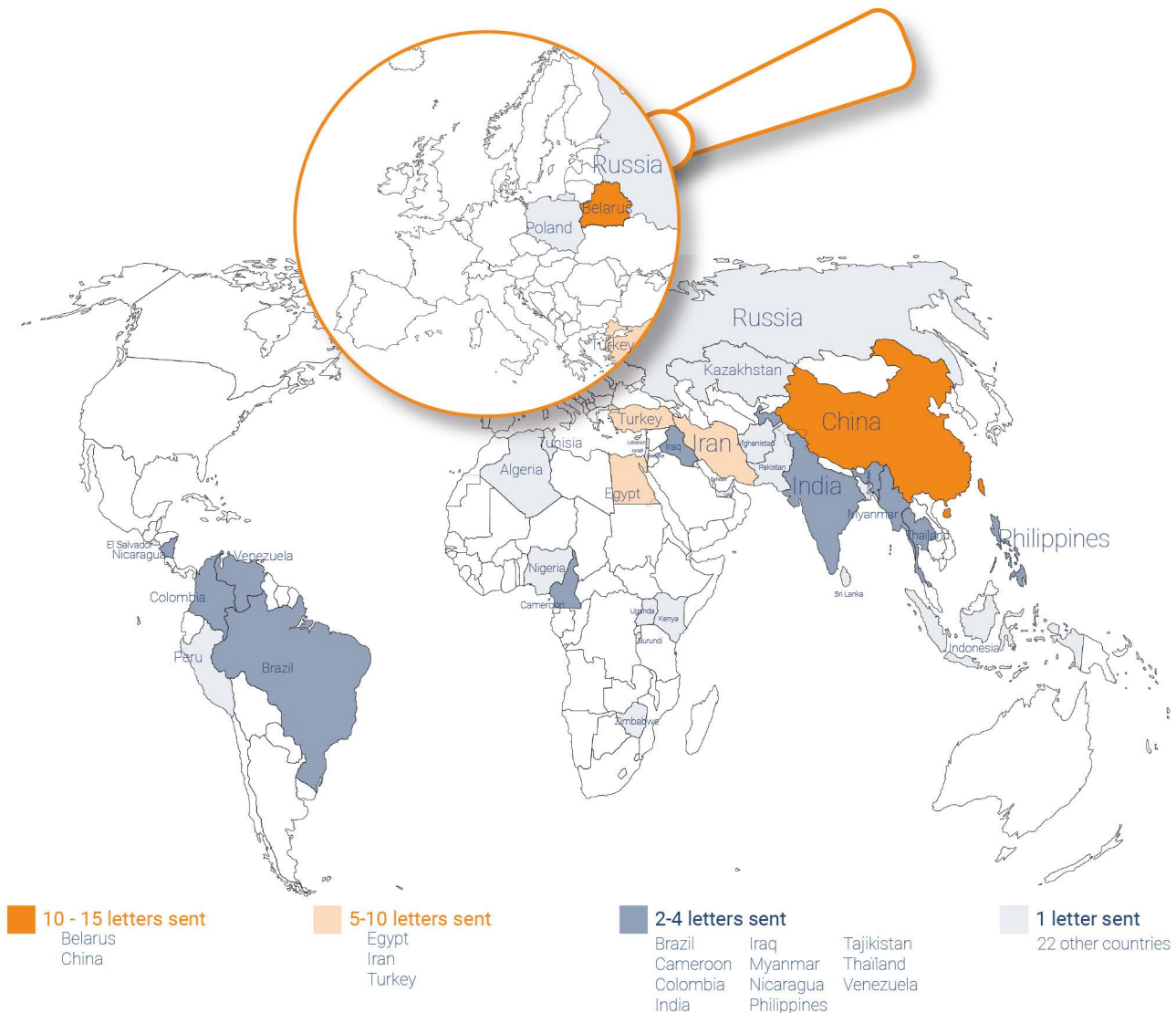


In **2021** the CCBE sent
103 letters in support of endangered lawyers
 in **38** countries around the world



9% Murder | Attempt murder | Death



38% Arrest | Detention | Prison | Prosecution | Torture



38% Threats | Assault | Harassment | Ill-treatment | Travel Ban | Break-in | Abduction



15% Deprivation of the right to exercise the legal profession and attack against the independence of the legal profession

List of letters in support of endangered lawyers 2021

COUNTRY	Lawyers concerned	Letter sent the:	Link to the letter	Types of HR violation and summary of the case
ALGERIA	Abderraouf Arslane	17/12/2021	Click here	<p>Arrest and detention</p> <p>Human rights lawyer Abderraouf Arslane was arrested on 26 May 2021 in the Court of Tebessa where he was defending three of his clients who had been detained merely for their membership in the Rachad movement, an unregistered political movement. After the hearing, the prosecutor ordered his detention on charges of “participating in a terrorist group” under Article 87 of the Penal Code, which is punishable by up to 20 years in prison, and for “spreading false news” under Article 196, which could lead to an additional three-year sentence and a fine, for alleged ties with members of Rachad and his participation in public debates on the 2019-2021 Algerian protests, also known as the Hirak movement.</p>
AFGHANISTAN	Afghan Bar	25.11.2021	Click here	<p>Call for the recognition of an independent Bar</p> <p>The Afghan Independent Bar Association (AIBA) leadership and management are facing high risks because of their efforts to ensure the respect of the rule of law and their work with international organisations and partners, trying to maintain their independence. In this regard, the AIBA agreed and met with the Taliban Justice Minister in order to seek cooperation/collaboration. The discussion in that meeting mainly concentrated on the independence of the AIBA. However, the Taliban Minister of Justice already had created a committee to prepare justifications for suppressing the AIBA so that the Ministry of Justice could have full control on the regulation and access to the legal profession, therefore depriving it of any sense of independence, which is crucial for the integrity of the administration of justice and the respect of the rule of law. Eventually, a plan was then approved by the cabinet of the Islamic Emirate to suppress the AIBA and to prevent the continuation of any independent bar association in the Taliban justice system. This decision has for consequence that all lawyers who were registered under the AIBA are not recognised as such anymore and cannot exercise their legitimate profession, nor appear before a court or represent their clients</p>
BAHRAIN	Abdullah Al-Shamlawi	20/04/2020	Click here	<p>Suspension from practicing legal profession</p> <p>On 22 March 2021, the Lawyers' Disciplinary Board in Bahrain decided to prohibit lawyer Abdullah Al-Shamlawi from practising the legal profession for one year, following the complaint filed against him by the Minister of Justice Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, who claimed that lawyer Al-Shamlawi violated</p>

