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Belarus: Human rights are not a crime!

Dear Attorney General,

Over 5 years after the disputed presidential elections and subsequent protests in Belarus, hundreds of people with politically motivated sentences remain in prison.

Amnesty International welcomes the release of prisoners, including well-known figures such as Maryia Kalesnikava and Ales Bialiatski. They should, however, have never spent a single day in prison.

The prison conditions for those imprisoned with politically motivated sentences are particularly harsh. They are often held in detention cells and do not receive adequate health care. From the time of the protests until the end of 2025, at least 9 people, sentenced for political reasons, died while in prison. In part, they suffered from prior health issues that the authorities were aware of.

We are therefore demanding,

- that all persons in prison, solely for peacefully exercising their rights, be released immediately,
- that until then, all prisoners receive adequate health care, that prison conditions meet international human rights standards, and that those in prison have contact with their lawyers and families, as well as
- that the respect of freedom of expression, assembly, association and the press in Belarus is upheld.

Yours Sincerely,

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