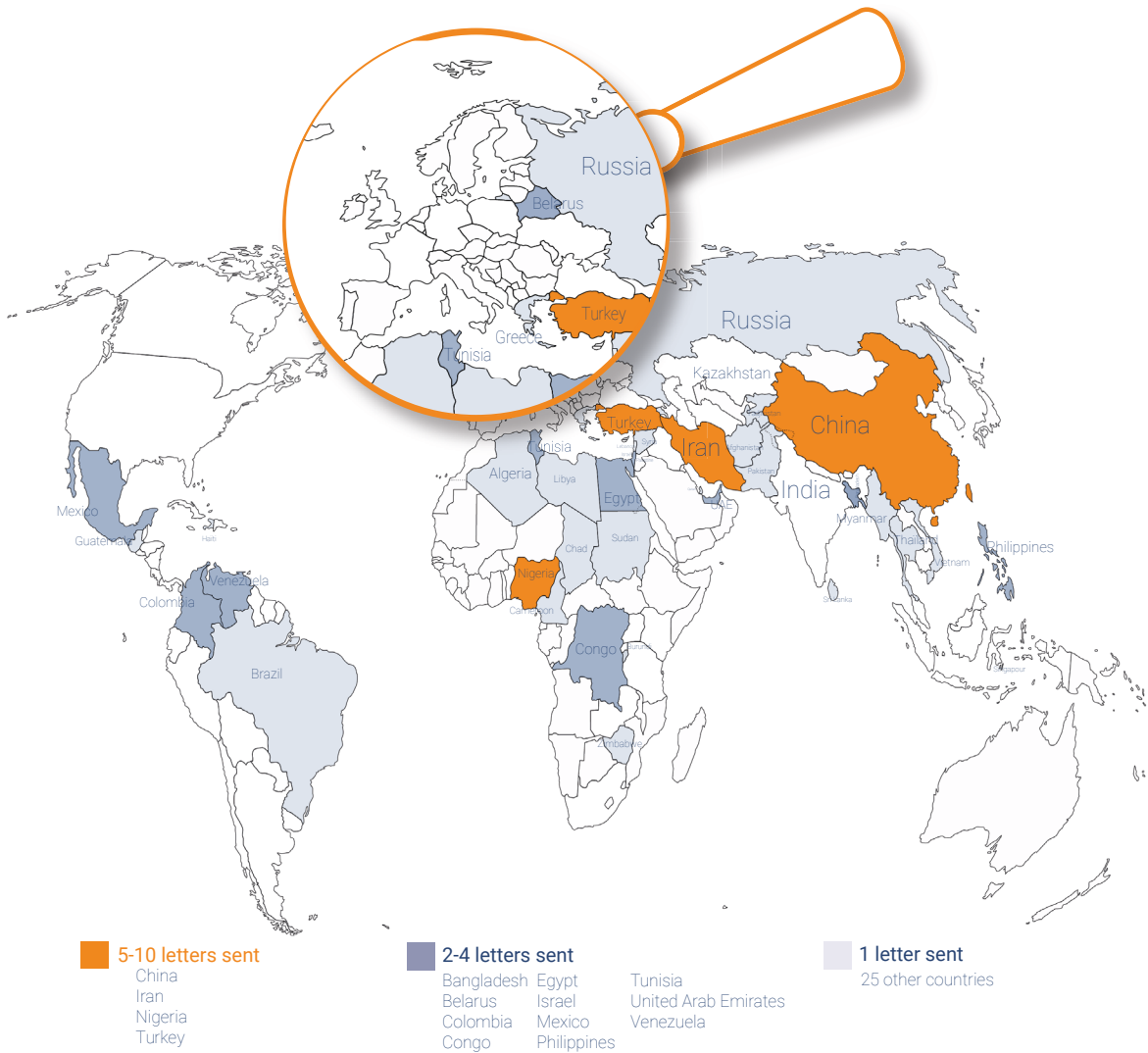


In **2022** the CCBE sent  
**81** letters in support of more than **150** endangered lawyers  
 in **40** countries around the world



Number of letters sent per country

- Afghanistan (1)
- Algeria (1)
- Armenia (1)
- Bangladesh (2)
- Belarus (4)
- Brazil (1)
- Burundi (1),
- Cameroon (1)
- Chad (1)
- China (8)
- Colombia (2)
- Congo (RDC) (3)
- Egypt (3)
- Fiji (1)
- Greece (1)
- Guatemala (1)
- Haiti (1)
- Iran (5)
- Israel (3)
- Kyrgyzstan (1)
- Libya (1)
- Mexico (4)
- Myanmar (1)
- Nigeria (5)
- Pakistan (1)
- Philippines (3)
- Qatar (1)
- Russia (1)
- Singapore (1)
- Sri Lanka (1)
- Sudan (1)
- Syria (1)
- Tajikistan (1)
- Thailand (1)
- Tunisia (3)
- Turkey (7)
- United Arab Emirates (2)
- Venezuela (2)
- Vietnam (1)
- Zimbabwe (1)