				Article 43 of the Lawyers' Code by sharing his personal views with two tweets which were later deleted.
BANGLADESH	Shahanur Islam	10/11/2021	Click here	Prosecution and harassment On 26 August 2020 lawyer Shahanur Islam was attacked by approximately 10 individuals at the court premises of Naogaon district in the northern part of Bangladesh. As a result of the attack, he suffered serious face and body injuries and was subsequently hospitalised.
BELARUS	Leanid Sudalenka	20/01/2021	Click here	Judicial harassment On 5 January 2021, Leanid Sudalenka's office was searched by officers of the Main Department for Combating Organised Crime and Corruption of the Ministry of Internal Affairs with a warrant in connection to a criminal case against an opposition activist and where Leanid Sudalenka is figuring as a witness. He was subsequently taken to the Office for Combating Organised Crime for an interrogation as a witness in the above-mentioned criminal case. The searches and the interrogation of Leanid Sudalenka seem not to be directly related to the above-mentioned investigation but seem to be used as ways to undermine his human rights work.
BELARUS	Aleh Hrableuski	26/02/2021	Click here	Judicial harassment and detention On 3 February 2021, lawyer Aleh Hrableuski was detained for three days at the Okrestina Street detention facility in Minsk, after being interrogated by the Investigative Committee. It is reported that his detention seems to be linked to an alleged fraud in connection to the work of the Office for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in assisting people to find lawyers and to acquire legal assistance. Previously, Aleh Hrableuski was interrogated for seven hours, humiliated, threatened and insulted and that although accompanied by their lawyers, they were not allowed to consult with them. It is reported that Aleh Hrableuski was stripped naked and threatened with reprisals.
BELARUS	Lyudmila Kazak, Mikhail Kiryluk, Konstantsin Mikhel, Maksim Konan	11/03/2021	Click here	Deprivation of the right to exercise the legal profession On 19 February 2021, the Qualification Commission on Advocacy Issues terminated the licences of lawyers Lyudmila Kazak, Mikhail Kiryluk, Konstantsin Mikhel and Maksim Konan. These decisions are related to lawyers' activities in politically sensitive cases, including the defence of detained protesters and political opposition figures. Moreover, these lawyers are being targeted for having publicly criticised the situation of human rights in Belarus.
BELARUS	Lyudmila Kazak	14/04/2021	Click here	Arrest and termination of licence Shortly after having accepted to represent Maria Kolesnikova, lawyer Lyudmila Kazak was arrested then on 24 September 2020 Kommunisticheskaya Street in Minsk on her way to the trial of her client on the basis of "suspicion" that she had previously participated in an unauthorized mass event (part 1 of Article 23.34 of the protocol on administrative offence). It is reported that eventually the "suspicion" was not confirmed, and that Lyudmila Kazak was not prosecuted for participation in an unauthorized mass event but only under the administrative responsibility for disobedience to a legal request of an official of a state under Article 23.4 of the Code of Administrative Infringements. She was sentenced on those charges by Kastychnitski District Court. As result of this administrative ruling against her, on 19 February, the Qualification Commission on Advocacy Issues of the Ministry of

				Justice terminated her license due to her misdemeanor, considered by that same commission as incompatible with the title of a lawyer, "which was expressed in the commission of an administrative offense".
BELARUS	Siarhej Zikratski	20/04/2021	Click here	Disbarment On 24 March 2021, the Ministry of Justice revoked the licence of lawyer Siarhej Zikratski. The decision was linked to his activities as defence lawyer of the opposition activists and independent journalists.
BELARUS	Volodymyr Yavorskyy	11/05/2021	Click here	Harassment On 21 April 2021, lawyer Volodymyr Yavorskyy was taken for questioning while his home and the office of his wife, Tanya HatsuraYavorska, were being searched. Following the interrogation, he was informed that he and his children had to leave Belarus within 48 hours and that he was banned from re-entering Belarus for 10 years. He was reportedly threatened that if otherwise, he would be arrested and his children would be placed in State institutions. During the interrogation, Volodymyr Yavorskyy was subjected to physical and psychological abuse and was denied access to his lawyer.
BELARUS	Dmitry Laevski, Katsyaryna Zheltonoga, Andrei Mochalau, Anton Gashinskiy, and Valery Zviagintsev.	04/08/2021	Click here	Disbarment Between 9 July and 14 July 2021, five lawyers were disbarred in Belarus, as a result of their legitimate activities as lawyers when they expressed views contrary to those of the government or represented peaceful protestors or opposition leaders in court.
BELARUS	Lawyers in Belarus	04/08/2021	Click here	Disbarment of lawyers CCBE wrote several letters to the Belarussian authorities expressing its serious concerns about the situation of lawyers in Belarus and notably about the disbarment of many other lawyers, such as Lyudmila Kazak, Mikhail Kiryluk, Konstantsin Mikhel and Maksim Konan, Aleksandr Pylchenko, and Yulia Levanchuk. These lawyers have been disbarred as a result of their legitimate activities as lawyers when they expressed views contrary to those of the government or represented peaceful protestors or opposition leaders in court.
BELARUS	Maxim Znak	28/09/2021	Click here	Imprisonment Lawyer Maxim Znak was sentenced by the Minsk Regional Court to 10 years in prison on charges of "calls for action against national security", "conspiracy to seize power" and "creation and administration of an extremist formation" (Art. 361, 357 and 361-1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus). Before that he was subject to arbitrary arrest and continued detention.
BELARUS	Natalia Matskevich	10/11/2021	Click here	Disbarment Lawyer Natalia Matskevich was disbarred by a decision of the Belarusian Bar Association of 27 October 2021, following disciplinary proceedings initiated by the Ministry of Justice of Belarus earlier

				the same month. Before that, she was suspended from exercising her professional duties from 13 October by order of the Ministry of Justice dated 12 October 2021.
BELARUS	Leanid Sudalenko, Uladzimir Labkovich	03/12/2021	Click here	Imprisonment and detention On 3 November 2021, lawyer Leanid Sudalenko was sentenced to 3 years of imprisonment by the Centralny District Court of Homiel on charges of “organising and preparing actions that grossly violated public order” (Part 1, Article 342 of the Criminal Code), and “training and preparing persons to participate in such actions, as well as their financing or other material support” (Part 2, Article 342 of the Criminal Code). Among other human rights defenders of Viasna, another lawyer and coordinator of the group's campaign “Human rights defenders for free elections” Uladzimir Labkovich is currently behind the bars awaiting trial.
BRAZIL	José Vargas Sobrinho Junior	20/01/2021	Click here	Detention Human rights lawyer José Vargas Sobrinho Junior was arrested on 1 January 2021. His detention is linked to a police investigation into the disappearance of Cícero José Rodrigues de Souza, the President of the Association of Epileptics of Redenção and former candidate of the 2020 Municipal Election. It was reported that José Vargas’ arrest was unfairly based on unsubstantial evidence and loose arguments.
BRAZIL	José Vargas Sobrinho Junior	10/06/2021	Click here	Continued detention Lawyer José Vargas Sobrinho Junior has remained under house arrest since 25 January 2021. The criminal procedure against him is seen as an attempt to prevent justice for the victims of the Pau D’Arco Massacre case where Jose Vargas Sobrinho Junior is the lawyer of the victims.
BURUNDI	Tony Germain Nkina	10/11/2021	Click here	Imprisonment Lawyer Tony Germain Nkina was arrested on 13 October 2020 while visiting a client in Kabarore commune in the exercise of his professional duties and was charged with endangering internal state security. He was later convicted on 15 June 2021 for “collaborating with rebels who attacked Burundi” and that on 29 September 2021 the Court of Appeal of Ngozi upheld his conviction to a 5-year prison sentence. Although the prosecution did not produce any credible evidence against Tony Germain Nkina, as well as no prosecution witnesses appeared in court, the court upheld the conviction, quickly issuing its verdict. In the first instance trial, the prosecution accused him, among other things, of travelling to Rwanda to give information to Pierre Claver Mbonimpa, president of the Association for the Protection of Human Rights and Detained Persons (APRODH). It is therefore believed that his imprisonment is politically motivated and based on his former human rights work.
CAMEROON	Amungwa Tanyi Nicodemus	1/07/2021	Click here	Detention On 31 May 2021, lawyer Amungwa Tanyi Nicodemus was arrested by gendarmes at the Groupement Territorial de la Gendarmerie in Yaoundé, while he was assisting a client. After he complained that Cameroon’s criminal procedure had been breached in his client’s case, the gendarme in charge of the investigation seized his phone without a warrant, claiming Amungwa had taken photographs at the facility. While searching, the gendarme found other photographs which recorded alleged military abuses in Cameroon’s Anglophone regions and decided to arrest him on charges of inciting terrorism.

