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From one man's realisation in 1961 that people are stronger when they act together Amnesty International has grown into a global human rights movement of over 3 million supporters.

"Since the Amnesty International candle first shone a light on the world's hellholes, there has been a human rights revolution. The call for freedom, justice and dignity has moved from the margins and is now a truly global demand," said Salil Shetty, Amnesty International's Secretary General.

The 50th anniversary was marked with the launch of a Global Call to Action with events held in almost 60 countries in every region of the world.

The global event pays tribute to the story of two Portuguese students imprisoned for raising their glasses to liberty - an injustice that so outraged British lawyer Peter Benenson that he launched Amnesty International on 28 May 1961.

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