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URGENT APPEAL FREEDOM FOR FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BELARUS Please take part in the project "Urgent Appeal! #FreeBelarusWomen" (Facebook-Event link: https://fb.me/e/EP6NfKFT)

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I. Please share this Urgent Appeal as much as possible in your social media and/or place it on your webpage.

II. Video message "#FreeBelarusWomen"
Please send a solidarity sign to the brave
Belarusian women!
Short Video-Message (approx. 1-2 min.) (1.) Introduction, (2.) main demands:

immediately and unconditionally
release of ALL FEMALE POLITICAL

PRISONERS

stop the criminal and administrative
prosecution of all unlawfully detained

women Please send your video to: info@belaruswomen.org

III. Support the campaign #WeStandBYyou of Libereco by taking over a godparenthood for FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS in Belarus. For more informations: https://www.lphr.org/en/belarusgefangene-patenschaften-prisonersgodparenthood/

IV. Please congratulate the female political prisoners on the International Women's Day March 8th

V. Please use / apply frames to your profile pictures:

go to "change your profile picture" and, by using a hashtag #belaruswomen in the search field, choose one of the suggested frames.

List of female political prisoners, their stories, addresses and photos/posters: https://belaruswomen.org/en/politicalprisoners



APPEAL #FreeBelarusWome

We need you to stand by us, and if we succeed, it may be one step towards the future with more peace&democracy and less dictatorships&wars. Dear friends in the global women's movement, human rights groups, politicians, political and community activists!

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Women in Belarus have faced violence, imprisonment and rape, and threats to livelihood and their children. Many have been forced to flee the country.

Those detained are held in appalling conditions in over-crowded, lice-infected cells, denied hot water and sanitary protection. Despite all of this, women of Belarus refuse to give up.

The extent of arbitrary arrests, abductions and torture has far exceeded the capacity limits of the repressive regime. Even children, pregnant women, people with disability and elderly people have not been spared.

Since August 2020 in Belarus are: - more than 35.000 arrests, detentions and abductions and this number is rising every day. About one third of them are WOMEN.

 over 1000 reports of torture (link: Human Rights Situation in Belarus in 2020. Analytical Review by Viasna (spring96.org)

- Many cases of rape perpetrated with rubber batons, electrocution and other forms of physical and psychological torture;

- 8 officially recognised deaths and still dozens of missing persons since 9th of August who may also have been killed;

- Thousands of people have been sent into exile, some of the citizens, most of them prominent figures, have been forcefully deported out of the Belarus by the regime;

258 political prisoners per 01.03.2021 (updates link: Political prisoners in Belarus (spring96.org)
 37 of them are FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS link: Women political prisoners (belaruswomen.org)

In this regard, we call to:

- immediately and unconditionally release ALL FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS and drop all the criminal and administrative charges they are facing;

- immediate release of all political prisoners and their full rehabilitation;

- stop the criminal and administrative prosecution of all unlawfully detained women, politicians, democratic activists, bloggers, people who want to build a country for life, people who have suffered severely after peaceful actions for their rights.