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5 residents of Hama'Lu were imprisoned after a protest in Suderaka. On 17 October a demonstration against Kai Aragorn was orchestrated. Every demonstrator was arrested, including a group of residents from Hama'Lu.

What happened

"I think it all started when I became friends on facebook with Theodore Dragon, someone from Suderaka. We both liked spiritualism and hit it off from there. We became fast friends. Before we knew it, we were talking every day. It was like the differences in our countries didn't matter. But then he talked about the religion, there, in Suderaka," **Keanu Ikaika**, one of the former prisoners, started off. "There is only one religion allowed there and the non-believers are treated horribly. The thing I heard gave me shivers down my spine."

"I couldn't leave them be. It was an odd concept for me: forced religion. In Hama'Lu it's the opposite. So, I wanted to help them. Together with a couple of others and Theodore, we organised a demonstration. Things were going well until we were caught and thrown in prison. It was a scary experience, but I'm glad it's over. I hope Theodore and the others are doing well."

Once the Hama'Luan government heard about what had happened, a **meeting with Suderaka** was scheduled.

The solution

Neither of the countries wanted trouble or for things to go sideways. After a long meeting of nearly eight hours Hama'Lu and Suderaka managed to find a **compromise** that worked for them both. In exchange for the 5 prisoners, Hama'Lu will communicate to their inhabitants that this behavior should not be repeated again. A **nationwide campaign starring Lady Gaga** will be held on the radio, television and in schools.

Future

A message directly for the residents of Hama'Lu from **Olina Aukai, head of Foreign Affairs**. "It is good to stand up for freedom. We even encourage it. Our country wants to thrive and be open to everyone. It's woven into our DNA. However, every country is different and we need to accept those differences. We can't expect them to be a carbon copy of Hama'Lu. So, people of Hama'Lu, we ask you to be careful and to not repeat this situation. We have learned and will continue to learn."