



Maasai International Solidarity Alliance

We, the Maasai International Solidarity Alliance, are extremely concerned about the ongoing wave of arbitrary arrests, detention and house searches against Maasai activist and Maasai individuals. For the last few months, levels of criminalisation of our community have increased to unprecedented levels.

Since the evening of 6 October, 5 innocent men have been detained at the Arusha central police station after being kidnapped. They were lured into Selian hospital by a young man who was forced to pretend that his father, Masiaya Tome, had died. When arriving at the hospital, they were abducted. Those being held are: Nangei Meitaya, Salangat Makko, Ezekiel Kishau, Dickson and Thadeus Clamian.

The charges against them are unknown and we are seriously concerned about their safety. They are not allowed to meet or communicate with family members or lawyers. Since August, over 30 people have been arrested in Ngorongoro division only while livestock confiscations and the targeting of individuals have increased in Loliondo.

This crackdown on our community is intensifying this week, while Tanzania is hosting 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Parliamentarians from around the world are gathering in Arusha from 5 to 9 October under the theme “Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all”.

We call on all attending parliamentarians and the international community at large to stand in solidarity with our people and against all forms of discrimination executed by the repressive Tanzania authorities. Police violence and the intimidation of our community must stop.

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