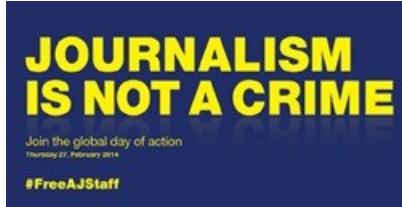


Global Day of Action in support of detained journalists

Today, Thursday, 27 February 2014 sees a Global Day of Action take place in over 30 countries in support of Al Jazeera's detained journalists in Egypt.



Al Jazeera hopes that, through the attention of the world's media and partners, pressure can be brought to bear on the Egyptian authorities to hasten the release of Peter Greste, Mohammed Fahmy, Baher Mohamed and Abdullah El Shamy.

Al Jazeera English's Mohamed, Fahmy and Greste have been detained since 29 December 2013. Al Jazeera Arabic's El Shamy has been detained without charge since 14 August 2013 and has been on hunger strike in protest since 23 January 2014.

"We truly appreciate the solidarity from everybody right around the world," says Dr Mostefa Souag, general director of Al Jazeera Media Network. "The pressure, support and calls for our colleagues to be released have continued to keep the story in the news. The Global Day of Action is about the freedom of the press; it is about objective reporting and ensuring journalists cannot be gagged or silenced. We ask everyone to contribute to the Global Day of Action on Thursday. Journalism is not a crime."

#FreeAJStaff

The hashtag [#FreeAJStaff](#) has reportedly gone viral worldwide, with quarter of a billion impressions on Twitter alone since 1 February 2014. The campaign has already had an outpouring of popular and political support worldwide, with institutions including the White House, European Union and the United Nations calling for the release of the journalists and for press freedoms to be upheld.

The campaign looks set to ramp up further with public events taking place in Nairobi, Sydney, Manila, Islamabad, Doha, Amman, Ankara, Berlin, London, Rio, Montreal, Washington DC and San Francisco on Thursday. Every continent of the world will see action.

Al Jazeera is urging people from all backgrounds to join in by supporting the rallies and amplifying the social media

campaign using the hashtag #FreeAJstaff.

To build on the online #FreeAJstaff campaign, Al Jazeera will be using Thunderclap, which will allow people to pledge a Tweet, Facebook post, or Tumblr post containing the same message that's unleashed, all at the same time, throughout the world. At 2pm GMT on Thursday, 27 February 2014, Thunderclap will post simultaneously to the hundreds of Twitter and Facebook accounts supporting the campaign in a truly global action.

For more, go to www.aljazeera.com/Freeajstaff.

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