

ABOUT OLA BINI

Ola Bini has been arrested by the Ecuadorian authorities on April 11. His detention is undue, illegal and contrary to human and constitutional rights.

Ola is a privacy and free software advocate. His contributions are multiple: OTRv4, CoyM, Enigmail, JRuby and his team has helped Tor, Let's Encrypt, and more.

He's currently being investigated for attacking the integrity of computer systems but the prosecution doesn't say what systems he attack or what information has been compromised.

Many irregularities put a shadow on his arrest process and he's being held in a 90 days pre-detention before the actual charges are even submitted. The prosecution has no evidence of any crime except stating that "the books he owns are suspicious" or that he was "carrying too many electronic devices". He should be free!

Ecuador's government representatives made multiple false statements to the press: they said he was detained before a judge wrote his detention order; that he was fleeing the country while his travel was planned months before; that he was conspiring for the destabilization of the government with the former minister of foreign affairs of Ecuador, who then declared he has never met Ola.

The UN Working Group for Arbitrary Detention and UN Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression "expressed consternation, particularly because the arrest and charges against Mr. Bini seem to be connected to public support and his friendship with Julian Assange, as well as to his work and activism in the area of privacy".

The detention of Ola is politically motivated, adds a new precedent and puts at risk this entire community further criminalizing privacy advocates.

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