



Amnesty International Salisbury Group

Minutes of Monthly Meeting on Thursday 10th May 2018
7.30 pm at 4, Victoria Road.

1	<p>Chairman's Welcome Present: Andrew, Tony, Eddie, Fiona, Michael S Apologies: Ria, Michael P</p>	AH
2	<p>Minutes of previous meeting – these were agreed</p>	LC
3	<p>Treasurer's Report - £588.36 (Bank Account) £30.06 (Cash) This includes payment to Wiltshire Creative and film hire.</p>	MP
4	<p>Campaign Reports</p> <p>Death Penalty <i>This note covers only the last two weeks of April. The first two weeks of May will be included in next month's report.</i></p> <p>The International Update can be accessed at http://www.salisburyai.com.</p> <p>Death Penalty Urgent Actions</p> <p>None were received. Two came in subsequently to this note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Iranian Kurdish prisoner under imminent threat of execution. 2. Request to Governor of New Hampshire not to veto bill abolishing DP in the state. <p>Campaigning</p> <p>As part of the national AI death penalty campaign, a letter has been sent to the Salisbury Journal expressing concern at the lack of willingness of the UK Government to raise Human Rights issues with the Saudi Government, and the high number of executions that have taken place over the past year. It had been hoped that, in the course of the recent visit of the Saudi Crown Prince, the Government would have taken a more proactive stance but trade appeared to take priority over Human Rights.</p>	

	<p>Please follow this link to the Salisbury Group Website for the full international update, covering Belarus, India, Singapore, the USA, Zimbabwe Pope Francis and Egypt.</p> <p>North Korea</p> <p>It was noted that Jihyun Park had received the Chairman’s Award for 2018 as Women’s Activist Refugee week Ambassador. The meeting expressed its pleasure.</p> <p>Refugees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Private Members Bill calling for less restrictive family reunion rules will go to its next stage in the Autumn. • The photographic exhibition will be offered to the Methodist Hall for Refugee Week (note: subsequently they declined as they are booked up for the year). St Francis’s Church Hall was suggested. • Postcards will be available at the film. • The group plan another Vigil in Market Square. Original idea of Refugee Week deemed unsuitable as Big Wheel may well be back. A September date was preferred. 															
5	<p>Social Media Report</p> <p>Web and other media statistics, April 2018</p> <p>Another increase in followers who now stand at 345. This is a significant increase and in April 2017 we had 200. The puzzle is that this does not show up in the view figures.</p> <p>Web site</p> <p>The figures are:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Oct</td> <td>Nov</td> <td>Dec</td> <td>Jan</td> <td>Feb</td> <td>Mar</td> <td>Apr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>208</td> <td>178</td> <td>186</td> <td>300</td> <td>172</td> <td>182</td> <td>186</td> </tr> </table> <p>Views</p> <p>All time: 10,403</p> <p>Country views:</p> <p>Feb UK 100 USA 43 Pakistan 12</p>	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	208	178	186	300	172	182	186	PC
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	<p>Top posts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The post about the cancelling of the Celebration event 2. Hooligan Sparrow film 3. The piece drawing attention to the new followers and a welcome <p>Twitter</p> <p>A quiet month with over 2138 impressions. An increase in the number of followers to 141 which is encouraging after several months of decline. It is odd that the website followers are increasing but the Twitter followers are static.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oct</td> <td>Nov</td> <td>Dec</td> <td>Jan</td> <td>Feb</td> <td>Mar</td> <td>April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4118</td> <td>1719</td> <td>4277</td> <td>3319</td> <td>3486</td> <td>2666</td> <td>2138</td> </tr> </table> <p>The top tweet was the item about bombing in Yemen by the Saudis.</p> <p>Facebook</p> <p>Another big increase in activity this month with a total reach¹ of 452 an increase of 46% over last month.</p> <p>The most popular items were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cancelling the Celebration event – a trifle bizarre in that not doing something attracts interest! 2. Do not throw away our human rights 3. AI’s report on the death penalty <p>Facebook seems to be growing quite strongly of the three platforms we run.</p> <p>Tumblr</p> <p>No change in the Tumblr statistics with the same 5 followers. 17 are following</p> <p>YouTube & Flickr</p> <p>Total views of the North Korea video at 1.8k and still image exceeded 7,000 during</p> <p>Content always welcome!</p>	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	4118	1719	4277	3319	3486	2666	2138	
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6	<p>Human Rights Celebration</p> <p>Following the cancellation of the planned celebration, some events were left in abeyance. The documentary film is covered elsewhere in these</p>	<p>PC All</p>														

	<p>minutes. Sir Geoffrey Nice excused himself from his planned appearance, and Ice and Fire only responded too late (they did not offer any new material, so will be kept on hold pending a more suitable occasion). Poetika decided they would like to continue their plan to hold an evening of human rights based poetry on 20th June. We would be welcome to attend.</p>	
8	<p>Monthly Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing not mentioned elsewhere 	<p>FD AH</p>
9	<p>Arts Centre Films</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The acclaimed documentary film <i>Hooligan Sparrow</i>(originally planned as one of the Human Rights Celebration events) will be shown at the Arts Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14th June. Admission is free by ticket, available from the SAC desk or from Fiona on 01722 324515. Donations welcome. • A clash with CND's AGM was noted and regretted. • Instead of our usual autumn screening, Salisbury Arts Centre has offered a film collaboration for International Women's Day 8/3/19. We agreed to accept. 	<p>FD</p>
10	<p>Data Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All petitions will include a statement to the effect that any personal details will not be retained. • Fair Processing Notices will be displayed • The Monthly Minutes will include a means for individuals to opt out of receiving communications from the Group, with a para "If you wish to unsubscribe..." 	<p>FD</p>
12	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>Documentary <i>Hooligan Sparrow</i>, Salisbury Arts Centre White Room, 7.30pm on Thursday 14 June 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equaliteas – The Secret Garden, Mill Road – Sunday, 10th June – 2.00-4.00 pm (this is a Compass project) • Market Stall – 23rd June (please continue to collect items!) • Amnesty Supporters Barbecue – TBC • Refugee Vigil – September 2018 • World Day Against the Death Penalty – October – date TBC 	
	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday 7th June 2018 Time: 7.30 pm</p>	

Venue: 4 Victoria Road

Please note the earlier date due to the film being shown on the 14th!

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