CAMEROON	Felix Agbor Nkongho	03/12/2021	Click here	Harassment Lawyer Felix Agbor Nkongho received multiple death threats on social media and as well as via a voice message on WhatsApp after he had participated in the Leadership Retreat in Toronto (Canada), organised by the NGO Coalition for Dialogue and Negotiations, between 29 October and 1 November 2021.
CHINA	Ren Quanniu, Lu Siwei	20/01/2021	Click here	Deprivation of the right to exercise the legal profession Lawyers Ren Quanniu and Lu Siwei have been given a notice of the intention to revoke their licence to practice law for allegedly damaging the legal professional image. These charges are linked to the fact that the two lawyers were hired by family members of Hong Kong protesters who were arrested last year while trying to flee to Taiwan by speedboat. On 15 January 2021 Lu Siwei's licence has been formally revoked by the Sichuan Provincial Judicial Department.
CHINA	Yu Wensheng	20/01/2021	Click here	Detention On 13 December, the Jiangsu Higher People's Court upheld the first instance court decision on the case of the human rights lawyer Yu Wensheng as it was held that there was nothing wrong with the earlier court ruling. Thereby, the stripping of his political rights for three years and the four-year sentence, given during a closed-door trial last June, was confirmed. It is reported that his defence lawyers were not given the possibility to present a defence statement in accordance with China's Criminal Procedure Law.
CHINA	Xi Xiangdong	11/02/2021	Click here	Deprivation of the right to exercise the legal profession on 28 January, lawyer Xi Xiangdong was notified by the Shandong provincial department of justice that his licence to practise would likely be revoked. Xi Xiangdong is being accused of allegedly repeatedly ignoring the judge's directions, interrupting judges and prosecutors, as well as interfering with court proceedings. It has been reported, however, that these accusations are actually solely being used as a way to retaliate against his legitimate activities as a lawyer, identifying with his clients' causes.
CHINA	Zhou Ze	11/02/2021	Click here	Deprivation of the right to exercise the legal profession On 7 January 2021, the Bureau of Justice in Beijing's Chaoyang District suspended Zhou Ze's licence to practise law for a year after he posted videos on social media that allegedly showed police using torture to extract confessions from witnesses and a defendant he was representing.
CHINA	Jiang Tianyong	11/03/2021	Click here	Harassment On 28 February 2019, human rights lawyer Jiang Tianyong was officially released after serving two years' imprisonment for 'inciting subversion of state power'. Nevertheless, since his release, lawyer Jiang Tianyong has been kept under strict house arrest, under continuous police and camera surveillance, remaining de facto detained.
CHINA	Li Yuhan	26/03/2021	Click here	Continued detention Lawyer Li Yuhan continues to remain in pretrial detention since October 2017. On 7 January 2021, she was brought before a judge from the Shenyang Heping District Court who asked that she plead guilty and confess to her "crimes" which she refused.

CHINA	Chang Weiping	20/04/2021	Click here	Continued detention Since his arrest on 22 October 2020, human rights lawyer Chang Weiping has been held in an undisclosed location and he has been denied access to a lawyer.
CHINA	Ren Quanniu	20/04/2021	Click here	Disbarment of lawyer Ren Quanniu and disbandment of his law firm On 2 February 2021, human rights lawyer Ren Quanniu was officially informed by the Henan Provincial Judicial Department of its decision to revoke his licence. On 28 March 2021, the judicial authorities in Zhengzhou decided to shut down the Henan Guidao Law Firm, Ren Quanniu's law firm.
CHINA	Barristers of England and Wales	5/05/2021	Click here	Sanctions Sanctions against four barrister members of the legal profession of England and Wales and their "immediate families" have been announced by Chinese government. These sanctions may include the prohibition from entering the mainland, Hong Kong and Macao, their property in China being frozen, and Chinese citizens and institutions being prohibited from doing business with them. The sanctions are linked to a legal opinion given by the four barristers which was related to legal issues arising from alleged human rights violations by the People's Republic of China authorities against the Uyghur population in the Xinjiang region.
CHINA	Ding Jiayi	26/05/2021	Click here	Continued detention and judicial harassment Lawyer Ding Jiayi continues to be held in detention since his arrest which took place on 26 December 2019. Ding Jiayi was taken incommunicado by the Linyi Municipal Public Security Bureau on the charge of "inciting subversion of State power" until his formal arrest, on 19 June 2020. During his detention, he was subjected to torture and ill-treatment, including sleep deprivation and intense, continuous interrogation over a seven-day period. On 26 November 2020, the Linyi Municipal Public Security Bureau in Shandong province rejected the request of Ding Jiayi' lawyers to meet his client claiming that it would "impede the investigation" or result in the "leaking of State secrets". On 21 January 2021, the prosecutors informed the Ding Jiayi lawyers that the charge against him has been changed from "inciting subversion" to "subversion", which carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.
CHINA	Lu Siwei	26/05/2021	Click here	Travel ban On 8 May 2021, lawyer Lu Siwei was stopped at the Shanghai Airport from boarding his flight to the United States, where he was supposed to go in order to take part in a fellowship programme. He was indeed informed by the officers that a travel ban was imposed against him due to "national security grounds".
CHINA	Tang Jitian	1/07/2021	Click here	Travel ban On 2 June 2021, lawyer Tang Jitian was prevented from boarding a flight to visit his ill daughter in Japan. The travel ban was issued against him in 2017 and that, although lawyer Tang Jitian obtained a visa to travel to Japan, he was stopped because he "may endanger national security". The measure was not supported by any legal document or detailed explanation from the authorities.
CHINA	Chang Weiping	28/09/2021	Click here	Acts of torture

