I denounce the Ethiopian government and its financial backers—the US, the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, and the World Bank, which provide financing to Ethiopia through international aid packages—for the unjust imprisonment of Omot Agwa Okwoy, Ashinie Astin, and Jamal Oumar Hojele. Helping to give indigenous and marginalized people a voice about their most precious resources—their land and their food—is NOT terrorism; it is the foundation of a democratic and sustainable development policy. I call on the government of Ethiopia to drop all charges against the detainees and release them immediately.

SIGNED:

1. Golam Jakhi
2. Curtis Kline
3. Camilla Lauren
4. Jenessa Emily
5. Anna Gillian
6. Diane Diane
7. Brewer Marieta
8. Anna Anna
9. Nita Nita
10. Hadlee Hadlee
11. Omot Agwa Okwoy
12. Ashinie Astin
13. Jamal Oumar Hojele
14. Valentina Valentina
15. Devlin Devlin
16. Nyikaw Nyikaw
17. Mamy Mamy
18. Amuradha Amuradha
19. Manfredo Manfredo
20. Elizabeth Elizabeth
21. Sandra Sandra
22. Alice Alice
23. Martin-Prével Martin-Prével
24. Shirley Shirley
25. Paul Paul
26. Yodie Yodie
27. Concerned Concerned
28. Marilyn Marilyn
29. Esheh Esheh
30. Christina Christina
31. Ojulu Ojulu
32. Roger Roger
33. Ulrike Ulrike
34. Simon Simon
35. Manuschak Manuschak
36. Tina Tina
37. Glynis Glynis
38. Marianne Marianne
39. Paul Paul
40. John John
41. Lilian Lilian
42. Veronika Veronika
43. Ed Ed
44. Bitte Bitte
45. Ladremruatu Ladremruatu
46. THOMAS THOMAS
47. Firoze Firoze
48. Amanda Amanda
49. Nydia Nydia
50. E. Ann E. Ann
51. David David
52. Steven Steven
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54. Katie Katie
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58. Gillian Gillian
59. John John
60. Anna Anna
61. Emily Emily
62. Jenessa Jenessa
63. Lauren Lauren
64. Sheila Sheila
65. Camilla Camilla
66. Curtis Curtis
67. max max
68. Golam Golam

Being interested in and advocating for the welfare of others is a commendable act and not terrorism. The government should be discouraged from fabricating fake terrorism charges against innocent citizens.

Having known Omot Agwa Okway in person, I can say with certainty that the charges leveled against him are baseless. All he has done has been to speak the truth and stand for justice. In the interest of development of democratic culture and civil society engagement, I urge the Ethiopian Government to drop all charges against Omot and his co-accuseds immediately.

Tribally motivated forceful seizure of customary land of any group of people is a gross abuse of power and gross violation of fundamental human rights.

The world is watching and we do not appreciate activists being punished for defending people's rights.

Food security is important for all your people. These campaigners have a right to speak out for their people.

Please adhere to the principles of justice. Upon that so much depends.

Food security is important for all your people. These campaigners should be honoured not imprisoned.
that if Omot then we will bring it to the notice of our local MP
interpreted as terrorism. I have worked for many years to protect both
I am shocked to think that protests about land and food should be
It is wrong to arrest people who wish for a better future, when all is
Exchange of ideas for the common good is not a crime.
This man is no terrorist, he just want to have the right to care for the
This has stop. We can't afford to mistreat each other in Africa.
Please release the Anywak peace activists
Together we make a success!
It is wrong to arrest people who wish for a better future, when all is
It's like giving a drink to a drowning man.

These people should be released to safety immediately!
Free Pastor Omot! Where in the world for being World Bank translator
is crime? Only in Ethiopia!
should be respected.
Here we make a success!

