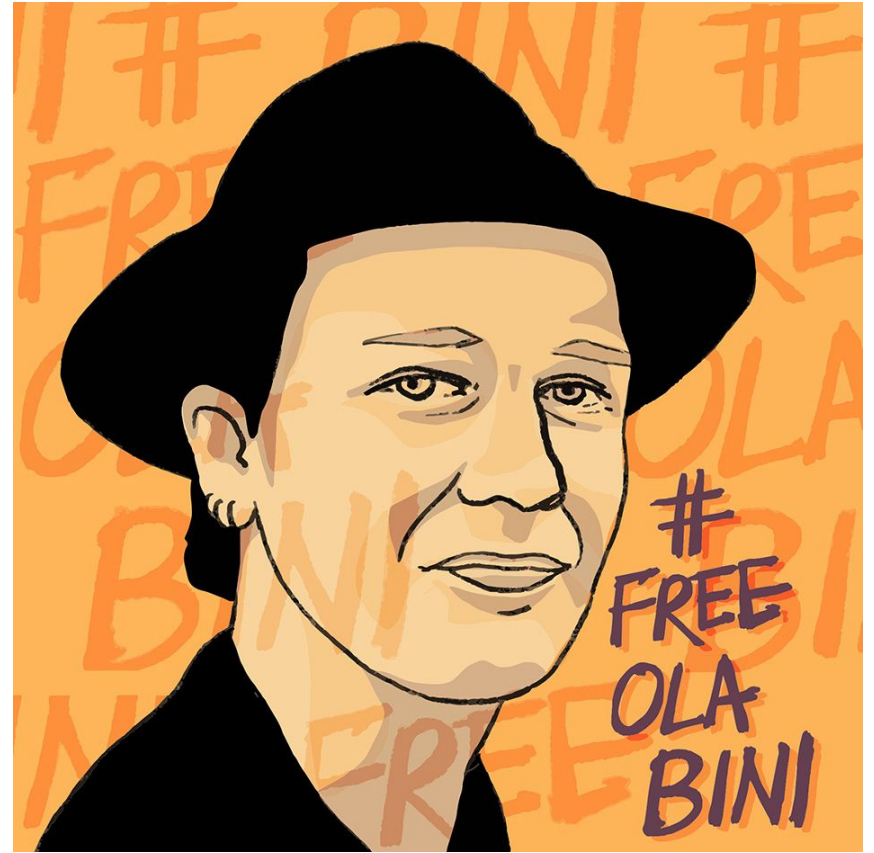


Ola Bini:
unfairly detained
for working in
cryptography,
security and privacy

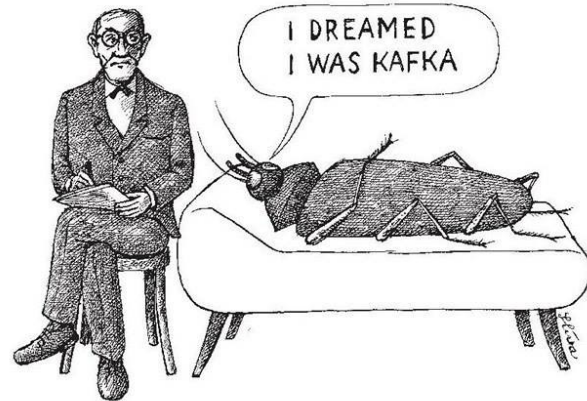


Who is Ola Bini?

- Creator of two programming languages: Ioke, Sesh
- Collaborator to JRuby
- Collaborator to the Tor Project, Enigmail Project, Let's Encrypt Project
- Working on the version 4 of the Off-the-Record (OTR) protocol around deniability, confidentiality and privacy. Joint work with Ian Goldberg and Nik Unger, closely related to what was presented on day 1 at the 'Succinct Arguments and Secure Messaging' track.
- Illegally detained in Ecuador until this day
 - "I told her that we were headed into a world where people would have important, intimate, long-term relationships with people they had never met face to face. I was worried about privacy in that world, and that's why I was working on cryptography" - Whitfield Diffie

Why is he detained?

- How did all happened?
- No real charges
- Friendship with Julian Assange
- Human rights violations: no access to lawyers, no presumption of innocence, awful cell conditions, no real charges, absurdity of the preventive prison, showing his devices as evidence, showing english books as evidence...



Why should we care?

- It can happen to anyone working on security, privacy and cryptography nowadays
- It lowers the trust we have on due process
- The security, privacy and cryptography profession is now of high risk
- It is an evisceration of liberty: freedom of speech, movement, and, even, economic engagement
- Cryptographic, privacy and security work gets halted
- One of the few NGOs working in cryptographic, privacy and security

What can be done?

- Retweet with the hashtag #FreeOlaBini
- Visit the website: freeolabini.org
- Talk about it
- Engage!
 - “Most academic cryptographers seem to think that our field is a fun, deep, and politically neutral game -a set of puzzles involving communicating parties and notional adversaries. This vision of who we are animates a field whose work is intellectually impressive and rapidly produced, but also quite inbred and divorced from real-world concerns. Is this what cryptography should be like? Is it how we should expend the bulk of our intellectual capital?”

-Rogaway, P. (2015), *The Moral Character of Cryptographic Work*,
○ University of California, Davis, USA

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