				Human rights lawyer Chang Weiping had been subject to physical and psychological torture from October 2020 to April 2021, including “tiger chair” for six consecutive days, sleep deprivation, 24-hours video surveillance, food denial and denial of showering, except five times during the period concerned. Currently, he is still detained at the Feng County Detention centre, exposed to risk of renewed acts of torture.
CHINA	Hao Jinsong	03/12/2021	Click here	Continued detention Lawyer Hao Jinsong, who was detained on 2 January 2020 on alleged charges of “defamation”, “fraud” and “provoking disturbances” for his comments on social media, is still awaiting trial. It is reported that the trial was first scheduled for December 2020, then postponed to October 2021, and recently postponed again.
CHINA	Lin Qilei Liang Xiaojun	17/12/2021	Click here	Disbarment Lawyer Lin Qilei had his license revoked in October 2021. We understand that the reason provided by the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Justice was that the law firm to which Lin Qilei belonged, Beijing Ruikai Law Firm, had been deregistered six months prior and that Mr Lin had not been employed by another law firm since that time. In addition, On 26 November 2021, lawyer Liang Xiaojun was informed by the Beijing Municipal Justice Bureau that his license to practise had been revoked on charges of violating article 49 (1.8) of the PRC Law on Lawyers for spreading online messages on domestic and overseas social media to support Falun Gong, which is banned in China, and discrediting China's legal system. However, although these reasons were not used as such to revoke their license, it is believed that these two lawyers were sanctioned on the basis of their work representing one of the 12 Hong Kong human rights activists, who were caught at sea fleeing to Taiwan last year.
COLOMBIA	Sebastián Escobar Uribe	26/03/2021	Click here	Death threat On 22 February 2021, lawyer Sebastián Escobar Uribe received a death threat through a phone call. The threat was issued with the aim to intimidate the lawyer and his client, following the recent actions he carried out before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) on behalf of Juan David Díaz Chamorro, who was recognised as a victim by the Legal Definitions Chamber of the JEP.
COLOMBIA	Víctor Mosquera Marín	11/05/2021	Click here	Judicial harassment On 22 April 2021, the Superior Council of the Judiciary initiated disciplinary proceedings against lawyer Víctor Mosquera Marín as a retaliation for his work as the defence lawyer for ex-President Álvaro Uribe Vélez and ex-Congressman Álvaro Hernán Prada. These proceedings were initiated after a complaint made by Judge César Reyes, whose lack of impartiality was demonstrated in one of lawyer Víctor Mosquera Marín’s cases.
COLOMBIA	Johan Sebastian Moreno Castro	26/05/2021	Click here	Arbitrary detention and ill-treatment On 4 May 2021, lawyer Johan Sebastian Moreno Castro was violently and arbitrarily detained while he was mediating with some demonstrators. During his transfer to the Piedecuesta Police Station, lawyer Moreno Castro was physically and psychologically abused and threatened by police officers who tried to make him testify against himself. In the morning of 5 May 2021, he was transferred to

				<p>the Attorney General's Office in Bucaramanga to be released two hours later. On the same day, a Specialized Prosecutor of the General Attorney of Bucaramanga determined that Johan Sebastián Moreno Castro had been illegally detained by the security forces and was therefore released after finding no elements or evidence for the crime of violence against public officers. However, his file was sent to a local prosecutor in Piedecuesta and his colleagues fear there might be a criminalization attempt for the fabricated crimes of “attacks against an authority”.</p>
COLOMBIA	Yessika Hoyos Morales	1/07/2021	Click here	<p>Death threat On 11 June 2021, lawyer Yessika Hoyos Morales received two text messages of death threats against her and her client, Alfonso Mora León. The threats occurred after the conclusion of the hearings before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in the case of the “Mondoñedo Massacre”.</p>
EGYPT	Islam Salama	22/02/2021	Click here	<p>Enforced disappearance Lawyer Islam Salama has been enforcedly disappeared, detained, prosecuted, and subjected to abusive practices of extended pretrial detention for exercising his legitimate activities as a lawyer. He remained in pretrial detention until he was ordered released on 16th January 2021. However, although his family followed all necessary requirements to process his release, he was again not released. Instead, authorities have allegedly again forcibly disappeared him.</p>
EGYPT	Ezzat Ghoneim	11/03/2021	Click here	<p>Continued detention On 1 March 2021, lawyer Ezzat Ghoneim continues to be held in preventive detention, which is being renewed every 45 days, without legal justification or judicial ruling for his detention. His detention is related to his work in defence of political prisoners as well as to his work on arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, freedom of expression, medical negligence and torture inside prisons while he was the executive director of the Egyptian Coordination for Rights and Freedoms (ECRF).</p>
EGYPT	Haytham Mohammadein	26/03/2021	Click here	<p>Continued detention On 9 March 2021, lawyer Haytham Mohammadein was released from pretrial detention. However, instead of being physically released, on 10 March 2021, he was brought before the Supreme State Security Prosecution which ordered him back into pretrial detention, accusing him of belonging to a terrorist organisation.</p>
EGYPT	Hoda Abdelmoniem	20/04/2021	Click here	<p>Continued detention Lawyer Hoda Abdelmoniem is still being held in arbitrary pretrial detention for which the maximum period of time of 6 months for pretrial detention has been largely exceeded. She has now been detained for two years and almost six months, following her arrest on 1 November 2018. We understand her health condition is particularly worrisome and still deteriorating. Indeed, she suffers from kidney stones, deep venous thrombosis and unstable hypertension, each of which deserving specialised treatment.</p>
EGYPT	Mohammed El-Baqer	04/08/2021	Click here	<p>Continued detention and judicial harassment Lawyer Mohammed El-Baqer is still being held in detention since his arrest on 29 September 2019. He has been subsequently accused of “joining a terrorist group,” “funding a terrorist group,” “disseminating false news undermining national security,” and “us[ing] social media to commit a</p>

				publishing offence". Moreover, he was added to the "terrorists list" for five years and he has to face a travel ban, a prohibition from engaging in political and civic work and his assets are frozen. Lawyer El-Baqer has been denied due process, including the right to present a defence and challenge the lawfulness of his detention, or to be informed that he was under investigation. It is reported that lawyer El-Baqer is currently detained at Tora Maximum Security Two prison in poorly conditions, which has resulted in his mental and physical health deteriorating.
EGYPT	Zyad el-Elaimy	17/12/2021	Click here	Imprisonment On 17 November 2021, in pre-trial detention since July 2019 the Emergency State Security Court sentenced lawyer Zyad el-Elaimy to five years imprisonment and to a fine of 500 Egyptian pounds.
EL SALVADOR	Bertha María Deleón	1/07/2021	Click here	Judicial harassment, intimidation and stigmatization On 4 May 2021, Walter Araujo, former candidate for deputy for the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, filed a criminal complaint against lawyer Bertha María Deleón, before the Attorney General's Office for "disclosure of the image or disclosure of data of protected persons", "disobedience of individuals", "coercion", "procedural fraud" and "concealment". It occurred after lawyer Bertha María Deleón filed a complaint, on 15 October 2020, against Mr Araujo for "expressions of violence against women" against Bertha María Deleón on his social network. This complaint was followed by a resolution, from the Ninth Peace Court of San Salvador of formal instruction with precautionary measures prohibiting Water Araujo from approaching lawyer Bertha María Deleón.
INDIA	Satyadev Joshi	04/08/2021	Click here	Physical assault On 18 July 2021, lawyer Satyadev Joshi and his client were stopped while driving, during daylight, by a group of 5-6 weapon-yielding goons. They attacked Mr. Joshi with swords and sticks in the Mumbai's Borivali area while he was rendering professional services to a client. The lawyer was brutally injured and was brought to hospital. Three of the suspects were identified and arrested.
INDIA	Manoj Jha	16/08/2021	Click here	Murder On 26 July 2021, five assailants attacked lawyer Manoj Jha, in the Rargaon area, prevailed over the driver of his car and opened the fire against the lawyer. The reasons of the murder are linked to a dispute over a wall construction on a big plot belonging to one of the lawyer's clients, an educational institute. The police is already investigating and two of them have been detained, after questioning.
INDIA	Surendra Gadlin, Arun Ferreira	17/12/2021	Click here	Continued detention and unlawful surveillance On 1st December 2021, the Bombay High Court granted default bail to lawyer Sudha Bharadwaj in the 2018 Bhima Koregaon case. Nevertheless, the same Court rejected the bail applications of the 8 other accused human rights defenders, including lawyers Surendra Gadlin and Arun Ferreira. It is reported that at least nine human rights defenders, including lawyers Nihalsing B Rathod, Isha Khandelwal, Yug Mohit Chaudhry, Shalini Gera and Ragini Ahuja were the targets of a coordinated spyware campaign notably aimed at getting confidential information to be used against them. It is