The UK gives aid money to Ethiopia. If Human Rights issues arise like
that if Omot then we will bring it to the notice of our local MP

There are human rights violations that must be investigated and addressed.
| 148 | 10/22/15 Anna | Veillon | Yoff Layenne | Senegal |
| 149 | 10/22/15 Jeanne | Koopman | Cambridge, Massachusetts | United States |
| 150 | 10/22/15 Fousseni | TALL | Abidjan | Cote d'Ivoire |
| 151 | 10/22/15 DAVID | PEREIRA | Madrid | Spain |
| 152 | 10/22/15 Sue | CARO | London | United Kingdom |
| 153 | 10/22/15 Lisa | Ritter | Chapel Hill, North Carolina | United States |
| 154 | 10/22/15 Anne-Marie | Lobe | Abidjan | Cote d'Ivoire |
| 155 | 10/22/15 Quentin | Given | London | United Kingdom |
| 156 | 10/22/15 hazel | birch | london | United Kingdom |
| 157 | 10/22/15 Jane | Ernstzen | London | United Kingdom |
| 158 | 10/22/15 Henry | Sak | Edmonton | Canada |
| 159 | 10/22/15 Gail | Rego | Brussels | Belgium |
| 160 | 10/22/15 Britt | Ritter | Chapel Hill, North Carolina | United States |
| 161 | 10/22/15 Eric | Sonié | Lauroux | France |
| 162 | 10/22/15 Freddie | Weyman | London | United Kingdom |
| 163 | 10/22/15 Kristen | kleps | Cardiff by the Sea, California | United States |
| 164 | 10/22/15 Helen | Woodcock | Manchester | United Kingdom |
| 165 | 10/22/15 Karfa | DIALLO | Dakar | Senegal |
| 166 | 10/22/15 stu | vickars | Maynooth | Canada |
| 167 | 10/22/15 Teresa | Perez | Montevideo, Uruguay |
| 168 | 10/22/15 Danczy | O'Callaghan | Washington, Washington D.C. | United States |
| 169 | 10/22/15 Mariam | Mayet | JHB | South Africa |
| 170 | 10/22/15 C. | Untrau | Amsterdam | Netherlands |
| 171 | 10/22/15 Neil | Pitzuin | Sth Nutfield | United Kingdom |

As a visitor to Ethiopia during and after the Mengistu regime, I applaud the efforts of the present government to improve the living conditions of Ethiopia's many peoples. The rate of progress has been amazing, the commitment of many selfless people in the public and private sectors has been truly impressive, but... and it is a really sorrowful "but"... I am deeply disappointed that the cost in human terms is beginning to be too big for the country to bear, that the early honourable commitments to democracy and free speech are being dishonoured. Treating people as obstacles to progress if they dare peacefully to raise honest concerns is unacceptable. As a friend and supporter of Ethiopia I ask its government and those who support it to look deeply into their conciences and the possible consequences of their actions... or inaction.

| 172 | 10/22/15 Duke | Tagoe | Accra | Ghana |

The state of terror and tyranny of the West backed Ethiopian government must end now. We demand the immediate release of of all Ethiopian food and land activists.

