

Prisoners for Peace Honour Roll 2008

as of 12 November 2008

Armenia

Aram Davtyan (3 Jul 2006-2 Jan 2009)
Hayk Avetisyan (17 Jul 2006-16 Jan 2009)
Gor Sukiasyan (22 Aug 2006-21 Feb 2009)
Mushegh Avetisyan (30 Aug 2006-28 Feb 2009)
Jirayr Zakaryan (2 Sep 2006-1 Mar 2009)
Nikol Yervandyan (6 Sep 2006-5 Mar 2009)
Vahe Mejlumyan (6 Sep 2006-5 Sep 2009)
Argishti Eghiazaryan (11 Sep 2006-10 Mar 2009)
Artak Kocharyan (12 Sep 2006-11 Mar 2009)
Vahagn Yeghiazaryan (20 Sep 2006-19 Mar 2009)
Nikolay Gasparyan (25 Sep 2006-24 Sep 2009)
Vahe Musaelyan (28 Nov 2006-27 May 2009)
Karapet Barseghyan (7 Feb 2007-6 Aug 2009)
Senik Harutyunyan (15 Feb 2007-14 Aug 2009)
Armen Zurabyan (27 Feb 2007-26 Feb 2010)
Gevorg Hovsepyan (3 Mar 2007-2 Sep 2009)
Sevada Grigoryan (12 Mar 2007-11 Mar 2009)
Bagrat Pirkulyan (15 Mar 2007-14 May 2009)
Karen Safaryan (15 Mar 2007-14 Sep 2009)
Vigen Yegiazaryan (15 Mar 2007-14 Jun 2009)
Hakob Babayan (16 Mar 2007-15 Jun 2009)
Vahan Babayan (16 Mar 2007-15 Sep 2009)
Kajik Harutyunyan (18 Mar 2007-17 Sep 2009)
Nshan Gevorgyan (17 Jul 2007-16 Jul 2010)
David Aroyan (3 Aug 2007-2 Feb 2010)
Edgar Hakobyan (7 Aug 2007-6 Aug 2009)
Andranik Aghekyan (8 Aug 2007-7 Feb 2010)
Ashot Qaryan (9 Aug 2007-8 Oct 2009)
Hayk Madatyan (11 Aug 2007-10 Aug 2010)
Karen Smbatyan (14 Aug 2007-13 Jun 2009)
Arman Ayvazyan (14 Aug 2007-13 Aug 2009)
Henrik Ghazaryan (23 Aug 2007-22 Aug 2009)
Levon Azizyan (23 Aug 2007-22 Aug 2009)
Argam Vardanyan (29 Aug 2007-28 Aug 2009)
Gor Kirakosyan (21 Sep 2007-20 Mar 2010)
Mkrtich Smbatyan (26 Sep 2007-25 Jul 2009)
Stepan Hovakimyan (26 Sep 2007-25 Mar 2010)
Babken Shahinyah (5 Dec 2007-4 Jun 2010)
Garik Gevorgyan (25 Dec 2007-24 Jun 2010)
Samson Indzigulyan (25 Dec 2007-24 Jun 2010)
Harutyun Vardazaryan (9 Jan 2008-8 Jul 2010)
Hrayr Mkrtchyan (14 Jan 2008-13 Jul 2010)
Hovhannes Arakelyan (18 Jan 2008-17 Jan 2010)
Araz Arshakyan (5 Feb 2008-4 Aug 2010)
Hamayak Eminyan (6 Feb 2008-5 May 2010)
David Petrosyan (7 Feb 2008-6 Aug 2010)
Martun Hovsepyan (7 Feb 2008-6 Aug 2010)
Zirayr Karyan (6 Mar 2008-5 Sep 2010)
Arman Kareyan (7 Mar 2008-6 Sep 2010)
Hovik Stepanyan (31 Mar 2008-30 Mar 2010)
Karo Aleksanyan (4 Apr 2008-3 Apr 2010)
David Arakelyan (7 Apr 2008-6 Apr 2009)
Vahe Ananyan (8 Apr 2008-7 Apr 2010)
Karen Voskanyan (11 Apr 2008-10 Oct 2010)
Erebuni Penal Institutions, Armenia
Jehovah's Witness COs. Sentenced for refusing to perform military service (article 327, para 1)