				believed that the lawyers and human rights defenders were attacked in connection to their active human rights work related to the Bhima Koregaon 11 case.
INDONESIA	Veronica Koman	03/12/2021	Click here	<p>Harassment</p> <p>On 7 November 2021 a package exploded outside the West Jakarta home of Veronica Koman's parents. It is reported that the incident constituted a serious escalation in the threats and intimidation the Koman family has been suffering for some years.</p> <p>Veronica Koman is a human rights lawyer who has investigated politicians having mining businesses in West Papua. She is currently subject to a criminal investigation on charges of incitement and spreading disinformation related to protests in the West Papua region in 2019. Since then, lawyer Veronica Koman has been living in exile in Australia.</p>
IRAN	Hoda Amid	20/01/2021	Click here	<p>Imprisonment and disbarment</p> <p>Lawyer Hoda Amid was sentenced to 8 years in prison, as well as deprived from her social rights and banned from practising law for 2 years, by the 15th Branch of the Revolutionary Court of Tehran. These charges are linked to her collaboration with hostile states against the Islamic Republic of Iran on the issue of women and the family.</p>
IRAN	Nasrin Sotoudeh	26/02/2021	Click here	<p>Harassment of the family members and continued imprisonment</p> <p>Lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh continues to be held in prison solely on the basis of her legitimate activities as a lawyer.</p> <p>The bank account of Nasrin Sotoudeh's husband, Reza Khandan, has been frozen by judicial officials on the orders of the Evin Prosecutor's Office without any reasons given. Similarly, the daughter of Nasrin Sotoudeh, Mehraveh Khandan, was arbitrarily arrested by five security officers at her home without prior notice or reason given. After being held at the court for a few hours, she was released with a guarantor's bail. This judicial harassment against her family is being used as a tool to further put pressure on lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh.</p>
IRAN	Mustafa Nili	04/08/2021	Click here	<p>Physical assault and temporary detention</p> <p>On 17 June 2021, lawyer Mustafa Nili and three other human rights defenders were physically assaulted, escorted back to Tehran, detained and had their devices confiscated by the authorities of Shazand. The assault happened while the human rights defenders were going to visit the family of a human rights defender detained in Arak Prison.</p>
IRAN	Iran Bar Association	04/08/2021	Click here	<p>Independence of the Iran Bar Association</p> <p>A new Regulation for the Enforcement of the Law on the Independence of the Bar Association was ratified on 23 June 2021, which gives to the judiciary the authority to issue, deny and renew licences to practise law and to determine lawyers' training and monitor lawyers. The Regulation is in violation of the Iranian Law on the Independence of the Bar Association according to which the right to issue, deny and renew licences to practise law falls within the competence of the Bar Association's disciplinary tribunal, and was condemned by the Council of Iranian Lawyers Organisations.</p>
IRAN	Lawyers in Iran	09/08/2021	Click here	<p>Detention and sentencing</p>

				<p>On 31 July 2021, Branch 28 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court confirmed the sentence of 30 years in prison and 111 lashes of lawyer Amirsalar Davoudi, among which 15 years were for allegedly “forming a group to overthrow the political system”, “propaganda against the system”, “publishing lies” and “insulting officials and the leader”. This related to the overseeing of a Telegram channel aiming at reporting breaches of the law in judicial processes, the judicial harassment of lawyers, and human rights abuses. On 15 July 2021, lawyer Javad Alikordi was sentenced to two-year prison for “creating and managing a channel on Telegram (messaging app) with the intention of overthrowing the state”, “insulting the supreme leader” and of “propaganda against the state”. Branch 37 of the Appeals Court in Khorasan Razavi Province banned him, for two years, from teaching, travelling abroad and becoming a member of any political or social groups. Moreover, earlier in May 2021, lawyer Farzaneh Zilabi faced 6 months suspension of the right to practise and lawyer Mohammad Hadi Erfanian-Kaseb was detained for 95 days on similar charges. Other lawyers are still being detained, in particular lawyers Nasrin Sotoudeh, Mohammad Najafi, Soheila Hejab, and Giti Pourfazel.</p>
IRAN	Arash Keykhosravi, Mohammed Reza Faghihi, Moustafa Nili, Leila Heydari	09/09/2021	Click here	<p>Judicial harassment and detention</p> <p>On 14 August 2021, lawyers Arash Keykhosravi, Mohammed Reza Faghihi, Moustafa Nili and Leila Heydari were arrested in Tehran with their phones and personal belongings confiscated without a warrant and possibility to consult with their lawyers. It is reported that 11 days after their arrest, Mr. Faghihi and and Mr. Keykhosravi’s homes were unlawfully raided by state agents.</p>
IRAN	Soheila Hejab	21/10/2021	Click here	<p>Harassment</p> <p>Imprisoned human rights lawyer Soheila Hejab has been on a hunger strike in prison since the middle of September as a form of protest against harassment she has undergone in prison. It is reported that she has been deprived of medical care and has been subject to physical attacks and threats of being killed.</p>
IRAN	Payam Derafshan	02/11/2021	Click here	<p>Torture</p> <p>Human rights lawyer Payam Derafshan, who was arrested in June 2020 and sentenced to 2,5 years in prison, was kept in solitary confinement, during which the lights in his cell were always kept on. He was then injected with unknown substances in Evin prison, which resulted in physical and psychological damages. After these substances were injected, he experienced serious convulsions, lost consciousness and bit off part of his tongue. After he experienced further side effects and convulsions, he was forcibly transferred to a psychiatric hospital where he was subjected to a shock therapy which resulted in damages to his brain. He has now been released on parole and receives medical treatment.</p>
IRAQ	Ali al-Hamami	20/01/2021	Click here	<p>Murder</p> <p>Lawyer Ali al-Hamami was killed by unknown assailants who broke into his home in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah on 8 January 2021. It is reported that the Dhi Qar Bar Association already released a statement condemned his killing as “hideous and criminal” and calling for an investigation.</p>