| 173 | 10/22/15 Dub | Ojulu | Birmingham, Alabama | United States |
| 174 | 10/22/15 Karen | Read | Durban | South Africa |
| 175 | 10/22/15 Annie | Vickerstaff | axbridge | United Kingdom |
| 176 | 10/22/15 Brandon | Abidinor | Durban | South Africa |
| 177 | 10/22/15 Seydou | NDIAYE | Dakar | Senegal |
| 178 | 10/22/15 Brenna | Fitzpatrick | Oakland, California | United States |
| 179 | 10/22/15 Nicolas | Buckland | London | United Kingdom |
| 180 | 10/22/15 Andreas | Rossing Angelveldt | Porsgrunn, Norway |
| 181 | 10/22/15 Jan | preedy | epsom | United Kingdom |
| 182 | 10/22/15 Carmelo | Guzmán Pardo | Alozaina | Spain |
| 183 | 10/22/15 R. | Serrano | Gainesville, Florida | United States |
| 184 | 10/22/15 Joavanna | Garcia Soto | Boston, Massachusetts | United States |
| 185 | 10/22/15 Simone | Lovera | Assuncion | Paraguay |
| 186 | 10/22/15 Lynn | evans | stourport | United Kingdom |
| 187 | 10/22/15 Nicolai | Vigneswaren | Reading, Berkshire | United Kingdom |
| 188 | 10/22/15 Kathleen | O'Callaghan | Garden City, Michigan | United States |
| 189 | 10/22/15 Linda | coley | Charlotte, North Carolina | United States |
| 190 | 10/22/15 Lillian | Walden | Chiavari, Italy |
| 191 | 10/22/15 caroline | knapier | inishown | Ireland |
| 192 | 10/22/15 Marg | Hall | Tranent | United Kingdom |
| 193 | 10/22/15 Lawrence | Halley-Goodwin | Shepherdstown, West Virginia | United States |

Food and seed sovereignty are fundamental to rights and dignity. They have nothing to do with terrorism! The case against these people is a complete aberration of justice.

| 194 | 10/22/15 Aminata | Sow | Dakar | Senegal |
| 195 | 10/22/15 Stephen | Corry | London | United Kingdom |
| 196 | 10/22/15 Martine | Hughes | Maidenhed | United Kingdom |
| 197 | 10/22/15 Patricia | Siemen | Orlando, Florida | United States |
| 198 | 10/22/15 Lewis | Evans | Brantham | United Kingdom |
| 199 | 10/22/15 Denise | Payne | Bude | United Kingdom |

Land should remain in the hands of local people and be used for growing food!! The human rights of those who are defending the land should be respected.

| 200 | 10/22/15 Maryline | Bissilait | Lausanne | Switzerland |

Please be a better example to show Africa in a positive light!

| 201 | 10/22/15 Laure | Diallo | Dakar | Senegal |
| 202 | 10/22/15 Mogens | Mamo | Saskatoon | Canada |
| 203 | 10/22/15 Michele | Sumka | Silver Spring, Maryland | United States |
| 204 | 10/22/15 Devon | Ritter | Washington, Washington D.C. | United States |
| 205 | 10/22/15 Jennifer | berman | Miami Beach, Florida | United States |
| 206 | 10/22/15 Yehualaeshet | Aregay | Surrey | Canada |
| 207 | 10/22/15 mahalia | koenig | stuttgart | Germany |
| 208 | 10/22/15 Jane | white | Sydney | Australia |
| 209 | 10/22/15 LaSette | Sewell | Sebastopol, California | United States |
| 210 | 10/22/15 Jony | Sasha | Chipping Norton | United Kingdom |
| 211 | 10/22/15 Harriet | Booth | Brighton | United Kingdom |
| 212 | 10/22/15 Beverley | Slater | Lakeside | Canada |
| 213 | 10/22/15 Nellie | Werner | amsterdam | Netherlands |

NOBODY should be locked up for protecting their land, their food – their future.
They must be immediately liberated.

Porte parole de la convergence malienne contre les accaparements des terres, nous soutenons notre confrère arrêté en Éthiopie.

These activists are heroes of Ethiopia defending their land and unique culture. Let them free!
Helping to give indigenous and marginalized people a voice about their most precious resources, their land and their food, is NOT terrorism.
The protection of local food growing systems is a sustainable and enabling way of life and NOT a crime.

Advocacy for food security is not terrorism.

Indigenous people live sustainable, humble lifestyles. We would do well to emulate them instead of persecuting them.

This is just plain wrong. I don't understand how people that are trying to protect the very planet we live on should be punished for it. If this is the law then the law is unjust and it should be changed.

