

A public call to end Khurram Parvez' arbitrary detention

(18 June 2026) On his 49th birthday, his fifth while arbitrarily detained, we, the undersigned organisations and individuals, stand in solidarity with human rights defender Khurram Parvez. We demand that the Indian authorities drop all charges against him, release him immediately and unconditionally, and cease their campaign of judicial harassment.

We have followed with concern Khurram Parvez's detention on baseless charges since November 2021, and his continued detention without trial in Delhi's Rohini Jail. Tomorrow, on his birthday, he will have spent 1,670 days in prison.

We remind the Indian authorities that three years ago, in June 2023, the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (UNWGAD) [determined](#) that Khurram Parvez's detention was arbitrary and called on the Indian authorities to release him. We are concerned that the Indian government, despite [pledging](#) to participate meaningfully with UN mechanisms as a member of the UN Human Rights Council, has not engaged with the UNWGAD in relation to Khurram's detention.

We recognize that his detention and judicial harassment is happening in a context of longstanding, ongoing grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Jammu & Kashmir. We strongly condemn the Indian authorities' widespread and normalized use of repressive counter-terrorism laws, such as the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, under which Khurram Parvez is being targeted, to silence human rights defenders and dissenting voices.

We urge the government of India to immediately and unconditionally release Khurram Parvez. We also call on India's international partners to publicly denounce Khurram Parvez's detention and to demand that their Indian counterparts release him immediately and unconditionally.

We remain steadfast in our solidarity with Khurram Parvez and will continue to call for his release as long as he remains detained.

Organisations (*Note: This list is evolving and will be updated until tomorrow, June 19*):

1. ACAT-France
2. Activate Rights
3. Advocacy Forum (AF)
4. Al-Haq
5. Amnesty International
6. Armanshahr / OPEN ASIA
7. Asia Alliance Against Torture (A3T)
8. Asia Human Rights and Labour Advocates (AHRLA)
9. Asia Justice and Rights
10. Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD)
11. Asian Human Rights Commission
12. Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de España (APDHE)
13. Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc (ADFM)
14. Association for Democracy in the Maldives (ADM)
15. Association of Women for Awareness and Motivation (AWAM)
16. Association Tchadienne pour la Promotion et la défense des droits de l'homme (ATPDH)

17. Bridging for Sustainable Development (BSD)
18. Bytes For All, Pakistan
19. Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR)
20. Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC)
21. CENIDH
22. Center for Civil Liberties
23. Center for Prisoners' Rights
24. Centro de Investigación y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (CIPRODEH)
25. Centro de Políticas Públicas y Derechos Humanos (Perú EQUIDAD)
26. CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation
27. Civil Society and Human Rights Network (CSHRN)
28. Collectif de Sauvegarde de la Ligue Algérienne pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme
29. Commission for the Disappeared and Victims of Violence (KontraS)
30. Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) (Northern Ireland)
31. Community Self Reliance Centre (CSRC)
32. Conflict Victims Society for Justice (CVSJ)
33. Defence of Human Rights Pakistan
34. DITSHWANELO - The Botswana Centre for Human Rights
35. Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO)
36. Forum Against Repression, Telangana
37. FORUM-ASIA
38. Foundation Day of the Endangered Lawyer
39. Front Line Defenders (FLD)
40. Hindus for Human Rights
41. Hivos
42. Human Rights Association (IHD)
43. Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP)
44. Human Rights Defenders' Alert - India (HRDA)
45. Human Rights Online Philippines (HRonlinePH)
46. Human Rights Watch
47. IMPARSIAL, the Indonesian Human Rights Monitor
48. India Labour Solidarity (UK)
49. Indian Alliance Paris (IAP)
50. Indian Social Action Forum
51. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), within the framework of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders
52. International Legal Initiative Public Foundation
53. International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)
54. International Solidarity with Academic Freedom in India (InSAF India)
55. Just Peace Advocates/Mouvement Pour Une Paix Juste
56. Justiça Global
57. Karapatan
58. Kashmir Law and Justice Project
59. Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights
60. Kirithavar Vazhvurimai Iyakkam (Christian Rights Forum - India)
61. Lawyers for Human Rights (South Africa)
62. League for Defence of Human Rights in Iran (LDDHI)
63. Liga Voor Mensenrechten
64. Liga voor de Rechten van de Mens
65. Ligue Burundaise des droits de l'homme Iteka
66. Ligue des Droits de l'Homme (LDH - France)

67. Ligue Djiboutienne des Droits Humain (LDDH)
68. Madaripur Legal Aid Association (MLAA)
69. Maldivian Democracy Network (MDN)
70. Nonviolence International
71. Odhikar
72. Organisation Marocaine des droits humains (OMDH)
73. People's Watch
74. Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA)
75. Progressive Voice (PV)
76. Project South
77. Public Association "Dignity"
78. Public Committee against Torture in Israel
79. Rafto Foundation for Human Rights
80. Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (RADDHO)
81. Solidarite Fanm Ayisyèn (SOFA)
82. South Asia Justice Campaign
83. South Asia Solidarity Group
84. South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR)
85. SUARAM
86. Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP)
87. The Advocates for Human Rights
88. The Canadian BDS Coalition and International BDS Allies
89. The Sudanese Human Rights Monitor (SHRM)
90. Think Centre
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92. World Organization against Torture (OMCT), within the framework of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

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