IRAQ	Ali Jaseb Hattab Al Heliji	10/11/2021	Click here	<p>Continued disappearance</p> <p>The current whereabouts of lawyer Ali Jaseb Hattab Al Heliji still remain unknown after two years of disappearance after armed men abducted him in Ammarah on 8 October 2019. It is believed that his abduction is related to his representation as a lawyer of the demonstrators arrested in connection with the recent anti-government demonstrations.</p>
ISRAEL	Salah Hamouri	04/08/2021	Click here	<p>Ongoing judicial harassment</p> <p>On 29 June 2021, lawyer Salah Hamouri, was the subject of a recommendation, issued by Israeli intelligence service, aiming at revoking his permanent residence card. The measure was announced by the Israeli Minister of the Interior based on charges of “breach of allegiance”. Mr. Salah Hamouri is being harassed due to his legitimate activities as a lawyer and a human rights defender, notably in relation to his work as a lawyer with Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (Addameer) in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.</p>
KAZAKHSTAN	Legal profession in Kazakhstan	11/05/2021	Click here	<p>New rules regulating the legal profession in Kazakhstan</p> <p>On 8 April 2021, the Parliament of Kazakhstan adopted amendments to the Law on advocate practice and legal assistance. These amendments provide for even greater centralisation in the hands of the executive by requiring lawyers to join a state-controlled National Bar Association, giving the Ministry of Justice more power over local bar associations, and increasing bar membership fees, consequently interfering with the independence of the legal profession and hindering access to justice.</p>
KENYA	Wilson Hassan Nandwa	03/12/2021	Click here	<p>Enforced disappearance</p> <p>Lawyer Wilson Hassan Nandwa and his client Elgiva Bwire disappeared on 28 October 2021. It is reported that his client went missing on 28 October just after being release on bail from prison. We understand that lawyer Wilson Hassan Nandwa went missing on the same day just after leaving the police station where he reported the disappearance of his client. It is reported that on 8 November lawyer Wilson Hassan Nandwa was found back. Although still alive, it is reported that the lawyer was found in a very bad condition.</p>
LEBANON	Mohammed Sablough	10/11/2021	Click here	<p>Harassment</p> <p>On 23 September 2021, the authorities pressured one of lawyer Mohammed Sablough’s clients, a detainee at the Fakh El-Din facility, to testify that previous allegations of torture that were made by lawyer Mohammed Sablough were fabricated. It is also reported that, on 28 September, the Military Prosecution sent a letter to the Tripoli Bar Association requesting the authorisation to prosecute lawyer Mohammed Sablough for false accusations. Therefore, it is believed that the pressure against lawyer Mohammed Sablough is based on his legitimate activities as a lawyer, namely advocacy against torture, ill-treatment of prisoners.</p>
MYANMAR	Lawyers in Myanmar	05/03/2021	Click here	<p>Lawyers under threat</p> <p>On 3 February 2021, following the military coup in Myanmar on 1 February 2021, it reported that the Criminal Law and Penal codes have been amended to provide sweeping powers of arrest in respect of perceived anti-government behaviour. Although they are not the only individuals targeted, it is</p>

				reported that many lawyers have been arrested and others have gone into hiding to avoid being arrested.
MYANMAR	Nilar Thu, Hpone Myat Thu, Thet Htun Oo, Ayeyar Lin Htut, Thein Hlaing Tun	1/07/2021	Click here	Arbitrary detention Between 24 May and 10 June 2021, Nilar Thu, Hpone Myat Thu, Thet Htun Oo, Ayeyar Lin Htut, and Thein Hlaing Tun, were arbitrarily arrested on the ground of “incitement”. The charges were based on the fact that they provided legal advice to protesters and other individuals arrested after the coup d’état occurred on 1 February 2021.
MYANMAR	Bar Council of Myanmar	03/12/2021	Click here	Attack on the independence of Bar Council On 28 October 2021, new amendments were introduced to the Bar Council Act, which abolish the right of lawyers to elect the Council board members. Instead, it is reported that, following these new amendments, the Attorney-General and Chief Justice of the Union will be competent to appoint the Council board members. As the Bar Council is competent to issue and revoke advocate licences and to regulate advocates, such amendment is seriously undermining the independence of the Bar Council and submit it, de facto, under the control of the executive power.
NICARAGUA	Maria Oviedo	16/08/2021	Click here	Detention Lawyer Maria Oviedo was arrested by thirty policemen, on 29 July 2021, who did not reveal the reasons of the take in. Eventually, she was charged for treason, under Law 1055. Maria Oviedo was arrested for her participation to the online programme “Esta Semana”, where she denounced violations of rights suffered by political prisoners in Nicaragua and she challenged the constitutionality and the compliance to human rights of the reform of the Nicaraguan Criminal Procedure Code.
NICARAGUA	Eilyn Margarita Cruz Rojas	28/09/2021	Click here	Harassment and forced exile Lawyer Eilyn Margarita Cruz Rojas was forced into exile on 14 September 2021. Since she has begun working as a lawyer defending political prisoners in 2018, she has been victim of continuous harassment. It is reported that already in August 2019, she had been subject to an attempt of intimidation by the police, who surrounded the offices of Acción Penal in Managua. In late May 2021, after having started her work as a legal assistant to the member of the opposition Cristiana Chamorro Barrios, she became subject to home siege by people dressed as civilians. Nowadays, it has been reported that Eilyn Margarita Cruz Rojas has been subject to precautionary measures by the Nicaraguan State, such as the freezing of her accounts, the lifting of bank secrecy and a ban on leaving the country.
NICARAGUA	Santos Sebastian Flores Castillo	03/12/2021	Click here	Death On 10 November 2021, lawyer Santos Sebastián Flores Castillo was found dead in La Modelo prison in Tipitapa. It is reported that he has been imprisoned since June 2013 after having made accusation, in his capacity as lawyer, against the President of the Republic of Nicaragua for having raped his sister. Although the cause of death is yet unknown, it is reported that he has been subject to numerous acts of physical and psychological torture during his time in prison.

NIGERIA	Darlington Odume	28/09/2021	Click here	<p>Murder</p> <p>Lawyer Darlington Odume was murdered on 16 September 2021 in Umudara, Amaifeke in the Orlu Local Government Area of Imo state. Darlington Odume was a renowned legal practitioner in Orlu and that he was handling some of the cases of those arrested in connection with ongoing violence in the region.</p>
PALESTINE	Mohannad Karajah	04/08/2021	Click here	<p>Arbitrary detention and judicial harassment</p> <p>Lawyer Mohannad Karajah was arrested by the Palestinian police while he was working at the Court of Ramallah, without an arrest warrant, on the grounds of “denouncing the Palestinian Authority”, “illegal demonstration”, and “inciting hatred within the communities”. At the intelligence office, he refused to be interrogated without the presence of the Palestinian Bar Association, which was denied. After being, detained for approximately four hours, during which he was not allowed to contact the Bar Association or his family, he was forced to sign a document in which he committed to attend an interrogation in front of the Public Prosecution on the following day. Mr. Karajah decided not to attend this second interrogation. We understand that his arrest is linked to the killing of activist Nizar Bannat.</p>
PAKISTAN	Saif-ul-Malook	02/07/2021	Click here	<p>Death threats</p> <p>Lawyer Saif-ul-Malook has been receiving several death threats after he had secured freedom for his clients, Shagufta Kausar and her husband Shafqat Emmanuel, Pakistani Christians sentenced to death for blasphemy. This is not an isolated event as lawyer Saif-ul-Malook had already faced reprisals due his legitimate activities as lawyer, in particular for his work in defence of people accused of blasphemy</p>
PERU	Jorge Luis Salas Arenas	08/06/2021	Click here	<p>Harassment</p> <p>Jorge Luis Salas Arenas was recently asked, at the demand of some congressmen in the framework of the current presidential elections in Peru, to resign from his position as President of the National Jury of Elections (JNE), which he has been assuming on behalf of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of Peru since November 2020. In this regard, it is reported that the reason for this request to resign from his position of President of the JNE is linked to his activities as a lawyer which would affect the independence, cleanliness and transparency of this electoral institution</p>
PHILIPPINES	General letter; Ryan Oliva	20/01/2021	Click here	<p>Murder of lawyers and disappearance of lawyer</p> <p>Between 1 July 2016 to 23 December 2020, 46 lawyers were killed. It has also been reported that during this time period, 9 were attacked but managed to survive.</p> <p>Lawyer Ryan Oliva is suspected to have been enforcedly disappeared from his home on 21 November 2020.</p>
PHILIPPINES	Angelo Karlo Guillen	11/03/2021	Click here	<p>Attempted murder</p> <p>On 3 March 2021, lawyer Angelo Karlo Guillen faced an attempt on his life by two unidentified men who stabbed him in the head and shoulder. Lawyer Angelo Karlo Guillen is the Assistant Vice President for Visayas of the National Union of Peoples’ Lawyers (NUPL) and represents activists and human rights defenders facing trumped up charges in court.</p>