The Government of Ethiopia should free these activists. The Government of Ethiopia should free these activists.
463 10/25/15 Asnake Anteneh  Chanie Maastricht Netherlands
464 10/25/15 Jonathan sebha London United Kingdom
465 10/25/15 Josanne Marie Peterson Charlottesville Virginia United States
466 10/25/15 Peter Fischer Hadamar Germany
467 10/25/15 Gabi Arsii Goba Ethiopia
468 10/25/15 Jenny Hawes Wellington New Zealand This is a terrible abuse of their human rights
469 10/25/15 Terefe Mekonnen Graz Austria
470 10/25/15 Caitlin Daniel Berkeley California United States
471 10/25/15 Dube Dubale Cleveland Ohio United States
472 10/25/15 Vasti rosado Addis Ababa Ethiopia
473 10/25/15 Tanja Venisnik Ljubljana Slovenia
474 10/25/15 Natalie Fields San Francisco California United States
475 10/25/15 Annie Brunton Ottawa Canada
476 10/25/15 Irshad Soomro Pakistan Stop humiliating food and land rights activists
477 10/26/15 Abel Mesheha Eschborn Germany
478 10/26/15 Natasha Salgado Toronto Canada
479 10/26/15 Johan Frijns Lent Netherlands Please liberate Omot, please understand that it is precisely people like him that are your greatest treasure.
480 10/26/15 Valentina Gambino Genova Italy
481 10/26/15 Liain Casey Montpellier France The world needs new leaders. Now.
482 10/26/15 Priscilla Robledó London United Kingdom
483 10/26/15 Zegeye Mesheha Dallas Texas United States
484 10/26/15 Luiz Vieira London United Kingdom
485 10/26/15 Geoffgeonnee Matzanga Port Jefferson Staten/New York United States
486 10/26/15 Prabindra Shakya Lalitpur Nepal
487 10/26/15 Jörg John Dakar Senegal
488 10/26/15 Knad Vöcking Sassenberg Germany
489 10/26/15 apoline laval bordeaux France
490 10/26/15 Tim Jones London United Kingdom
491 10/26/15 Amanda Trombley Cambridge Massachusetts United States
492 10/26/15 Florence Omnez Santiago Chile
493 10/26/15 Eva Nilsson Dar es Salaam Tanzania Arresting civil society activists shows that Ethiopia has a shameful human rights record.
494 10/26/15 Laetitia Benador San Diego California United States
495 10/26/15 Benjamin Brown Edinburgh United Kingdom
496 10/26/15 Darcy Milham WASHINGTON Washington D.C. United States
497 10/26/15 Veronique Palmer Jhb South Africa
498 10/26/15 Mohammed Hassan Lahore Pakistan
499 10/26/15 Jean-francois MOUMBA ATUKU Dakar Senegal
500 10/26/15 Ligia Prado Sao Paulo Brazil
501 10/26/15 Margo Bettencourt Miami Florida United States
502 10/26/15 Denise Romeburg PHOENIX Arizona United States
503 10/26/15 remo zulli ari Italy
504 10/26/15 kathleen howes Brampton Canada
505 10/26/15 Mohamed Salifou Cotonou Benin
506 10/26/15 Molly Armstrong San Francisco California United States
507 10/26/15 Chad Dobson Washington Washington D.C. United States
508 10/26/15 Natalie Bugalski Asheville North Carolina United States
509 10/26/15 Jean-Philippe Leblond Gaitene Canada
510 10/26/15 Eva Torre Logroño Spain
511 10/26/15 Lani Inverarity San Francisco California United States
512 10/26/15 Molly Kane Montreal Canada
513 10/26/15 angela procter Dinas Powsy United Kingdom
514 10/26/15 T B2 San Francisco California United States
515 10/26/15 Nicole Gilman Mattawan Michigan United States
516 10/26/15 David SmartKnight Penzance United Kingdom
517 10/26/15 Julia Radomski Washington DC Washington D.C. United States
518 10/26/15 Gordon MacDonald St. Joseph Du Moine Canada
519 10/26/15 Taiehu Williams Rotorua New Zealand
520 10/26/15 Oryst sawchuk Sudbury Canada
521 10/26/15 Erik Schnabel San Francisco California United States
522 10/26/15 Isobel Anderson Kent United Kingdom
523 10/26/15 sally ards kilkeneny Ireland
524 10/26/15 Sophie Benin Benin
525 10/26/15 Hannah Blakeman Myrtle Beach South Carolina United States
526 10/26/15 Jonathan Mephedran WAITON Montreal Canada
527 10/26/15 zaleski bruxelles Belgium
528 10/27/15 Gerese Tufa Purnernerend Netherlands
529 10/27/15 eskinder juhar Melbourne Australia
530 10/27/15 Fastil yen Purnernerend Netherlands He's an innocent pastor, the only crime he has is his willingness to expose the unspeakable atrocities committed against the Amhak minority people in Gambella by the Ethiopian government security forces. The government of Ethiopia is well-known for jailing human rights activists. Many rights defenders are in prison. Had it not been in Ethiopia, the pastor would have been awarded a peace prize for his godly deeds. He and all rights defenders in jail should be released.
531 10/27/15 Heffa Schweungking Sassenberg Germany
532 10/27/15 Irans Kaba Oslo Norway
533 10/27/15 jess roberston claremont Canada
534 10/27/15 Jennifer Vaden Aptos United States
535 10/27/15 Getachew Jigi Demekssa Antwerpen Belgium Free Omot innocent Ethiopian food & land activist
536 10/27/15 caroline lord London United Kingdom
537 10/27/15 thomas uwe Berlin Germany for a better world!!
538 10/27/15 Joann Henderson PALM COAST Florida United States
539 10/27/15 Natalie Baker Poole United Kingdom
540 10/27/15 Proet ESSONO ONDO Libreville Gabon
541 10/27/15 Catherine Dave Chat Canada
542 10/27/15 Maryam Al-Dabbagh New York New York United States Governments are acting more like terrorists!
Speaking up against rights violation is a show of responsible citizenship not a criminal act. Land rights is a human right, DONOT criminalize people have the courage to advocate for their human right!