Taron Lalayan (25 Sep 2006-24 Mar 2009)
Hovhannes Khachatryan (22 Nov 2006-21 Nov 2009)
Gagik Qochinyan (5 Dec 2006-4 Jun 2009)
Albert Balyan (13 Dec 2006-12 Jun 2009)
Emil Hyrapetyan (21 Dec 2006-20 Dec 2008)
Yerem Hovhannisyan (10 Jan 2007-9 Jan 2010)
Sayad Tovmasyan (10 Jan 2007-9 Jan 2010)
Aram Yelchyan (13 Feb 2007-12 Aug 2009)

Action

- On 1 December, put aside at least one hour and write at least four cards to prisoners;
- Get your peace group or class or meeting place to organise a card-writing session;
- Set up a stall in your town centre, perform a bit of street theatre, or do whatever else it takes to attract attention and interest.

Sending cards and letters

- Always send your card in an envelope;
- Include a return name and address on the envelope;
- Be chatty and creative: send photos from your life, drawings;
- Tell prisoners what you are doing to stop war and war preparations;
- Don't write anything that might get the prisoner into trouble;
- Think about the sort of thing you'd like to receive if you were in prison;
- Don't begin, "You are so brave, I could never do what you have done";
- Don't expect the prisoner to reply;
- Remember-next year it could be you ...

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Gevorg Karapetyan (5 Apr 2007-4 Oct 2009)
Armen Kirakosyan (18 Apr 2007-17 Oct 2009)
Zora Melkonyan (13 Aug 2007-12 Feb 2010)
Roman Hovhannisyan (17 Dec 2007-16 Jun 2010)
Armen Mardoyan (5 Feb 2008-4 Aug 2010)
Ashot Simonyan (12 Mar 2008-11 Mar 2011)

Artik Penal Institution, Armenia

Jehovah's Witness CO. Sentenced for refusing to perform military service (article 327, para 1)

Hrachya Khachatryan (8 Dec 2006-7 Jun 2009)

Vanadzor Institution, Armenia

Jehovah's Witness CO. Sentenced for refusing to perform military service (article 327, para 1)

Vahram Baghramyman (3 Jun 2008-2 Dec 2010)

Gevorg Danughyan (8 Aug 2008-7 Aug 2010)
Tigran Melikyan (30 Jul 2008--)
Nubarashen Pretrial Detention Institution, Armenia
Jehovah's Witness CO. Sentenced for refusing to perform military service (article 327, para I)

Eritrea

Paulos Eyassu (24 Sep 1994--)
Negede Teklemariam (24 Sep 1994--)
Isaac Mogos (24 Sep 1994--)
Aron Abraha (9 May 2001--)
Mussie Fessehaye (1 Jun 2003--)
Ambakom Tsegezab (1 Feb 2004--)
Bemnet Fessehaye (1 Feb 2005--)
Henok Ghebru (1 Feb 2005--)
Kibreab Fessejaye (27 Dec 2005--)
Bereket Abraha Oqbagabir (1 Jan 2006--)
Yosief Fessehaye (1 Jan 2007--)
Amanuel Abraham (1 Jan 2007--)
Sawa Camp, Sawa, Eritrea
Jehovah's Witness. Imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service.

Finland

Sebastian Salminen (6 Oct 2008-4 Apr 2009)
Ylitornion vankila, Rajantie 410, 95600 Ylitornio, Finland
Sentenced to 181 days for refusing to perform substitute service.

