

**Amnesty International (UK) Norwich Group  
Open Meeting 21 December 2011**

**Chair** drew our attention to the death of Vaclav Havel, President of Czech Republic, founder member of Charter 77.

**Apologies** Louise, Carl, 17 people present

**Newsclips**

Jim drew our attention to the continuing human rights abuses, particularly the disappearance of large numbers of individuals, in Balochistan, a province of Pakistan. In the capital Quetta a hunger strike and a press conference was organised for 10 December to raise the voices of those families affected. In the last year 220 bodies have been found.

**Matters arising from November open meeting**

Write for Rights event – Photos and quotes taken for group website. Actress Matilda Zeigler, Rosalind and Simon Wright MP, Councillor Lesley Grahame and local supporters came along.

**Monthly Action**

Azerbaijan - Jabbar Savalan - persecuted for messages posted on Facebook calling for protests against the government. His case is included in the Write for Rights campaign and Greeting Card Campaign.

**Information from AIUK**

Shaker Amer's health is getting worse. He has been in Guantanamo for 10 years. Draft letter is available through Amnesty and Reprieve. Copy available with DF.

**Finances** £5,000 will be sent to AIUK as group contribution.

Joanna will contact database and ask for donations in lieu of membership fee. David H agreed we could use his home address for cheques.

**Events** Quiz and Dips 4 February 7.15 for 7.30 St Thomas Church Hall Earlham Road

**Dates for the diary**

8 March 6.30 Shami Chakrabarti Thomas Paine Centre UEA

**AOB**

Lesley thanked the people who helped in the Charity Christmas card shop. We are looking for organiser for next year.

**Date next meeting Wednesday 18 January 2012**