Speaking up for protection of land rights and food security is a human right, not terrorism!

Governments should support the growth of indigenous food crops and enhance ecosystem conservation effort for a sustainable future.

Ethiopia should not forget their everlasting food shortage.

We condemn the act of Ethiopian Govt. Let human rights be given justice and respected. Ethiopian govt. should respect the dignity of peoples.

Alors que notre Présidente faisait un voyage en Ethiopie la semaine derniere, a-t-elle seulement évoqué les problèmes des droits de l'homme en Ethiopie avec ses homologues???
We need People, who try to change something for god. Don't arrest them!

The respect of human rights is the honor of a country. Please free Omot Agwa Okwoy, Ashimie Azinn, Jamal Ommer Hojele and all victims of injustice.

One day injustice has to be justified by all persons involved.
Hojele!

Surtout n'aliénez pas vos terre mais laissez-les vos propres paysans les cultiver. Ceux qui défendent le droit à la terre sont des défenseurs de la liberté et de la justice. I dream of a world where people could defend their rights without fearing prosecutions of any kind. And food security is a right every human being should have. Good luck to these courageous people.

In your own interest - dear government of Ethiopia - let them free! Land grabbing and Human Rights violations happen to the long-term detriment of the whole Nation.

The loss of diverse food stocks that will ensue from large corporations pushing out small local farmers will have devastating long term consequences when the next inevitable plant disease wipes out all those fields of genetically similar plants- does anyone pay attention to history like the Irish potato famine or the probable extinction of the Cavendish banana within the next 20 years due to lack of genetic diversity caused by monolithic monoculture farming? Small farms with varied local flora means food security for everyone. Also the people who are displaced become internal refugees and a possible source of extremism and political instability. I am ashamed that the US government is apparently supporting these immoral and destabilizing land grabs which only help a small wealthy elite at the cost of the country.

