Human Rights Cases

ACS monitors potential threats to the scientific freedom and human rights of chemical scientists and engineers, as well as to chemistry-related professionals. When evidence is presented that a scientist’s or engineer’s human rights have been abridged, ACS may undertake a variety of mechanisms to respond to the allegation, including letter writing campaigns, conducting fact-finding meetings with government officials at home and abroad, and other public outreach activities.

To receive an alert regarding science and human rights cases that the ACS is monitoring, please register for the ACS Science and Human Rights Alert Network.

If you become aware of any scientist or engineer, who has had his or her human rights infringed upon, please report the incident immediately to intlacts@acs.org so that the appropriate response can be undertaken. In your email, please include your name and contact information, the name of the scientist and other pertinent information related to the case (i.e. current location, position/employment, affiliations, nature of the human rights violation, supporting documents such as news articles, etc.).

Petitions – Act Now

Please visit the Scholars at Risk website to view alerts and take action on behalf of a threatened scholar.