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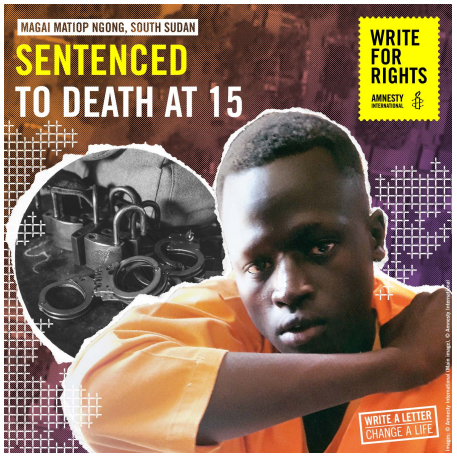
South Sudan: Overturn Magai Matiop Ngong's Death Sentence



Dear Ambassador,

I am writing in concern for Magai Matiop Ngong, a 17-year-old on death row in South Sudan. He was 15 years old when he was convicted of the murder of his cousin and sentenced to death by hanging. During his trial, Magai told the judge that that his cousin's death was an accident. Magai did not have a lawyer during his trial. Anyone below 18 years of age at the time they were involved in a crime, must not be sentenced to death, let alone be executed. The use of the death penalty against people like Magai is strictly prohibited by Section 21(2) the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan and by the Convention on the Rights of a Child. Magai's death sentence must be cancelled.

Yours Sincerely,

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