	<b>6%</b> Murder   Attempt murder   Death
	<b>50%</b> Arrest   Detention   Prison   Prosecution   Torture
	<b>40%</b> Threats   Assault   Harassment   Ill-treatment   Travel Ban   Break-in   Abduction
	<b>4%</b> Deprivation of the right to exercise the legal profession and attack against the independence of the legal profession

## Overview of CCBE letters in support of endangered lawyers 2022

COUNTRY	Lawyers concerned	Letter sent the:	Link to the letter	Types of HR violation and summary of the case
<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>	Lawyers in Afghanistan	06/09/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<p><b>Deprivation of the rights to exercise the legal profession and attacks against the independence of the legal profession</b></p> <p>Since the AIBA was forced to cease its activities in the country and was put under the control of the Ministry of Justice, women lawyers are no longer allowed to practice. Those who still wish to exercise their profession publicly and freely are at risk of being arrested. Furthermore, licenses to practice the profession will not be issued for new applicants, but that only AIBA registered lawyers will be re-evaluated on the basis of their understanding of the Sharia principles and their past activities</p>
<b>ALGERIA</b>	Yassin Khleifi	16/06/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<p><b>Detention</b></p> <p>Lawyer Yassin Khleifi was put in provisional detention by the investigative judge in the Chief Court on undisclosed charges. Lawyer Yassin Khleifi is one of the legal representatives of political activist of the Hirak movement Rachid Nekkaz. It appears that this is the reason used to detained him.</p>
<b>ARMENIA</b>	Erik Aleksanyan	15/11/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<p><b>Arrest</b></p> <p>Lawyer Erik Aleksanyan was remanded into custody on 19 October as part of a criminal probe also involving judge Arusyak Aleksanyan and her assistant. He is accused of allegedly assisting an official in a case of abuse of power. National Security Service (NSS) officers who arrested Erik Aleksanyan near a court in Yerevan used brute force against the lawyer. His arrest is believed to be connected with his professional activities and his criticism of some government officials.</p>
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	Shahanur Islam	04/10/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<p><b>Continuous threats and harassment</b></p> <p>Lawyer Shahanur Islam received several death threats in late August and early September 2022 due to his continues work as a lawyer in defence of human rights. Lawyer Shahanur Islam is a well-known human rights lawyer who has defended the rights of ethnic, religious, political and sexual minorities, as well as in cases of torture, extrajudicial killing.</p>
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	Shahanur Islam	19/10/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<p><b>Intensifying threats</b></p>

				On 6 October 2022, 3 to 5 people forcefully stopped his cousin, Saidul Islam at Kolabazar Naogaon. They threatened him to kill Shahanur Islam, if the latter did not withdraw the cases against Jahurul Islam and the aggressors who physically attacked him at the court premises of Naogaon district in 2020. One of the individuals involved was the brother-in-law of Jahurul Islam and member of the criminal gang of Jahurul, who took part in the physical attack against Shananur Islam in 2020.
<b>BELARUS</b>	Lizaveta Matveyeva	27/01/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Disbarment</b> On 23 December 2021, lawyer Lizaveta Matveyeva was suspended from exercising her professional duties. It is reported that she was summoned for extraordinary re-attestation which she disagreed with and therefore appealed the decision in court. Her absence at the re-certification, which she did not attend because of her ongoing appeal, was considered as a disciplinary misconduct, resulting in her licence being revoked by the Ministry of Justice and was consequently expelled from the Minsk City Bar.
<b>BELARUS</b>	Lawyers in Belarus	24/03/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Use of disciplinary proceedings against lawyers</b> On 28 February 2022, a public statement against the war in Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the Appeal) was circulated among the legal profession in Belarus. We understand that this Appeal was signed by lawyers and former lawyers who had previously been deprived of their licenses. In connection with the signing of this public Appeal, it is reported that several lawyers were persecuted. In particular, we were informed that several lawyers received demands from the leadership of some Bars to withdraw signatures under the Appeal, as well as demands to provide reasons for their signing the Appeal
<b>BELARUS</b>	Alexander Danilevich	25/05/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> On 20 May 2022, Alexander Danilevich was detained and placed in the pre-trial detention centre of the State Security Committee. His detention is the result of criminal proceedings brought against him, but for which the charges remain unknown. His detention is linked to statements he has made, including on social networks or in the media, condemning the prosecution of people active in the protection of fundamental rights, against the war or on other important societal issues. This also includes a public petition against the war in Ukraine which he signed in his capacity as a lawyer.
<b>BELARUS</b>	Vitaly Braginets and Andrey Machalau	08/06/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention and judicial harassment</b> On 23 May 2022, Mr. Braginets' apartment was searched, and subsequently he was taken to the State Security Committee, and then to the police station for questioning about his "involvement in protest activities". He was consequently accused and detained for "disobeying a police officer" under Article 24.3 of the Code of the Republic of Belarus on Administrative Offenses. Despite the expiration of his 15-day administrative detention, Mr. Braginets was not released on 7 June 2022. And, on 3 June 2022, it became known that a criminal case was initiated against lawyer Andrey Machalau on charges of "using deliberately forged documents" (part 1 of article 380 of the Criminal Code of Belarus) – a lawyer's certificate and a warrant for the protection of a client.

