



Prisoners for Peace '13

Armenia

Armenia continues to imprison conscientious objectors who refuse to perform the substitute service – although the government has promised progress. The below are all Jehovah's Witness conscientious objectors.

[Ashot Voskanyan](#) (2 Feb '11 – 1 Feb '14)

Write to **Erebuni Penal Institutions, Nubarashen, Yerevan, Armenia**

[Artur Adyan](#) (7 Jul – 6 Jan)

[Vahagn Margaryan](#) (7 Jul '11 – 6 Jan '14)

[Garegin Avetisyan](#) (19 Jul '11 – 18 Jan '13)

[Harutyun Khachatryan](#) (27 Jul -)

[Maksim Khudoyan](#) (6 Aug '13 – 6 Feb '15)

[Gevorg Sahakyan](#) (23 Aug '12 - 23 Aug '14)

[Anania Grigoryan](#) (15 Nov '12 - 15 Nov '14)

[Artsrun Khachatryan](#) (26 Nov '12 - 26 May '15)

For all, write to **Nubarashen Prison, Yerevan, Armenia**

Azerbaijan

[Karen Harutyunyan](#) (30 Dec '11 - 30 Jun '14)

Address not available

China

[Liu Yuandong](#) (23 Feb '13 -)

Liu is in administrative detention after taking part in a protest against North Korea's nuclear tests.

Write to **Tianhe District Detention Centre, Guangzhou, China.**

Eritrea

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

charged. The below are all Jehovah's Witness, imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service.

[Paulos Eyassu](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Negede Teklemariam](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Isaac Mogos](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Aron Abraha](#) (9 May '01—)

[Mussie Fessehaye](#) (1 Jun '03—)

[Ambakom Tsegezab](#) (1 Feb '04—)

[Bemnet Fessehaye](#) (1 Feb '05—)

[Henok Ghebru](#) (1 Feb '05—)

[Kibreab Fessejaye](#) (27 Dec '05—)

[Bereket Abraha Oqbagabir](#) (1 Jan '06—)

[Amanuel Abraham](#) (1 Jan '07—)

[Yosief Fessehaye](#) (1 Jan '07—)

[Yoel Tsegezab](#) (26 Aug '08 -)

Write to **Sawa Camp, Sawa, Eritrea**

[Yoel Tsegezab](#) (26 Aug '08—)

[Nehemiah Hagos](#) (26 Aug '08—)

[Samuel Ghirmay](#) (1 Mar '09—)

Write to **Meitir Camp, Meitir, Eritrea**

India

[Irom Sharmila Chanu](#)

6 Nov '00 —

On 2 November, '00 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 '00 she was arrested by the police and charged with attempt to commit suicide under section 307 of the Indian Penal Code.

On 21 November '00 a plastic tube was inserted into her nose and liquid nutrient was inserted into her body. She is being force-fed and has been surviving on this liquid diet and in solitary confinement as a high security prisoner for more than ten years. She is routinely released every year only to be re-arrested again.

Address not available

Korea, South

These nonviolent activists were charged in relation to actions on Jeju Island, where

Prisoners for Peace

Action ideas

- On 1 December, set aside some time to write to those imprisoned for their peace work – try writing to four different people;
- Get your friends, peace group, class or faith or community group 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 – then give people cards

For the most up to date *Prisoners for Peace* list go to: <http://wri-irg.org/inprison>

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For updates on the status of conscientious objection, counter-recruitment work and conscription around the world, subscribe to our CO Update – the bimonthly newsletter of the [Right to Refuse to Kill](#) programme, at <http://lists.wri-irg.org/sympa/info/co-update>

a US naval base is being built.

[Yang Yoon-Mo](#) (#301) (1 Feb '13 – 1 Aug '14)

[Song Gang ho](#) (#409) (1 Jul '13 -)

[Park do hyeon](#) (#535) (1 Jul '13 -)

[Kim Eun hye](#) (#12) (8 Nov '13 – 6 Jul '14)

[Kang bu eon](#) (#582) (8 Nov '13 – 6 May

'14)

For all write to **Jeju Prison, 161 Ora-2 dong, Jeju City, Jeju Special Self-Governing Island, 690-162, South Korea**

[Kim moo seok](#) (#805) (13 Aug '13 – 12 Feb '15)
Conscientious objector. All Cos in Korea face 18 months imprisonment, with no opportunity for substitute service.
Write to **867, Geumo-ro, Guro-gu, Seoul, 152-130, South Korea**

Turkey

[Ismail Yıldız](#) (' Dec '11 -)
Declared his conscientious objection while in prison, on 27 February '12.
Write to **Yüksek Güvenlikli Kapalı Ceza ve İnfaz Kurumu, A7' Koşuşu, İzmit - Kocaeli**

[Ali Fikri Işık](#) (27 Feb '13 — 14 Mar '14)
Conscientious objector.
Write to **Sukru Pasa Kıslasi Askeri Cezaevi, Edirne, Turkey**

Turkmenistan

The below are all Jehovah's Witness conscientious objectors.