Juhana Hirvonen (9 Oct 2008-8 Apr 2009)
Helsingin avovankila, Vantaan osasto, PL 36, 01531 Vantaa, Finland
Sentenced to 179 days for refusing to perform substitute service.

Ilmari Jaaranen (12 May 2008-12 Nov 2008)
Helsingin avovankila, Vantaan osasto, PL 36, 01531 Vantaa, Finland
Total objection to military and substitute service.

Niki Paajala (11 Aug 2008-11 Feb 2009)
Helsingin avovankila, Vantaan osasto, PL 36, 01531 Vantaa, Finland
Total objection to military and substitute service.

Joel Honka (9 Jun 2008-9 Dec 2008)
Vanajan vankila, Ojoisten osasto, Tampereentie 29, 13600 Hämeenlinna, Finland
Total objection to military and substitute service.

Valtteri Immonen (9 Jun 2008-9 Dec 2008)
Naarjärven vankila, PL 1, 76851 Naarjärvi, Finland
Total objection to military and substitute service.

Kari Myllynen (12 May 2008-26 Nov 2008)
Juuan vankila, PL 26, 83901 Juuka, Finland
Total objection to military and substitute service.

Matti Petteri Pönttiö (11 Nov 2008-6 Jan 2009)
Helsingin avovankila, Vantaan osasto, PL 36, 01531 Vantaa, Finland
Total objection to military and substitute service.

Germany

Jan-Patrick Ehlert (30 Oct 2008-19 Nov 2008)
21 days military arrest for disobeying orders.

Israel

Raz Bar-David Varon (3 Nov 2008-21 Nov 2008)
Military Prison No 400, Military Postal Code 02447, IDF, Israel
First prison term of 21 days for refusing to enlist.

Sahar Vardi (3 Nov 2008-21 Nov 2008)
Military Prison No 400, Military Postal Code 02447, IDF, Israel
Third prison term of 21 days for refusing to enlist.

Mia Tamarin (5 Nov 2008-23 Nov 2008)
Military Prison No 400, Military Postal Code 02447, IDF, Israel
Third prison term of 21 days for refusing to enlist.

Nagorno Karabakh

Areg Avanesyan (16 Feb 2005-14 Feb 2009)
Shushi Penal Institution, Nagorno Karabakh
Jehovah's Witness. Sentenced to 48 months imprisonment for refusing to perform military service, according to article 327 III of the Criminal Code of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

Russia

Igor Sutyagin (27 Oct 1999-26 Oct 2014)
Arkhangelsk Punishment Colony, 163050, Arkhangelsk, Ul. Pirosovaya, d. 27, FGU IK-1, 5 otryad, Russian Federation
Imprisoned since 27 Oct 1999, now convicted of espionage for researching public nuclear weapons information - sentenced 07 Apr 04.

Sweden

Per Strindlund (16 Oct 2008--)
Catherine Laska (16 Oct 2008--)
Häktet Örebro, Box 3, 70140 Örebro, Sweden
Disarmament action at BAE Systems facility at the Bofors industrial site in Karlskoga in Western Sweden on 16 Oct 2008. They placed a sign stating "This factory produces arms used in war - disarmament underway" before they go inside to hammer and scratch Howitzer 77, notorious for a bribe scandal during exports to India in the 80s.

USA

Robin Long (6 Sep 2008-14 Sep 2009)
Miramar Naval Consolidated Brig, PO BOX 452136, San Diego CA 92145-2136, USA
Serving a 15 months prison sentence for being AWOL.

Helen Woodson (03231-045) (9 Jan 2003-9 Sep 2011)
FMC Carswell, Max Unit, POB 27137, Ft. Worth, Texas 76127, USA
106 months. Parole violation with anti-war protest at the federal courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri, on 11 Mar 2004

Rafil Dhafir (11921-052) (26 Apr 2000-26 Apr 2022)
FCI Terre Haute, POB 33, Terre Haute, IN 47808, USA
22 years for convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, February 2005