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### **Buddhist Woman Imprisoned for Complaining of Noise at Mosque**

Your Excellency,

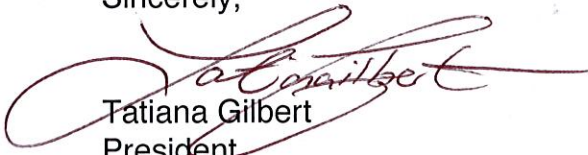
On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately and unconditionally quash the convictions of the Buddhist woman Meliana who was convicted of blasphemy following a complaint she made regarding noise outside her residency.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of the arrest and detainment of **Meliana**. The nature of this situation suggests that her detainment is of a possibly political or religious motivation.

We strongly believe that you and the Ministry of Law and Human Rights have a responsibility to investigate these reports and to ensure that Meliana and her family are given effective protection from violence or threats of violence. We also urge you to repeal or amend all blasphemy provisions set out in laws and regulations which violate the rights to freedom of expression and of thought, conscience and religion.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Mahmoud Abbasi, Deputy for Human Rights and International Affairs



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