PHILIPPINES	Hilda Mahinay-Sapie	04/08/2021	Click here	<p>Murder</p> <p>On 14 July 2021, lawyer Hilda Mahinay-Sapie and her husband were shot by an undefined suspect outside their home. The murder of lawyer Hilda Mahinay-Sapie occurred as a reprisal against her work as a lawyer and her online-based radio programme “Justice Redeemer”.</p>
PHILIPPINES	Juan Macababbad	28/09/2021	Click here	<p>Murder</p> <p>Lawyer Juan Macababbad was shot dead in Surallah (South Cotabato) on 15 September 2021. He was a member of the National Union of Peoples’ Lawyers as well as the chairman of the Soccksargen chapter of the Union of People’s Lawyers in Mindanao. It is reported that he had been receiving threats before his murder.</p>
POLAND	Michał Romanowski	04/08/2021	Click here	<p>Judicial harassment</p> <p>Lawyer Michał Romanowski is under investigation by the Internal Affairs Department of the National Prosecutor’s Office as result of his defence of the Polish judge Juszczyzyn. When the judge was authorized, by the District Court of Bydgoszcz, to resume adjudicating cases at the court where he was employed, the President of the District Court of Olsztyn, Mr. Nawacki, refused to enforce the this decision. After lawyer Romanowski notified the actions of Mr. Nawacki to the public prosecutor’s office, he has been accused by Mr. Nawacki, of the crime of false accusations and an investigation was opened against him. Mr. Nawacki has also contacted the Regional Council of Attorneys in Warsaw in order to initiate disciplinary proceedings against lawyer Romanowski. Moreover, lawyer Romanowski was accused of defamation by the Deputy Disciplinary Ombudsman of the Common Law Court Judges after lawyer Romanowski sent a letter to the European Commission Vice-President for Values and Transparency concerning the decision by the District Court of Bydgoszcz and the failure of the relevant authorities to reinstall judge Juszczyzyn.</p> <p>Lawyer Romanowski has been accused of publicly insulting the constitutional organ of the state after writing a critical open letter that challenged the independence of the First President of the Supreme Court.</p>
RUSSIA	Ivan Pavlov	17/05/2021	Click here	<p>Judicial harassment</p> <p>On 30 April 2021, lawyer Ivan Pavlov was detained and interrogated by the Investigative Committee while his hotel room in Moscow was searched by Federal Security Service (FSB) officers. Ivan Pavlov was indicted for “disclosure of the data of a preliminary investigation” under Article 310 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, in the case of former journalist Ivan Safronov. On the same day, law enforcement officials searched his flat, summer house, the office of his organisation Team 29, and one of the organisation’s staff members. The same day, the Basmany District Court of Moscow issued restriction measures against him which will remain in place until the court orders are revoked or the conditions change. Mr Pavlov is forbidden to use any form of communication in person or electronically.</p>
SRI LANKA	Hejaaz Hizbullah	04/08/2021	Click here	<p>Continued detention</p> <p>Since 14 April 2020, lawyer Hejaaz Hizbullah has been held in arbitrary detention for 16 months, after he was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), under the Prevention of Terrorism Act,</p>

				without charges or access to bail, and that he has been denied access to his lawyer and to his family. Lately, Mr. Hizbullah was eventually charged with speech-related offences.
TAJIKISTAN	Abdulmajid Rizoev	26/03/2021	Click here	Detention Lawyer Abdulmajid Rizoev is currently being held at the detention centre No. 1 in Dushanbe on accusations of “public calls for performance of an extremist activity made using the mass media or the Internet”. However, these accusations were brought against in relation to his work in providing legal assistance for residents in Dushanbe who have been evicted from their homes due to a new construction project taking place in the city.
TAJIKISTAN	Abdulmajid Rizoev	04/08/2021	Click here	Sentencing Lawyer Abdulmajid Rizoev was sentenced by the Shokhmansur District Court of Dushanbe to 5 years and 6 months of imprisonment for “public calls for performance of an extremist activity made using the mass media or the Internet”. The charges were based on some Facebook posts from 2019 and 2020. These accusations were brought against him in relation to his work in providing legal assistance for residents in Dushanbe who have been evicted from their homes due to a new construction project taking place in the city.
TAJIKISTAN	Abdulmajid Rizoev	17/12/2021	Click here	Continued imprisonment On 11 August 2021 Dushanbe City Court rejected the cassation appeal to review the case of Abdulmajid Rizoev. We understand that later in November 2021 he was then transferred to the high-security prison in Khujand and placed in solitary confinement, where he is expected to serve the sentence handed down to him on 14 June 2021.
THAILAND	Anon Nampha	11/03/2021	Click here	Disbarment proceedings The Investigative Committee is carrying out disbarment proceedings against lawyer Anon Nampha. The ongoing proceeding is related to a complaint motion submitted 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”.
THAILAND	Somsak Onchuenjit	1/07/2021	Click here	Death On 4 May 2021, lawyer Somsak Onchuenjit was shot down by an unidentified gunman near his home in Trang province’s Wangviset district. Previous to his killing, he had been followed and was receiving death threats, but that the local authorities had neither investigated the threats nor arranged any measures to protect him.
THAILAND	Waraporn Utairangsee	21/10/2021	Click here	Criminal investigation Lawyer Waraporn Utairangsee is currently representing the interests of the ethnic Karen minority group in a criminal case against Mr. Chaiwat. The reason for which she has been reported to the police is linked to the fact that lawyer Waraporn Utairangsee had reported a criminal case against Mr. Chaiwat for burning ethnic Karen villages and for forcibly evicting the villagers in Kaeng Krachan National Park during 5 to 9 May 2011. It is reported that Mr. Chaiwat disputes this course of events