<b>BRAZIL</b>	José Vargas Sobrinho Junior	27/01/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Continued detention</b> On 13 December 2021, the assistant judge of the Criminal Court of Redenção, in the State of Pará, ordered the maintenance on house arrest of lawyer José Vargas Sobrinho Junior.
<b>BURUNDI</b>	Sandra Ndayizeye	04/10/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> Lawyer Sandra Ndayizeye was arrested on 28 September 2022. It is reported that her arrest is directly linked to her work as the defence lawyer of Dr. Christophe Sahabo who is currently detained in a cell in Bujumbura's central prison.
<b>CAMEROON</b>	Patrick Yong Fanyong	10/05/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Abduction</b> On 1 May 2022, lawyer Patrick Yong Fanyong was abducted by two unidentified gunmen at the entrance of his residence at Mile Four Nkwen-Bamenda III, in the North-West Region. It is reported that his abduction is linked to his work as a lawyer in politically sensitive cases related to the situation in the English-speaking regions in Cameroon.
<b>CHAD</b>	Max Loalngar	31/05/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> On 17 May 2022, lawyer Max Loalngar was arrested at his mother's house by unknown men in two vehicles with tinted windows, following a summons from the judicial police. He was then detained at the General Intelligence Services without any trial date being scheduled. His detention seems to be related to a peaceful protest he participated in.
<b>CHINA</b>	Tang Jitian	27/01/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Enforced disappearance</b> Lawyer Tang Jitian is believed to be held incommunicado since 10 December 2021 when he wanted to attend the Human Rights Day. It is also reported that he has been subject to beating and deprivation of sleep.
<b>CHINA</b>	Xu Zhiyong, Ding Jiayi	27/01/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Continued detention</b> Lawyers Ding Jiayi and Xu Zhiyong have been held incommunicado in Shandong province, north-eastern China, since 2019. They are reported to have been subjected to torture, ill-treatment and deprived of the right to a lawyer.
<b>CHINA</b>	Song Yusheng, Wang Yu, Xie Yang	09/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Harassment, detention</b> Lawyer Song Yusheng was summoned to a disbarment hearing in Beijing on 11 January 2022. He faces disciplinary action for his speech in defence of his client. Lawyer Wang Yu, who received the CCBE Human Rights Award 2015 1, was publicly assaulted outside a courthouse on 13 January 2022 in relation to a case she was handling in Suzhou. Lawyer Xie Yang was arrested by national security police on 11 January 2022 for "inciting subversion of state power" and "picking quarrels and provoking trouble". Xie Yang was first detained in Changsha No. 1 Detention Centre but that his current location is now unknown.
<b>CHINA</b>	Yu Wensheng	28/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention, harassment</b> Lawyer Yu Wensheng is expected to leave Nanjing Prison (Jiangsu Province) on 1 March 2022, after having been detained for 50 months.

				Many concerns have been reported that he would in fact not be released on time, that he would be unable to go home and/or be reunited with his family in Beijing and that, in spite of being released, he would suffer intimidation and/or harassment by the authorities upon his release.
<b>CHINA</b>	Chow Hang-Tung	16/06/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> Lawyer Chow Hang-tung has been detained since 9 September 2021 on charges of “inciting subversion” under the new National Security Law, and faces up to 10 years in prison. Lawyer Chow Hang-tung is a practising lawyer in China’s and in Hong Kong’s legal system. Her ongoing detention appears to be connected to the exercise of her fundamental human right to freedom of expression, and serves to unlawfully hinder her legitimate activities as a lawyer.
<b>CHINA</b>	Ding Jiayi and Xu Zhiyong	06/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Continued Detention and unfair trial</b> On 24 June 2022, lawyers Ding Jiayi and Xu Zhiyong went on trial behind closed doors on charges of state subversion. They could not reach the lawyers of their choice and that the legal representatives present at their trial had been ordered to sign confidentiality agreements forbidding them from speaking to the media or risk severe consequences
<b>CHINA</b>	Caoilfhionn Gallagher, Jonathan Price and Jennifer Robinson	29/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Threats</b> Three British lawyers received threats on 7 July 2022, via anonymous e-mails warning them against travelling to Hong-Kong to defend their client, Jimmy Lai who is charged under a national security law that People’s Republic of China imposed in June 2020 to punish terrorism, collusion with foreign forces, subversion and other offences with possible life imprisonment.
<b>CHINA</b>	Chang Weiping	29/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Continued detention and trial behind closed doors</b> Chang Weiping who is still detained, stood trial on 26 July 2022 for “subversion of state power” behind closed doors, as his wife was prevented from traveling to the court in the northern Chinese province of Shaanxi. We understand that the charge he is accused of carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a minimum jail term of ten years
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	Víctor Mosquera Marín	10/05/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Judicial harassment</b> This is the second letter sent in support of the lawyer who is facing judicial action against him in direct retaliation of his work as a lawyer.
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	Luz Estella Romero Villalba	10/05/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Harassment</b> Lawyer Luz Estella Romero Villalba has been the victim of harassment in relation to her work as a human rights lawyer in Colombia, where she represents and coordinates the Asociación Colectivo Mujeres al Derecho (COLEMAD) which centres its work on the promotion, respect and defence of the human rights of women, girls, youth and marginalised communities, as well as on environmental and territorial issues.
<b>CONGO (RDC)</b>	William Balume Kavebwa	27/01/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> Le 21 novembre 2021, Maître William Balume Kavebwa a été arrêté de manière arbitraire et sans aucun motif valable à l’aéroport international de Ndjili par les services de la DGM puis de l’ANR de la RDC alors qu’il était sur le point de prendre son vol pour un déplacement professionnel de quatre

