



Number of letters sent per country

- Afghanistan (1)
- Azerbaijan (1)
- Bangladesh (1)
- Belarus (1)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (1)
- Cameroun (1)
- China (5)
- Colombia (2)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (1)
- Egypt (3)
- Equatorial Guinea (1)
- India (2)
- Iran (5)
- Israel (2)
- Kyrgyzstan (2)
- Lebanon (1)
- Malaysia (1)
- Niger (1)
- Nigeria (1)
- Pakistan (2)
- Palestine (1)
- Russia (6)
- Rwanda (1)
- Saudi Arabia (1)
- South Africa (1)
- South Sudan (1)
- Sudan (1)
- Syria (1)
- Thailand (1)
- Tunisia (3)
- Türkiye (7)
- Uzbekistan (1)
- Venezuela (2)
- Yemen (1)

OVERVIEW OF CCBE LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF ENDANGERED LAWYERS IN 2024

In **2024**, the CCBE sent **63** letters in support of more than **97** endangered lawyers in **34** countries around the world.



9% Murder • Attempted murder • Death



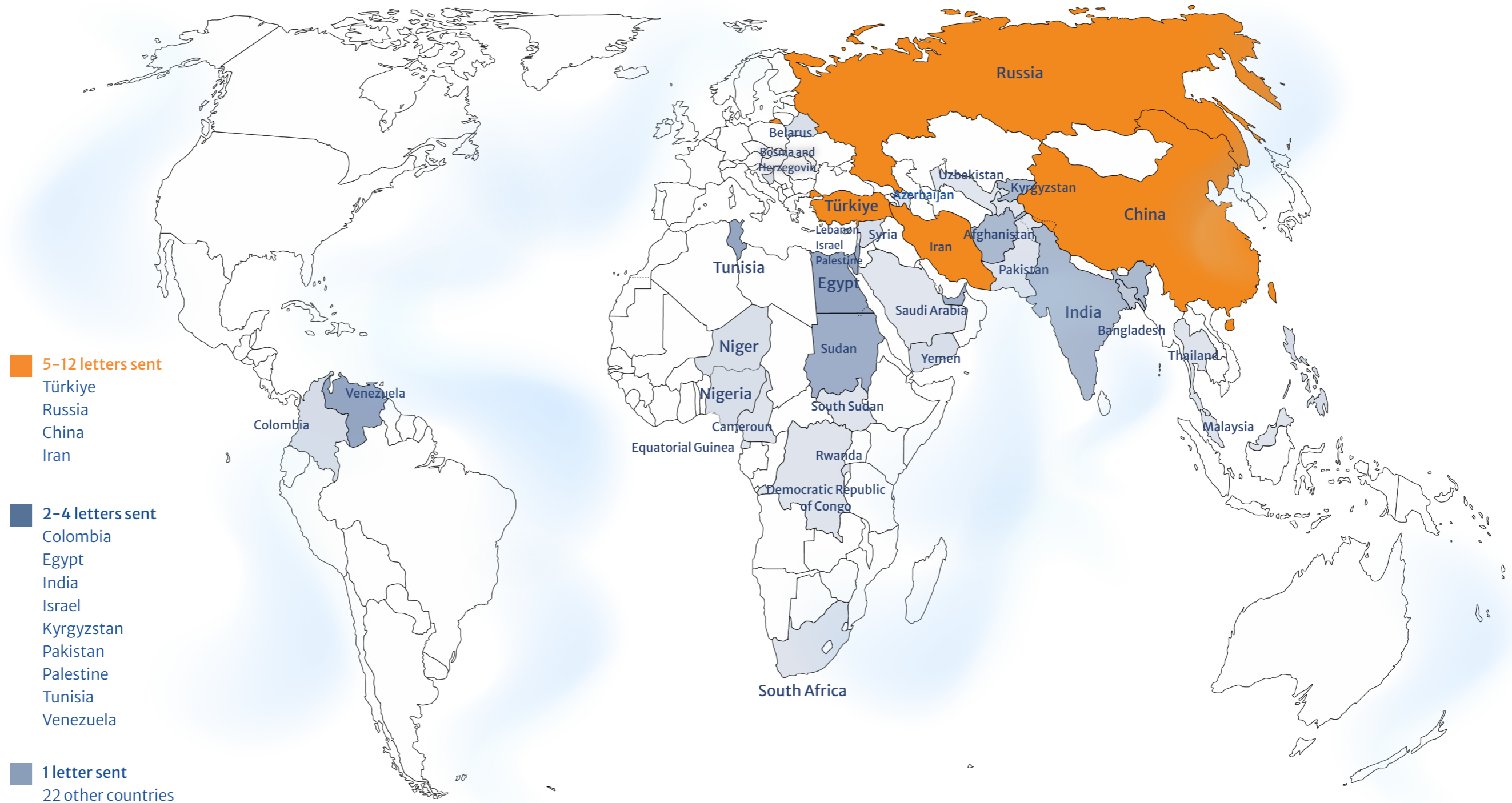
44% Arrest • Detention • Enforced disappearance • Prison



32% Threats • Assault • Harassment • Ill-treatment • Travel ban • Break-ins • Abduction