				and has therefore accused lawyer Waraporn Utairangsee and her client for providing false information about this criminal event.
TUNISIA	Chawki Tabib	09/09/2021	Click here	House arrest On 20 August 2021, lawyer Chawki Tabib was placed under house arrest following a transmission of a file concerning irregularities in the declaration of the head of the government's assets to the Public Prosecutor's Office by the Instance Nationale de la Lutte contre la corruption (Chawki Tabib has been the President of the INLUCC since 2016).
TURKEY	Aytaç Ünsal	11/02/2021	Click here	Continued detention Since lawyer Aytaç Ünsal's re-arrest on 9 December 2020, several appeals and petitions of objection were rejected. It has been reported that Aytaç Ünsal is still being subjected to ill-treatment in prison and that he has not been able to access proper medical care, thereby restraining his right to health.
TURKEY	Metin Yücel, COVID-19 Imprisoned lawyers	11/02/2021	Click here	Death and continued detention Imprisoned lawyer Metin Yücel passed away in Düzce prison after contracting COVID-19. He had been arrested on terrorist-related charges in October 2016 and sentenced to 8 years and 9 months in prison on 5 January 2018. A large number of lawyers are currently detained in Turkey under terror-related or political-related charges as it is believed that these lawyers are being identified with their clients' causes. Not releasing these prisoners would constitute a major responsibility for the State since it is almost impossible to secure the conditions of protection against COVID-19 in prisons.
TURKEY	Eren Keskin	26/02/2021	Click here	Sentencing On 15 February 2021 lawyer Eren Keskin was sentenced to six years and three months in prison for allegedly being a member of an "armed terrorist organisation". It has been reported that these charges are related to the fact that Eren Keskin was a co-editor-in-chief of Özgür Gündem, a daily newspaper that was closed down by the Turkish government in 2016.
TURKEY	Öztürk Türkdoğan	20/04/2021	Click here	Harassment On 19 March 2021, lawyer Öztürk Türkdoğan was arrested following the police officers' raid in his house in Ankara within the scope of an investigation conducted by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. Lawyer Öztürk Türkdoğan was detained without being able to access a lawyer. Afterwards, lawyer Öztürk Türkdoğan was released under judicial control and, in this regard, several measures were taken by the prosecutor's office. He is now obliged to appear at the closest police station to his residence twice a month in order to sign a document and that he cannot leave Turkey since an international travel ban was imposed on him.
TURKEY	Lawyers registered with Diyarbakır Bar Association	11/05/2021	Click here	Judicial harassment against the legal profession in Turkey In January 2021, the Center for Lawyers' Rights of Diyarbakır Bar Association published a report which shows that lawyers registered with Diyarbakır Bar Association are under systematic judicial harassment.
TURKEY	Sevda Özbingöl Çelik	1/07/2021	Click here	Sentencing and judicial harassment

				On 7 June 2021, lawyer Sevda Özbingöl Çelik was sentenced by Urfa's Sixth Heavy Penal Court to 11 years and six months of prison for membership to a terrorist organisation and terrorist propaganda. The charges are based on two anonymous testimonies, among which one was withdrawn.
TURKEY	Abdurrahman Karabulut	09/09/2021	Click here	Threats and acts of harassment On 3 August 2021, human rights lawyer Abdurrahman Karabulut received a threatening anonymous phone call in relation to his work in representing the Kurdish Dedeoğlu family, who were the target of racist attacks and some of them murdered. On 9 August 2021, lawyer Abdurrahman Karabulut filed a criminal complaint for insult and threat, but the Konya Chief Public Prosecutor's office did not undertake any investigation.
TURKEY	Defence	28/09/2021	Click here	Threats On 13 September 2021, during the court hearing at the Diyarbakır 9th Heavy Penal Court in the case of womens' rights defender Ayşe Gökkan, her defence lawyer, Berfin Gökkan, the Diyarbakır Bar Association Chair Nahit Eren and its bar executives who were assisting in the hearing were taken out of the courtroom by police forces upon the decision of the presiding judge. We understand that 78 Turkish bar associations have released a statement condemning the incident, emphasising on the importance of the right to defence.
TURKEY	Ankara and Diyarbakır Bar Associations members	21/10/2021	Click here	Criminal charges The head of the Ankara Bar Association and 10 members of the association's executive board are facing up to two years in prison, on charges of insult based on the 125th Article of the Turkish Penal Code due to a press statement in which they criticised the country's top imam for his remarks negatively targeting LGBTQI+ and HIV positive people during a sermon given in April 2020. Similar charges were brought against members of the Diyarbakır Bar Association by the public prosecutor's office in Diyarbakır
TURKEY	Turan Canpolat	10/11/2021	Click here	Continued detention Turan Canpolat still remains in detention after he was unjustly convicted in January 2016 and sentenced to ten years under Turkey's anti-terror provisions for reasons which are believed to be related to his legitimate activities as a lawyer.
UGANDA	Nicholas Opiyo, Dakasi Herbert, Odur Anthony, Esomu Obure	20/01/2021	Click here	Situation of lawyers (Detention) On 22 December 2020, human rights lawyers Nicholas Opiyo, Dakasi Herbert, Odur Anthony, Esomu Obure were taken in a manner tantamount to abduction and detained at the Special Investigations Division in Kireka on allegations of money laundering and related malicious acts. While detained, they were given no access to their lawyers, family members, or colleagues. On 24 December, lawyers Dakasi Herbert, Odur Anthony, and Esomu Obure were released on police bond and asked to report back to the Special Investigations Division in Kireka on 29 December 2020. On 30 December, lawyer Nicholas Opiyo, was also granted bail by the Buganda Road Court.
UAE	Mohammed Al-Roken	1/07/2021	Click here	Continued detention Since 17 July 2012, Mohammed Al-Roken has been detained in the Al-Razeen prison to a 10-year sentence for allegedly attempting to overthrow the government. The Emirati authorities condemned

				<p>Mohammed Al-Roken's advocacy work to defend clients who were accused of publicly insulting the UAE reputation and institutions. He was banned from practising law. Most recently, lawyer Mohammed Al-Roken has been exposed to constant illumination for 24 hours a day and music torture, causing him to lose consciousness due to high blood pressure.</p>
VENEZUELA	Raquel Sánchez	20/04/2021	Click here	<p>Harassment</p> <p>In February 2021, lawyer Raquel Sánchez detected vehicles commonly used for surveillance and officers in surveillance attitude parked in front of her home, acting in an intimidating way. The vehicles left immediately as soon as they saw Raquel Sánchez taking pictures for evidence. It is reported that Ms. Sánchez informed and showed evidence of those events to the Public Ministry which did not take any measures.</p>
VENEZUELA	Juan Carlos Barroeta Riva, Engels Puertas	10/11/2021	Click here	<p>Harassment</p> <p>On 6 October 2021, lawyers Juan Carlos Barroeta Rivas and Engels Puertas were accused of defamation by the authorities of the Criminal Judicial Circuit of the state of Mérida, and were threatened to be arrested. Both lawyers are part of the defence team in the case of two individuals who were according to the information received arbitrarily detained and allegedly tortured in prison. It is believed that the threat to arrest human rights lawyers Juan Carlos Barroeta Rivas and Engels Puertas is linked to their work as lawyers in this case, and in particular to their criticisms against the judge presiding over this case for alleged violations of due process.</p>
ZIMBABWE	Tendai Biti	11/02/2021	Click here	<p>Harassment and threats</p> <p>On 23 January 2021, human rights lawyer Tendai Biti was arrested by the police in Karoi. He was not informed of any charge and was eventually released without any charge against him. Following his release, Tendai Biti informed Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights that he received death threats due to his tweet regarding the government's failure to deal with COVID-19. It has been reported that lawyer Tendai Biti has on several occasions been subjected to harassment, ill-treatment, prosecution and persecution in recent months.</p>