				jours à Dubaï afin de représenter un consortium espagnol pour lequel il offre ses services depuis un certain temps et de faciliter un investissement approuvé par la RDC.
<b>CONGO (RDC)</b>	Timothée Mbuya	09/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Attack/Threats</b> Au moins six assaillants armés ont attaqué le domicile de l’avocat congolais spécialiste de l’environnement, Maître Timothée Mbuya le 12 janvier 2022. Pendant plus d’une heure, les assaillants auraient menacé de mort les membres de la famille, dont le fils de 9 ans de l’avocat, afin d’obtenir des informations sur l’endroit où se trouve l’avocat, qui se cache actuellement.
<b>CONGO (RDC)</b>	Justin Muhire	12/10/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> Maître Justin Muhire a été arrêté le 5 octobre 2022 de manière arbitraire et sans aucun motif valable. Maître Justin Muhire avait reçu des menaces d’arrestation d’un magistrat du Parquet Général du Nord-Kivu. Ce même magistrat a des intérêts particuliers dans un dossier traité par Maître Justin Muhire. Suite à cela, Maître Justin Muhire avait saisi le Parquet Général pour que l’affaire instruite à son encontre lui soit communiquée afin qu’elle puisse être traitée en toute impartialité. Toutefois, malgré cela, Maître Justin Muhire a tout de même été arrêté.
<b>EGYPT</b>	Mohamed El-Baqer	27/01/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Sentencing</b> On 20 December 2021, Egypt’s Emergency State Security Court sentenced human rights lawyer Mohamed El-Baqer to four years in prison on charges of “spreading false news undermining national security”.
<b>EGYPT</b>	Osama Bayoumi	09/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> Osama Bayoumi was arbitrarily arrested following a raid on his home on 29 January 2022 and has not been presented to any investigative authorities since his arrest. His professional laptop and mobile phone, containing his clients files, were confiscated.
<b>EGYPT</b>	Youssef Mansour	07/04/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> On 24 March 2022, lawyer Youssef Mansour was arrested. It is reported that after being arrested, he was taken to an unknown place for two days. He then appeared before the Supreme state security prosecution on 26 March 2022, on accusations of joining an illegal group, and spreading false news inside and outside Egypt
<b>FIJI</b>	Richard Naidu	10/11/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Judicial harassment</b> Lawyer Richard Naidu was charged with contempt of court by Attorney-General of Fiji in relation to a Facebook post the lawyer made, which was considered by the Attorney-General as a conduct deliberately designed to scandalise the Court and the Judicial Officer and to bring into disrepute and lower the reputation of the Judicial Officer and the administration of justice in Fiji. The Facebook post brought attention to the fact that the word ‘injunction’ in the judgment had been misspelt as ‘injection’, with the caption: “Maybe our judges need to be shielded from all of this vaccination campaigning. I’m pretty sure all the Applicant wanted was an injunction [Thinking face Emoji]”

