—1 Sep 2012)
Ashot Khachikyan (29 Mar 2010—28 Mar 2012)

Nubarashen Penal Institution

David Khlhatyan (19 Jul 2010—18 Jul 2012)
Andranik Bagryan (2 Aug 2010—1 Feb 2013)
Levon Avakyan (3 Aug 2010—2 Feb 2013)
Vardan Antonyan (6 Aug 2010—5 Feb 2013)
Manuk Khchechyan (9 Aug 2010—8 Feb 2013)
Derenik Minasyan (11 Aug 2010—10 Aug 2013)
Gor Mesrobian (27 Aug 2010—26 Feb 2013)
Nikolye Poghosyan (7 Sep 2010—6 Mar 2013)
Vahagn Alkhanyan (24 Sep 2010—23 Mar 2013)

Nagorno-Karabakh

The internationally unrecognised entity of Nagorno-Karabakh, which is closely aligned with Armenia, follows the example of Armenia and also imprisons conscientious objectors.

Armen Penal Institution

Arlen Mirzoyan (30 Jun 2010—29 Jun 2011)
Fadir Mammedov (8 Sep 2010—7 Jun 2011)

Prisoners for Peace

Action

- On 1 December, put aside at least one hour and write at least four cards to prisoners;
- Get your peace group or class or meeting place to organise a card-writing session;
- Set up a stall in your town centre, perform a bit of street theatre, or do whatever else it takes to attract attention and interest.

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Colombia

Although Colombia's Constitutional Court recognised the right to conscientious objection in October 2009, conscientious objectors continue to be recruited in 'batidas' (raids) against their will. In 2008, the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention declared this a form of arbitrary detention.

Juan Diego Aragüelo (5 Sep 2010—)
IV Brigarda, Calle 50 No. 76-125 Barrio los Colores, Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia. Recruited during a 'batida' on 5 September 2010. Declared his conscientious objection.

Juan Alexander Marquez Chaparro (28 Sep 2010—)
Batalón de Policía Militar Cacique Bacatá N° 15, Calle 106 con Carrera 9, Bogotá. Conscientious objector. Recruited against his will during a raid in the town of Soacha.

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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 charged.

Paulos Eyassu (24 Sep 1994 —)
Negede Teklemariam (24 Sep 1994 —)
Isaac Mogos (24 Sep 1994 —)
Aron Abraha (9 May 2001 —)
Musie Fessehaye (1 Jun 2003 —)
Ambakom Tsegezab (1 Feb 2004 —)
Bemnet Fessehaye (1 Feb 2005 —)
Henok Ghebru (1 Feb 2005 —)
Kibreab Fessehaye (27 Dec 2005 —)
Bereket Abraha Oqbagabir (1 Jan 2006 —)
Amanuel Abraham (1 Jan 2007 —)
Sawa Camp
Sawa

Finland
Finland continues to imprison conscientious objectors who refuse both, military and substitute service. At the time of going to press, however, WRI did not have a list of imprisoned conscientious objectors.

India
Irom Sharmila Chanu (6 Nov 2000 —)
On 2 November, 2000 Irom 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 objection to military service. Sentenced to 18 months for conscientious objection to military service.

Korea, South
South Korea continues to imprison conscientious objectors. More than 400 conscientious objectors were serving prison sentences at the time of going to press. The list below only includes non-religious objectors.

Eunkook Park (3 Jul 2009 — 2 Jan 2011)
Hwaseong Job Training Prison
Box 3 P.O. Namyangucheguk
Gyeonggi-do 445-861
Korea

Donoki Ha (21 Oct 2009 — 21 Mar 2011)
Seoul Jail
Box 20
P.O. Gunpoucheguk Gyeonggi-do, 437-702
Korea

Daejeon Prison
Box 136 P.O. Ucheguk
Daejeon

Park Hyurmin (12 Mar 2010 — 11 Sep 2011)
Yeongdeungpo Jail
Box 164 P.O.
Seoulgeumcheoncheguk
Sentenced to 18 months for conscientious objection to military service.

Sweden
Anna Andersson (15 Sep 2010 — 5 Dec 2010)
Anstalten Hinseberg
Box 1005, 71892 Frövi, Sweden

Inan Suver (6 Aug 2010 —)
1. Sınıf Askeri Ceza ve Tutukkevi
Müdürlüğü
Buca – Şirinyer
Izmir
Arrested on 6 August 2010 for desertion. According to information received, Inan Suver deserted eight years ago, after 13 months of service.

Turkmenistan
In total eight conscientious objectors are presently serving prison sentences in Turkmenistan.

Seydi Labour Camp
Sakhetmurad Annamamedov (21 May 2009 — 20 May 2011)
Mukhammedmurad Annamamedov (21 May 2009 — 20 May 2011)
Shadurdi Ushotoy (13 Jul 2009 — 12 Jul 2011)
Akmurat Gendurdiyev (29 Jul 2009 — 28 Jan 2011)
Navruz Nasyrbaev (7 Dec 2009 — 6 Dec 2011)
Aziz Roziev (4 Aug 2010 — 3 Feb 2012)
Dovlevet Byashimov (12 Aug 2010 — 11 Feb 2012)
Ahmet Hudaybergenov (7 Sep 2010 — 6 Mar 2012)

United States of America
Rafii Dhahir (11921-052) (26 Apr 2000 — 26 Apr 2022)
FCI Terre Haute
POB 33, Terre Haute, IN 47808
USA
22 years for convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, February 2005

Helen Woodson (03231-045) (9 Jan 2003 — 9 Sep 2011)
FMC Carswell, Max Unit, POB 27137
Ft. Worth, Texas 76127, USA
106 months. Parole violation with anti-war protest at the federal courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri, on 11 Mar 2004

Carl W. Stewart (09105-088) (3 May 2010 — 2 May 2012)
FPC Montgomery, Federal Prison Camp, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL 36112
War tax resister. Plead guilty to filing false income tax returns and failing to file. Sentenced to two years in prison.

Bradley Manning (15 May 2010 —)
USMC Base Quantico Brig
3247 Elrod Avenue, Quantico, VA 22134
Alleged to have leaked military video and documents showing evidence of US war crimes.

Francis Donnelly (01787-036) (8 Jun 2010 — 8 Jun 2011)
FCI Estill, Unit E, POB 699, Estill, SC 29918
War tax resister. Plead guilty to underreporting income. Sentenced to one year and one day in prison.

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 ...