FREE MARGARETTA D'ARCY! LIGTEAR SAOR MARGARETTA D'ARCY!

On Wednesday 15 January, 79-year-old Margaretta D'Arcy—a writer and member of Aosdána, which honours outstanding contributors to the arts—was arrested and put in Limerick Prison to serve a three-month sentence. Her crime: failure to sign a bond pledging not to trespass on unauthorised areas of Shannon Airport.



Margaretta D'Arcy was arrested twice for sitting on the runway at Shannon.

Her first trial, in December at Ennis District Court, found her and her co-defendant, Niall Farrell, guilty of interfering with the "proper" use of Shannon Airport.

Shannon Airport is supposed to be a civilian airport, yet it is being used as a transit hub for US warplanes, cargo planes carrying drones, and troop-carriers, as well as planes implicated in "extraordinary rendition" flights, involving the kidnapping and transporting of people to secret detention centres for "interrogation."

The Irish Government has allowed more than 2 million American soldiers to pass through Shannon Airport in the past decade, most of them on their way to wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The US government defines Shannon Airport as a "key transit point for military flights and military contract flights carrying personnel and material to Iraq and the Middle East/Gulf theatre in the global war on terror, as well as to Europe and Africa."

Many artists, writers, Margaretta's colleagues in Aosdána and a former assistant secretary-general of the United Nations have demand her release from prison.

We also demand an end to the use of Shannon Airport as a US military hub.

- Return Shannon Airport to civilian use!
- Release Margaretta D'Arcy!

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What you can do

Write or e-mail to demand her immediate release:

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For more information about the campaign to free Margaretta D'Arcy, email us: freemargaretta@gmail.com

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Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoin bhfeachtas le Margaretta D'Arcy a shaoradh scríobh chuig freemargaretta@gmail.com.

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