Stop injust arrest
Please release Omot Agwa Okwoy, Ashinie Astin, Jamal Oumar

I dream of a world where people could defend their rights without fearing prosecutions of any kind. And food security is a right every human being should have. Good luck to these courageous people.

Ethiopia has a very important cultural heritage. The respect of human rights is part of it.

freedom of civil actions is a fundamental right.
It is a real shame to arrest innocents for saying the truth and for fighting against injustice and illegal practices. Hope we can all together do something against it.

Let's voice together for our brother who is valuing humans on parameters of survival with dignity under the purview of human rights council.

Everyone has rights, the country benefits too. Please stop the arresting of innocent people.

Bon courage aux activistes et de la persévérance à poursuivre leurs bous qui leurs appartient de fait d'être indigènes.

droit à la nourriture et à la terre sont des fondements pour tout un peuple, pas seulement pour une caste dirigeante.

I can't believe what I'm reading about this unhuman fact. We all have only one life.

God says as in the old days he said to pharao:" let my people go!!!"

I don't believe in Israel. Let's respect the law of freedom of thought and conscience.

We all have the right to live freely and not to be forced to do something against it.

Ernährungssicherheit wird nicht erreicht, indem grosse Landflächen für die Exportproduktion zur Verfügung gestellt werden. Falls die äthiopische Regierung dies nicht einsieht sollten zumindest die Weltbank und die Unterstützer-Staaten diese Policy nicht mittragen und kritische Stimmen in Äthiopien schützen!

Let's respect the human rights council.
Free them at once! The fight for their own land and food must never be a criminal act.

Instead of jailing and intimidation, the Ethiopian government should start to radically rethink its development policies in peripheral regions through the eyes, knowledge and experiences of minorities and indigenous peoples land rights and food security is in the interest of all.

I have the privilege of knowing and working with Omot for many years in Gambella. He is one of the well-respected elders in the region across the board and had played an instrumental role in reconciliation years in Gambella. He is one of the well-respected elders in the region. I have the privilege of knowing and working with Omot for many years in Gambella. He is one of the well-respected elders in the region across the board and had played an instrumental role in reconciliation and peace-building during the region’s violent past. Defending indigenous peoples land rights and food security is in the interest of all stakeholders for a peaceful and prosperous Ethiopia for everybody.
I know Omot as a leader of his people, dedicated to peace and reconciliation in this troubled part of the world. For some years we worked together and became friends in the process. Without knowing the details of the process now, the idea that this peace and justice loving man is incarcerated is just outrageous.

Your brutal action toward people who didn't commit any violence is very shocking for me.

Please help - we are all ONE world and ONE Family!

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S'il vous plaît, libérez ces trois prisonniers; pensez à leur famille!

Freedom, please.

Please help - we are all ONE world and ONE Family!

The expulsion of indigenous farmers from ancestral lands by corrupt politicians and big business is a crime against humanity.

I'm sure you will find it in your heart to accept this request made by someone who believes in the values of a free and just world.
These men must be freed immediately.
And we are not going to keep silent!

All peoples of the world have the right to control their food resources.
Human rights abuses should stop now
FREE them! Freedom of knowledge and culture for all! Food is not a
business but a right!

Stop this crazy land grabbing please. The Saudi and Chinese
investments are not worth destroying lives of these people.

Activism is not a crime.

All peoples of the world have the right to control their food resources.
These men must be freed immediately.
People standing up for basic human rights and fairness cannot be called terrorists. Terrorists are those who terrorise indiscriminately and carry out acts of inhumanity.

What remains is impoverished land and impoverished people.
work please sustainability.

advancing social well being, ensuring food security, and ensuring

Omot for the common good and the good of the whole creation, let him

Unidos podemos combater a impunidade dos "dons do poder" que

acham-se com autoridade de fazer o que pensam, sem respeitar os
direitos do povo!