

Freedom to Aleh Surhan!

President of the Republic of Belarus
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Dear President Lukashenka,

I am deeply concerned by the conviction of Aleh Surhan. On 19.02.2010 he was sentenced to 6 months of arrest because of alleged resistance to the police. The true reason of his sentence is the hanging of a white-red-white flag in Vitebsk on 03.09.2009. Belarusian Human Rights Organisations consider the sentence of Aleh Surhan to be politically motivated as well as the accusations to be imaginary.

Libereco - Partnership for Human Rights believes that Aleh Surhan is a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for his oppositional activities and to express his opinion. Freedom of express is a human right.

The imprisonment of prisoners of conscience has to considered as a strong violation of human rights, whose compliance Belarus is obligated to guarantee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Belarus has signed. I would like to remind you of the international obligations of your country and urge you:

- **to release Aleh Surhan immediately and unconditionally**
- to ensure the right to freedom of expression to all people in Belarus
- to end the persecution, harassment and intimidation of dissidents

Yours sincerely,

Name	Town	Country	Signature

Please send this petition until 31.05.2010 to:

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