<b>GREECE</b>	Manolis Papadomanolakis	04/10/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Attack</b> On 23 September 2022, Manolis Papadomanolakis, a member of the board of the Chania Bar Association was stabbed in the neck by a masked man while waiting outside the courthouse in the City of Chania.
<b>GUATEMALA</b>	Claudia González, Leydi Indira Santizo Rodas and Flor María Gálvez	29/04/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Harassment</b> These lawyers have been facing serious obstacles when practising their legitimate activities as lawyers, in addition to the risk of criminalisation of their work
<b>HAITI</b>	Robinson Pierre-Louis	11/08/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> On 22 July 2022, lawyer Pierre Louis was arrested. It appears that his indictment is not based on any material element. The Federation of Haitian bars denounced an arbitrary and illegal nature of the arrest of Robinson Pierre-Louis.
<b>IRAN</b>	Amirsalar Davoudi	06/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> On 26 June 2022, lawyer Amirsalar Davoudi who was temporarily released from prison on 13 June last year after about 2 years and 7 months in prison, was returned to prison.
<b>IRAN</b>	Mohammad Ali Dadkhah	29/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> Lawyer and human rights activist Mohammad Ali Dadkhah was arrested and sent to prison on 20 July 2022 to serve the eight-year sentence he received in 2011 for allegedly attempting to overthrow the ruling system in place. However, when he was convicted, the charges against him were in fact directly related to his peaceful and legitimate work in defence of human rights.
<b>IRAN</b>	Mahsa Gholamalizadeh, Saeid Jalilian, Milad Panahipour, Hossein Jalilian and Babak Paknia	04/10/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> These five lawyers were recently arrested in the context of the nation-wide protests that have erupted on 16 September 2022 and where many human rights defenders were arrested. We understand that these lawyers were all arrested for defending students, political, and human rights activists who have been vocal during the protests.
<b>IRAN</b>	General letter	10/11/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> At least 14 Iranian lawyers alongside many human rights defenders have been arrested since the beginning of the 2022 protests in September, including lawyers Mahsa Gholamalizadeh, Saeed Jalilian, Milad Panahipour, Hossein Jalilian, Babak Paknia, Roza Etemadansari, Firouzeh Khordechi, Amir Dehghani, Behnam Cheghini, Qasem Baadi, Amir Mahdipour, Sina Yusufi, Ghasem Bodi and Mostafa Nili. We understand that these lawyers were all arrested for defending students, women, and political and human rights activists who have been vocal during the protests.



<b>IRAN</b>	Mahsa Amini's family lawyers and at least 23 arrests of lawyers	13/12/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Threats and arrest</b> The Ministry of Intelligence had summoned and threatened the lawyers defending the family of Mahsa Amini in the case about her death, banning them from interviews with the media and from spreading information about the case. Hence, many lawyers in Iran continue to be arrested and threatened simply for doing their legitimate work as lawyers, at least 23 lawyers having been arrested in the past month, in addition to many others since August 2022.
<b>ISRAEL</b>	Salah Hammouri	15/03/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Threat of deportation</b> On 24 February 2022, the Israeli Attorney General (IAG), on behalf of the Israeli Minister of Interior, the Israeli Minister of Justice and the Government Judicial Advisor, replied to the request of the Supreme Court to address the appeal submitted by lawyer Salah Hammouri's legal counsels seeking the suspension of procedures including those affecting his right to movement
<b>ISRAEL</b>	Salah Hammouri	16/06/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> Lawyer Salah Hammouri has been held in detention since 7 March 2022, when he was taken from his home in the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Kufr Aqab. It is reported that this administrative detention has now been extended for an additional period of three months
<b>ISRAEL</b>	Salah Hammouri	30/11/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Continued Detention</b> Lawyer Salah Hammouri has been held in detention since 7 March 2022, when he was taken from his home in the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Kufr Aqab. It is reported that this administrative detention has now been extended for an additional period of three months. It is reported that his arbitrary detention was renewed on 5 September 2022 for a period of 3 months
<b>KYRGYZSTAN</b>	Nurbek Toktakunov	07/04/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> On 24 March 2022, the Pervomaisky District Court of Bishkek found lawyer Nurbek Toktakunov guilty of petty hooliganism and ruled to detain him for five days because of his allegedly insulting remarks about judges in Kyrgyzstan.
<b>LIBYA</b>	Abdullah Ali Farahat	29/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Assault</b> Lawyer Abdullah Ali Farahat was beaten on 18 July 2022 while performing his duties by the Deterrence Apparatus for Combating Organized Crime and Terrorism' (DACOT) guards in the Tripoli Court. In this regard, the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) expressed its concerns about the ongoing harassment, restrictions, and violence targeting lawyers in general.
<b>MEXICO</b>	Verónica Guerrero	10/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Murder</b> On 3 February 2022, lawyer Verónica Guerrero was the victim of murder in the centre of Tonalá. She was an environmental lawyer acting in the defence of residents in Urbi Quinta against companies using the illegal dumpsite of Matatlán which had been closed for 10 years.
<b>MEXICO</b>	Patricia Rivera Reyes	24/03/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Murder</b> On Saturday 19 March, lawyer Patricia Susana Rivera Reyes, defender of the rights of the indigenous communities of Baja California, was shot dead in Tijuana. It is reported that lawyer