[Zafar Abdullaev](#) (6 Mar '12 — 6 Mar '14)
[Navruz Nasyrlaev](#) (1 May '12 — 30 Apr '14)
[Dovran Matyakubov](#) (24 Dec '12 — 24 Dec '14)
[Yadgarbek Sharipov](#) (25 Dec '12 — 25 Dec '13)
[Matkarim Aminov](#) (8 Jan '13 — 8 Jan '15)
[Arslan Dovletov](#) (9 Jan '13 — 9 Jul '14)
[Atamurat Suvkhanov](#) (3 Apr '13 — 12 Mar '14)
[Amirlan Tolkachev](#) (10 Jul '13 — 9 Jan '15)

For all write to **Seydi Labour Camp, Turkmenistan, 746222 Lebap vilayet, Seydi, uchr. LB-K/12**

United States of America

[Rafil Dhafir](#) (11921-052) (26 Apr '00—26 Apr '22)

Write to **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 '05

[Chelsea \(formerly Bradley\) Manning](#) (15 May '10 - 1 Aug '48)
35 years imprisonment for espionage and theft, espionage and other charges.
Write to **PVT Bradley E Manning, 89289, 1300 N Warehouse Rd, Ft Leavenworth KS 66027-2304, USA**

[Norman Edgar Lowry Jr. \(KN 9758\)](#) (1 Aug '11 — 31 Aug '18)
Sentenced for third trespass at military recruiting office in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Serving one to seven years - 31/08/18 is the last release date.
Write to **SCI Dallas, 1000 Follies Rd., Dallas, PA 18612, USA**



Yang Yoon-Mo - a movie critic and one of the prominent opponents against the Jeju naval base - was arrested and jailed on 1 February 2013. It is his fourth time in prison.

[Brian Church](#) ('12-0519002)
[Jared Chase](#) ('12-0519003) (18 May '12-)
[Brent Betterly](#) ('12-0519001) (18 May '12-)
[Mark Neiweem](#) ('12-05'023)

All jailed pending charges related to protests at NATO summit in Chicago, May 16-17 '12

For all four write to **P.O. Box 089002, Chicago, IL 60608, USA.**

[Justin Colby](#) (22 Mar '13 — 22 Dec '13)
War resister. Sentenced to nine months imprisonment for desertion in between deployments to Iraq.
Write to **COLBY, Justin, 1450 Alder Rd., Box 339536, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA 98433-9536**

[Kimberly Rivera](#) (29 Apr '13 — 28 Feb '14)
Conscientious objector – fled to Canada in between deployments to Iraq.
Sentenced to 10 months imprisonment for desertion.
Write to **Kim River c/o All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 730 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, USA**

[Gregory Boertje-Obed](#) (5 Aug '13 —)
[Megan Rice](#) (5 Aug '13 —)
[Michael Walli \(92108-\)](#) (5 Aug '13 —)
All three imprisoned for Transform Now Plowshares action. Jailed pending sentencing on January 28, '14, following conviction for sabotage and depredation of government property at Y-12 nuclear weapons complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 7/28/12.
For all three write to **Irwin County Detention Center, 132 Cotton Drive, Ocilla, GA 31774**

[Gerald Ebner](#) (2 Sep '13 — 1 Mar '14)
Imprisoned for trespass at nuclear command centre at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska during a December 28, '12 in a Feast of the Holy Innocents witness action.
Write to **Satellite Camp, POB 14525, Lexington, KY 40512**

[Norman Edgar Lowry Jr. \(11-3659\)](#) (1 Aug '11 -)
Arrested at military recruiting office 1 August '11, awaiting trial.
Write to **Lancaster County Prison Drawer C, 625 East King St, Lancaster, PA 17602-3199**



Sending cards and letters

- Send your card in an envelope;
- Include a return name and address on the envelope;
- Be chatty and creative: send photos from your life or drawings;
- Let the prisoners know 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;
- Try not to begin your correspondence with "You are so brave, I could never do what you have done";
- Remember that the prisoner may not be able to reply;