



# PRISONERS FOR PEACE LIST

2021

## ACTION IDEAS

Set aside time on 1st December to write to those imprisoned for their peace work, and get your friends, peace group, student, faith or community group to organise a card-writing session.

Get postcards made up, leaving space for individual messages of support, and set up a street stall around Prisoners for Peace day. For the most up to date Prisoners for Peace list go to: [wri-irg.org/inprison](http://wri-irg.org/inprison)

## SUPPORT WAR RESISTERS

WRI has publicised the names and stories of prisoners for peace for more than 50 years.

Help us keep showing solidarity, and donating to help fund next year's research, [wri-irg.org/en/donate](http://wri-irg.org/en/donate)



Below is a list of some of those currently in prison for their work for peace. We include those whose addresses we can obtain, and who are happy to have their names and stories made public. In some cases, nicknames are used and 'care of' (c/o) addresses given, where that person is happy to be contacted, but does not want their contact details spread publicly.

## AMBAZONIA

Here some of the prisoners for the expression of their conscientiously held belief that the fundamental human rights of the people of Ambazonia, formerly the United Nations Trust Territory of Southern Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, needs to be respected by all – including the French neo-colonial regime in Cameroon and its allies.

- Mancho Bibixy (Sep '16 –)
- Tsi Conrad (Sep '16 –)
- Tha Emile Angwe (Sep '16 –)
- Aselech Martin (Sep '16 –)
- Tamngwa Martin (Sep '16 –)
- Guingah Valentine (Sep '16 –)
- Awah Thomas (Sep '16 –)
- Penn Terence (Jan '17 –)

- Mr. Wilfred Tassang (5 Jan '19 –)
- Mr. Julius AyukTabe (5 Jan '19 –)
- Profesor Augustine Awasum (5 Jan '19 –)
- Dr. Cornelius Njikimpi Kwanga (5 Jan '19 –)
- Dr. Henry Kimeng (5 Jan '19 –)
- Dr. Fidelis Ndeh-Che (5 Jan '19 –)
- Dr. Egbe Ogork (5 Jan '19 –)
- Barrister Shufai Berinyuy (5 Jan '19 –)
- Barrister Eyambe Elias (5 Jan '19 –)
- Dr. Nfor Ngalla Nfor (5 Jan '19 –)

For all above, write to, Prison Principale Kondengui Yaoundé, B. P 100, YAOUNDÉ, Cameroon

# ERITREA

Eritrea continues to imprison conscientious objectors. The below are all Jehovah's Witness, imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service.

Eritrea's military service is indefinite, for men and women, and starts in the final two years of high school, which is in a military camp.

- **Bereket Habteyesus, age 29** (Arrest date: 26 May 2014)
- **Henok Gebru, age 39** (Arrest date: 24 January 2005)
- **Samuel Ghirmay, age 34** (Arrest date: March 2009)
- **Yosief Fissehaie, age 34** (Arrest date: October 2006)

For all above, write to: **Mai Serwa Prison, Asmara, Eritrea**

# SOUTH KOREA

Despite the recognition of the right to conscientious objection, there are still conscientious objectors in prison in South Korea.

- **J.S. Jeong:** Jehovah's Witness. Sentence: 18 months. Expected release date: 30 June 2022. Imprisoned in Uijeongbu Correctional Institution.
- **S.H. Ahn:** Jehovah's Witness. Sentence: 18 months. Expected release date: 23 April 2022. Imprisoned in Yeosu Correctional Institution.

- **S.H. Choi:** Jehovah's Witness. Sentence: 18 months. Expected release date: 10 November 2022. Imprisoned in Uijeongbu Correctional Institution.
- **Jeong-hoon Hong:** Arrested on 8 March 2021. Sentence: 18 months. Expected release: August 2022. Imprisoned in Seoul Detention Center. (Address: #2298, 143, Anyangpangyo-ro, Uiwang-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea zip code 15829).
- **Gyeong-taek Oh:** Arrested on 12 March 2021. Sentence: 18 months. Expected release: August 2022. He has recently been transferred to Yeosu Correctional Institution. (Address: #464, 107, Yanghwa-ro, Ganameup, Yeosu-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea zip code 12627).