				Rivera Reyes, 59 years old, was killed by three men who broke into a house in the Terrazas de la Presa neighbourhood during an armed robbery.
<b>MEXICO</b>	Oscar Francisco Aguirre Rubio	11/08/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Murder</b> Lawyer Óscar Francisco Aguirre Rubio was murdered on 8 August 2022 inside his office in Tijuana. It is reported that lawyer Óscar Francisco Aguirre Rubio had recently expressed concerns about his safety after the murder of one of his colleagues few months before.
<b>MEXICO</b>	Juan Carlos Flores Solís	13/12/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Harassment</b> Lawyer Juan Carlos Flores Solís was recently the victim of acts of intimidation, harassment, surveillance, physical harm and a likely attempted murder in relation to his legitimate work as a lawyer. It reported that those threats are linked to his legal activities in denouncing serious environmental impacts related to the industrial activity of both Mexican and transnational companies operating in the centre of the country.
<b>MYANMAR</b>	Ko Soe Tun Tun Zaw and Ma Aye Mya Yupar, Aung Min Thu, Daw Than Than Lwin, Tin Win Aung, Thae Su Naing, U. Thuta, and Ywat Nu Aung and others	29/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> At least ten lawyers were arrested in relation to their work as lawyers defending prominent National League for Democracy (NLD) figures as well as protestors and detainees in politically sensitive cases. Among those arrested are lawyers Ko Soe Tun Tun Zaw and Ma Aye Mya Yupar, Aung Min Thu, Daw Than Than Lwin, Tin Win Aung, Thae Su Naing, U. Thuta, and Ywat Nu Aung
<b>NIGERIA</b>	Fred Aburu, Israel Unurierume, Eda Gbejule	09/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Abduction</b> Lawyers Fred Aburu, Israel Unurierume, and Eda Gbejule, who are members of the Warri branch of the Nigerian Bar Association, alongside with their driver, were kidnapped on 2 February 2022 along the Benin-Auchi road, in Edo State.
<b>NIGERIA</b>	Shamwilu Abdullahi	29/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Abduction</b> Lawyer Shamwilu Abdullahi was abducted on 14 July 2022 by suspected terrorists in the Magami District of Gusau local government area of Zamfara State. The suspected terrorists have contacted his family and demanded a ransom for his release.
<b>NIGERIA</b>	Shamsuddeen Musa	11/08/2022		<b>Continued detention</b> The Nigerian Police Force has refused to release lawyer Shamsuddeen Musa despite a court order from the Federal Capital Territory High Court directing the police to stay all actions and release the lawyer. The lawyer has been detained for more than two months.
<b>NIGERIA</b>	Inibehe Effiong	11/08/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> Lawyer Inibehe Effiong was sent to prison for one month on 27 July 2022 by the Chief Judge of Akwa Ibom after the lawyer contested the judge's decision to send a journalist out of the courtroom and

				for accusing the judge of being biased. Despite the appeal filed in court by the Nigerian Bar Association, the lawyer Inibehe Effiong is likely to spend a full month in prison, as the appeal will not be heard by then.
<b>NIGERIA</b>	Benedict Azza	30/08/2022		<b>Murder</b> Lawyer Benedict Azza was murdered on 22 August 2022 in Gusau, Zamfara State. After a failed kidnapping attempt, he was shot dead by two unknown gunmen who came on a motorcycle
<b>PAKISTAN</b>	Zamir Gul	09/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Murder</b> Zamir Gul, was shot dead on 19 January 2022 in Wazibard near Dargai by unidentified assailants while he was on his way back from the local court in Dargai.
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	Badrudin Maguindra	24/03/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Assault/attempted murder</b> On 20 March 2022, men on motorcycles shot at his vehicle while parked along a busy street leaving its glass window at the driver's side perforated with bullet holes.
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	Ronald Torres	29/04/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Assault/attempted murder</b> On 7 April 2022, unidentified gunmen opened fire on the vehicle of lawyer Ronald Torres. The lawyer and his driver were unharmed thanks to the bullet-proofed car. The attack is believed to be related to the lawyer's activities.
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	Czarina Dingkay Golda Musni	30/08/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Judicial harassment</b> Lawyer Czarina "Dingkay" Golda Musni has been charged before the Department of Justice by the Anti-Money Laundering Council for terrorist financing. It is however also reported that these accusations are based on dubious sources without real evidence and that it appears that she is being targeted because of her work in the field of human rights, notably in relation to her work in defence of the the rights of people in Northern Mindanao.
<b>QATAR</b>	Hazza bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri and Rashed bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri	31/05/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Life-sentence imprisonment</b> On 10 May 2022, lawyers Hazza bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri and Rashed bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri were condemned to a life-sentence imprisonment on the basis of several charges. These charges are related to the participation of lawyer Hazza bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri in protests against Law No. (6) of 2021 that paved the way for the first elections of the country's legislative body, the Shura Council, as well as in relation to the prominent role he played in sharing his opinions on the state of affairs in Qatar on his Twitter account. In relation to lawyer Rashed bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri, it is reported that charges were brought against him following his attempt to act as the legal representative of lawyer Hazza bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Mar
<b>RUSSIA</b>	Sergey Babinets, Oleg Khabibrakhmanov and Natalia	28/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Physical assault, abduction</b> On 20 January 2022, lawyers Sergey Babinets, Oleg Khabibrakhmanov and Natalia Dobronravova were physically attacked by Chechen law enforcement officers while they were providing legal assistance for their client, Zarema Musaeva, who is the mother of lawyer Abubakar Yangulbayev,

