

# ABOUT OLA BINI

Ola Bini is a world-renowned privacy and free software advocate. He was arrested by the Ecuadorian authorities on April 11th. His detention is unjustified, illegal and contrary to human and constitutional rights.

His contributions are many: OTRv4, CoyLM, Enigmail, JRuby and his team supported Tor, Let's Encrypt, and many other open source projects.

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

Many irregularities cast a shadow on his arrest process. He can be held for 90 days pre-detention before the actual charges are even submitted. The prosecution has no evidence of any crime only 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 have made multiple false statements to the press: they announced he was detained before a judge had written his detention order; that he was fleeing the country though his travel was planned months before; that he was conspiring to destabilize the government with the former minister of foreign affairs of Ecuador who has denied he has ever 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, sets a dangerous precedent criminalizing privacy advocates and putting at risk the entire free software community.

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