# USA

In October 24, 2019 seven peace activists, known as the Kings Bay Plowshares 7, were found guilty and charged with a range of crimes, including trespassing, depredation of government property for their protest actions at Kings Bay nuclear submarine base in Georgia on April 4, 2018. During 2020 and 2021, all activists were sentenced to serve in prison between 10 to 33 months.

## RECEIVE REGULAR NEWS

Sign up for our CO-Alerts, to hear when COs are imprisoned and send protest emails at [wri-irg.org/en/subscribe](http://wri-irg.org/en/subscribe) For updates on the status of COs, counter-recruitment work and conscription, subscribe to our CO Update – the newsletter of the Right to Refuse to Kill programme, at [wri-irg.org/en/subscribe](http://wri-irg.org/en/subscribe)

## 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.

[The Kings Bay Plowshares](#) support group announced that as of 23rd November 2021, all 7 activists have completed their sentences and been released. You can still write to them and send your messages of solidarity via [kingsbayplowshares@gmail.com](mailto:kingsbayplowshares@gmail.com).

Read the bios of the activists here:

<https://kingsbayplowshares7.org/about/bios/>

## SINGAPORE

All following prisoners are Jehovah's Witnesses, imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service. Usually, they receive a first sentence of 12 months (but it can be up to 15 months) and a second sentence of 18 months (but it can be up to 24 months). Therefore, the total time spent is usually 30 months (but it can be up to 39 months).

- **Ca Leb (Azariah) Wa, age 21** (Second term. Expected release date: 11 May 2022)
- **Donovan Yong** (Second term. Expected release date: 30 June 2022.)
- **Edrenz James Do Ramos** (Second term. Expected release date: 08 February 2023)
- **Ganesh Aravind** (Second term. Expected release date: 08 February 2023.)
- **Joshua Soon** (Second term. Expected release date: 30 March 2022)

- **Lie Hao Norman Sek** (Awaiting 2nd Court Martial following his first term in prison.)
- **Nicholas Ang, age 21** (Second term. Expected release date: 11 May 2022.)
- **Raj s/o Rajamogn Rohan** (Second term. Expected release date: 11 May 2022)
- **Shao Qi Koh** (Awaiting 2nd Court Martial following his first term in prison)
- **Shawn Jonathan Kumar** (Second Term. Expected release date: 30 June 2022.)
- **Yi Jie Lucas Lee, age 19** (Awaiting 2nd Court Martial following his first term in prison)
- **Nicolaus Wei Ern Chong, age 20** (First term. Expected release date: 15 August 2022.)
- **Junn Orville Yu Quiseo, age 21** (Awaiting 1st Court Martial)
- **Ming Jie Tan age 20** (Awaiting 1st Court Martial)
- **Won Kiat Yap, age 20** (First term. Expected release date: 16 May 2022)

For all above, write to **Singapore Armed Forces Detention Barracks, 402 Lor Kebasi, 688791, Singapore**

## ISRAEL

Eran Aviv (19) and Shahar Perets (19) have spent 114 days (in six terms) and 58 days (in three terms) behind bars respectively for their refusal to serve in the Israeli military.

In November, Eran received an exemption from military service by the end of his sixth term in prison. Shahar will refuse to perform again and is expected to receive another prison sentence in the coming days.

**Write to Shahar for solidarity [here](#).**

Meanwhile, conscientious objector Oren Feld, 29, spent 14 days in prison in November for refusing to do his reserve duty in the Israeli military.

There might be other Israeli conscientious objectors jailed for their refusal to be conscripted in the coming weeks and months. For up-to-date info follow [Mesarvot](#) and [Refuser Solidarity Network](#) as well as WRI website.