	Dobronravova and mother of lawyer Abubakar Yangulbayev			in Nizhny Novgorod. Natalia Dobronravova was hit in the face and assaulted by Chechen law enforcement officers who intended to abduct Zarema Musaeva. It is reported that during the same incident, Sergey Babinets and Oleg Khabibrakhmanov were pushed into a spare room and locked in to prevent them from protecting their client. Chechen officials then proceeded to abduct Zarema Musaeva.
<b>SINGAPORE</b>	Zaid Malek	29/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Harassment</b> Malaysian lawyer Zaid Malek was subjected to acts of intimidation and harassment from 4 to 6 July by authorities in Singapore, including two sessions with the police and a warning not to leave the country until the investigation against him was complete. He was detained and interrogated by the police as he was travelling to Singapore to assist one of his clients in Singapore.
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	Ambika Satkunanathan	15/03/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Harassment and intimidation</b> On 4 February 2022, the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry issued a statement in which denounced testimony given by Ambika Satkunanathan, a leading human rights lawyer, to the European Parliament on 27 January 2022. It is reported that the statement was made to delegitimise her work as a human rights lawyer. We also understand that some fear that this statement could expose lawyer Ambika Satkunanathan to a heightened risk of threats, attacks and persecution.
<b>SUDAN</b>	Nafeesa Hajar	27/01/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Threat</b> On 30 December 2021, lawyer Nafeesa Hajar, who is the deputy head of the Darfur Bar Association, was blocked on the road by an unknown group of men. She was threatened not to continue providing legal aid to victims of the December 25 demonstrations, who were sexually harassed.
<b>SYRIA</b>	Khalil Ma'touq and Razan Zaitouneh	10/05/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Continued detention</b> Lawyers Khalil Ma'touq and Razan Zaitouneh are still missing since their reported incommunicado detention, respectively on 2 October 2012 and 9 December 2013.
<b>TAJIKISTAN</b>	Manuchehr Kholiknazarov, Faromuz Irgashov and Khursand Mamadshoev	06/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention</b> On 28 May 2022, lawyers Manuchehr Kholiknazarov, Faromuz Irgashov and Khursand Mamadshoev were summoned by the local Prosecutor's Office in the city of Khorog and interrogated about "receiving money from the banned National Alliance of Tajikistan". They were subsequently placed in a pre-trial detention centre under the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. On 6 June, they were taken from Khorog to Dushanbe, and placed in the detention centre of Tajikistan's State Committee of National Security on charges of "participation in a criminal association" under Article 187, part 2, of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Tajikistan.
<b>THAILAND</b>	Anon Nampha	16/06/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Disbarment</b> Disbarment proceeding against lawyer Anon Nampha related to a complaint motion filed to the Lawyers Council of Thailand on 7 August 2020 by the Assistant Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, who alleged that lawyer Anon Nampha's behaviour violated the Lawyers Council of

				Thailand's disciplinary rules as his behaviour would "incite, intend to cause unrest, distort information and insult on the monarchy". The alleged speech in question apparently called for reform of the constitution and the monarchy, during a peaceful protest at the Democracy Monument on Ratchadamnoen Avenue on 3 August 2020.
<b>TUNISIA</b>	Abderrazak Kilani	27/01/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Judicial harassment</b> Lawyer Abderrazak Kilani has been summoned to appear before the military justice. He was informed by the office of the Tunis Bar Association, but the summons did not include the date of the trial or the charges.
<b>TUNISIA</b>	Abderrazak Kilani	07/03/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> On 3 March 2022, lawyer Abderrazak Kilani, former president of the Tunisian National Bar Association, was incarcerated following a hearing before an investigating judge in a case against him in relation to a call he made on the security forces to respect human rights.
<b>TUNISIA</b>	Hayet Eljazer and Ayoub Ghedamsi	10/11/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Judicial Harassment</b> Hayet Eljazer and Ayoub Ghedamsi were charged with "insulting a public official from the justice system" under articles 125 and 126 of the Penal Code in connection to their representation of a 67-year-old man and his son in a case concerning their illtreatment, kidnapping and torture. The charges against them are based on a complaint filed by a Carthage District judge on 30 April 2020 against the two lawyers regarding their request to defer a case to another court due to a lack of impartiality, violation of due process and the concealment of violations of their clients' rights.
<b>TURKEY</b>	Öztürk Türkdoğan	28/02/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Harassment</b> Lawyer Öztürk Türkdoğan has recently been charged by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office of "membership to an illegal armed organisation" (Article 314/2 of the Criminal Code of Turkey). This is not an isolated event, as the İHD and its members have been subjected to judicial harassment and intimidations in relation with their peaceful human rights activities and exercise of freedom of expression and association.
<b>TURKEY</b>	Ruşen Seydaoğlu	15/03/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Sentencing</b> Ruşen Seydaoğlu, lawyer and specialist in jineolojî (women's science) was recently sentenced to six years and three months in prison for allegedly "belonging to a terrorist organisation" by the Criminal Court of Diyarbakir. We understand that this charge against her is linked to her activities for the defence of women rights carried out within the Congress for a Democratic Society (DTK, umbrella organization of civil society based in Diyarbakir).
<b>TURKEY</b>	Orhan Alphan	29/04/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Assault/Aggression</b> On 14 April 2022, lawyer Orhan Alphan was subjected to police violence while trying to prevent acts of violence and ill-treatment being carried out by the police on a prisoner at the Batman Courthouse. In consequence, his teeth were broken, and his nose needed to be stitched.
<b>TURKEY</b>	Harika Günay Karataş	06/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Ill-treatment</b>

