

In 2021, Amnesty International Chapter 283 in Sacramento California expanded our online activism to keep engaged and offer meaningful action opportunities to our supporters. Our group continued to meet monthly on Zoom to discuss current issues and plan events, and we published a monthly newsletter for several hundred local subscribers. The newsletter lets supporters who do not attend meetings learn about human rights issues and take action locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

We partnered with two local high school Amnesty International clubs, providing resources and ideas to them and receiving the benefit of their input and participation in our campaigns. We also partnered with The Campaign for Uyghurs, Sacramento International Rescue Committee, the Yuba ICE Zero Campaign, California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice, Faithful Friends and other Amnesty groups in Northern California.

Here are some of the activities Local Group 283 in Sacramento organized or participated in during 2021.

International issues:

- We participated in the International Day of Action to stop the war in Yemen.
- We communicated solidarity with protesters in Myanmar facing lethal police reactions.
- We co-sponsored a film about a WWII U.S. program of kidnapping and indefinite incarceration of over 2,200 citizens of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries
- We had two speakers at our monthly meetings about persecution of Uyghur people in China and took action.
- We advocated to get COVID-19 vaccines to countries that are being shortchanged.
- We held a *Write for Rights* event on International Human Rights Day and wrote over 100 letters to help those persecuted for their peaceful actions or ideas around the world.

Our Individual at Risk

- We tweeted at Turkish officials ahead of an appeal hearing for Turkish Rights Defender Eren Keskin.
- We took actions to support Eren Keskin with virtual signs, advocacy letters and social media postings.

Refugees

- We presented a webinar on refugees and human rights with author Jessica Goudeau and California IRC.
- We partnered with local refugee resettlement agencies to support the new influx of Afghan refugees
- We advocated for Afghan refugee legislation and protested treatment of Cameroonian and Haitian refugees.

Immigrants and Asylum-Seekers

- We sponsored speakers at our meetings to learn more about local immigrant detention including hearing from an ICE detainee at Yuba County Jail.
- We partnered with California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice and other nearby Amnesty groups to support immigrant detainees in our community, writing letters to officials and packing the courts for immigration hearings. 11 detainees at a nearby ICE facility were released back to their homes as a result of our activism.
- We wrote in support of the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act in Congress and wrote dozens of letters to ICE officials, CA Governor Newsom and President Biden against continuing immigrant detention.
- We supported rallies and actions to stop deportations of local immigrants Lam Hong Le and Omar Ameen.
- We aided a local immigrant family purchasing warm winter clothes and grocery gift cards for them.

Human Rights Book Club

Our Group 283 Human Rights Book Club met seven times in 2021, discussing these books:

- **The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border** by Francisco Cantu
- **The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives** edited by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- **Speak Up! Speeches by young people to empower and inspire**, edited by Adora Svitak
- **Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future** by Mary Robinson
- **This Muslim American Life** by Moustafa Bayoumi
- **After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America** by Jessica Goudeau
- **Made in China: A Prisoner, SOS Letter, and the Hidden Cost of America's Cheap Goods** by Amelia Pang