				On 26 June 2022, lawyer Harika Günay Karatas, the branch co-chair of the Association of Lawyers for Freedom (ÖHD), was subjected to violence by a gendarmerie officer at their headquarters in Turkey's city of Yüksekova.
<b>TURKEY</b>	Aryen Turan	15/11/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> Lawyer Aryen Turan was arrested on 3 November 2022 after calling for an investigation for the allegations that the Turkish Armed Forces used chemical weapons in their operations against the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).
<b>TURKEY</b>	21 lawyers from the Progressive Lawyers' Association (ÇHD) and the People's Law Office (HHB)	24/11/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Detention sentence</b> These lawyers were sentenced to long prison terms on charges of membership in a terrorist organisation and participating in terrorist propaganda. They were convicted on 11 November in the final hearings of the mass trial that started in 2013 originally against 22 lawyers from the ÇHD (Progressive Lawyers' Association) and the HHB (People's Law Office), but where one of their colleagues Ebru Timtik died of hunger strike in the course of these proceedings. It is reported that the only material facts brought to the Court were strictly linked to the defendants' professional activities as lawyers in the field of human rights
<b>TURKEY</b>	Jiyan Tosun and Eren Keskin	13/12/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Threats</b> While Jiyan Tosun was at the police station, Mr Adem Taşkaya, a member of the Victory Party (Zafer Partisi) posted a photo on Twitter with a message stating that Jiyan Tosun was responsible for the attack. Even though the post was removed within three minutes, Jiyan Tosun and her family have since then received offline and online threats, including death, rape and sexual violence threats. It is also reported that on the same day, unknown individuals who identified themselves as police officers posted photos and personal information about Jiyan Tosun and her relatives, including minors, on a Telegram channel. Eren Keskin has also been targeted and threatened as a result of the false information posted by Mr Taşkaya, due to her work as a lawyer in the same office as Jiyan Tosun and her position as co-chair of İHD.
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>	Mohammed Al-Roken	29/07/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Continued detention</b> Although he has completed his sentence on 17 July, lawyer Mohammed Al-Roken still remains behind bars.
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>	Asim Ghafoor	11/08/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Arrest</b> Lawyer Asim Ghafoor was arrested on 14 July 2022 at Dubai airport. He was taken to a detention centre in Abu Dhabi, after it was announced that he had been sentenced in absentia by the Abu Dhabi Money Laundering Court on charges of alleged tax evasion and money laundering. It is reported that Asim Ghafoor had no knowledge of the proceedings launched against him before the verdict was officially announced. It appears that he is being targeted because of his work in the field of human rights.
<b>VENEZUELA</b>	Lawyers in Venezuela	07/04/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Situation of lawyers in Venezuela</b>

				<p>Lawyer Theresly Malavé has received threats and has been the victim of harassment for several years, with an increase since September 2021.</p> <p>Moreover, in another case, it is reported that lawyer Yasnaia Villalobos has been subjected to constant harassment by state officials. During 2020 and 2021, it was reported that she was harassed by judges and prosecutors during public hearings, including threats of detention and prosecution.</p>
<b>VENEZUELA</b>	Venus Faddoul	13/12/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<p><b>Harassment</b></p> <p>From 2019 to the present days, lawyer Venus Faddoul has suffered several acts of harassment and threats against her due to her work as lawyer. Venus Faddoul is a lawyer, newscaster and human rights defender who has been working for over 12 years on cases related to the protection of women's rights, including cases related to sexual abuses or pregnancy interruption. We understand that she is now living outside of Venezuela due to serious threats of detention for the legitimate exercise of her right to defend human rights and to denounce the lack of transparency in the Venezuelan judicial system.</p>
<b>VIETNAM</b>	Le Hoang Tung	31/05/2022	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<p><b>Attack/assault</b></p> <p>On 17 May 2022, lawyer Le Hoang Tung was assaulted by an investigator while meeting with police officers in Ho Chi Minh City. It is reported that the City police denied any accusation that the investigator assaulted him. However, it is reported that lawyer Le Hoang Tung complained of being kicked and injured and that the police could not explain why there were shoe marks on the lawyer's shirt.</p>
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	Douglas Coltart	10/11/2021	Click <a href="#">here</a>	<p><b>Arrest</b></p> <p>Lawyer Douglas Coltart was arrested on 21 October 2022 at the Harare magistrate court where the trial of his client, the journalist and activist Hopewell Chin'ono was due to take place. He was charged with fraud and released few hours later from the Harare Central police station. It is believed that his arrest is directly linked to his work as the defence lawyer of Mr. Hopewell Chin'ono who has been repeatedly arrested over the past two years.</p>