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



Country	Lawyers concerned	Letter sent the:	Link to the letter	Types of HR violation and summary of the case
Afghanistan	Lawyers in Afghanistan	24/05/2024	Click here	<p>Lack of access to lawyers in criminal proceedings</p> <p>The Supreme Court, through Declaration No. 631-632/360-361 dated 27 April 2024, issued a ruling prohibiting defence lawyers to represent clients in criminal lawsuits which are deemed to involve divine rights and contradict the Sharia, applicable laws, and international regulations. Through this declaration, suspects and defendants in such cases would be deprived of their right to legal representation during the prosecution process. This ruling imposes unjust and unlawful criteria for determining defence lawyer fees and requires unnecessary tests for defence lawyers.</p>
Azerbaijan	Fariz Namazli	09/10/2024	Click here	<p>Concern over the recent detention of lawyer Fariz Namazli</p> <p>Lawyer Fariz Namazli was detained by officers of the State Security Service while at a café in Baku with friends. It has been reported that several individuals took his phone from the table, identified themselves as officers of the State Security Service, and informed him that he had to accompany them. Allegedly, he was not allowed to make any phone calls, and no reason was provided for his detention.</p>
Bangladesh	Swapan Krishna Roy Chowdhury	13/11/2024	Click here	<p>Assault against lawyer Swapan Krishna Roy Chowdhury</p> <p>Lawyer Swapan Krishna Roy Chowdhury was the victim of a violent physical assault, on 7 November 2024, during the remand hearing of former minister and Awami League advisory council member Amir Hossain Amu. This act was committed in the presence of a magistrate at the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate’s Court. This attack follows a pattern of escalating violence against lawyers dealing with sensitive cases in Dhaka.</p>
Belarus	Maksim Znak	19/11/2024	Click here	<p>Continued detention of lawyer Maksim Znak</p> <p>Since 6 September 2021, Maksim Znak was sentenced by the Minsk Regional Court to ten years in prison under a high-security regime on charges of “calls for action against national security,” “conspiracy to seize power,” and “creation and administration of an extremist formation”. Since March 2023, his access to his lawyer has been terminated. He has already served his sentence for more than four years in the harshest conditions. The CCBE requested a Presidential pardon.</p>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Vasvija Vidovic	24/06/2024	Click here	<p>Detention, judicial harassment and threats against lawyer Vasvija Vidovic</p> <p>Vasvija Vidovic, a prominent Bosnian lawyer, has been prosecuted and detained by the Serbian Prosecutor General since December 2023, following her public criticism of the State Prosecutor General for failing to charge genocide denial in Srebrenica. Vidovic, who served as served in the</p>

				Hague as a "Minister Counsellor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina," is now on trial with a court date set for the week commencing 8 July. Her arrest has been widely publicised, damaging her reputation and economic situation, and she has faced vandalism and threats.
Cameroun	Richard Tamfu	9/12/2024	Click here	Assault against lawyer Richard Tamfu Lawyer Richard Tamfu was victim of a violent physical assault by policemen during an arrest and this act was filmed. He was thrown into the back of a pickup and then trampled by two zealous policemen.
China	Hang Tung Chow, Xu Zhiyong, and Ding Jiayi	15/01/2024	Click here	Continued Detention of lawyers Hang Tung Chow, Xu Zhiyong, and Ding Jiayi Hang Tung Chow was detained in solitary confinement for an additional 18 days after it was announced on 12 December 2023 that she's one of the awardees of the Franco-German Human Rights Award. It was further reported that she spent a total of 82 days in 2023 in solitary confinement. Following their second instance trial on 24 November 2023, lawyers Xu Zhiyong and Ding Jiayi were sent to different prisons at Ri Zhao in Shandong province and at Jing Zhou in Hubei province respectively.
China	Tang Jitian	11/03/2024	Click here	Continued incommunicado detention of lawyer Tang Jitian Human rights lawyer Tang Jitian has again been unlawfully detained and incommunicado since early November 2023. His previous enforced detention started on 10 December 2021 and lasted more than a year during which lawyer Tang Jitian had been subject to beating and deprivation of sleep. He was not allowed to visit his ill daughter in Japan and despite her death in Japan in the evening of 20 February 2024 lawyer Tang Jitian has remained detained incommunicado.
China	Legal profession in Hong Kong	15/03/2024	Click here	Concerns regarding the Safeguarding National Security Bill and its impact on the free and independent exercise of the legal profession in Hong Kong The Hong Kong government introduced a Safeguarding National Security Bill to the legislature with the aim to strengthen existing offences under Hong Kong Law. It is reported that access to specific lawyers may be restricted, giving the Hong Kong Police Force power to name certain lawyers or law firms as being banned from representing clients due to national security or hinder police investigation. Moreover, the law brings the restriction of consultation with lawyers in general which can cause unprotected communication and violation of confidentiality principle. Another concern is the possibility to hinder due process by suspending professional qualifications of lawyer.
China	Yu Wensheng	29/03/2024	Click here	Continued detention of lawyer Yu Wensheng Lawyer Yu Wensheng and his wife, Xu Yan, are being detained following their arrest by the police on 13 April 2023, as they were on their way to the EU delegation in China. They were detained in Beijing Shijingshan Detention Centre from 13 April 2023 until January 2024, after which they were transferred to Suzhou Detention Centre in Jiangsu province. They were arrested for "picking quarrels and provoking trouble". In October 2023, both of them were indicted on those charges, and an additional charge of "inciting subversion of state power." There is no date set for their trial and their

				son is threatened by the police if he undertook advocacy for their case.
China	Zhang Qingfang	05/11/2024	Click here	<p>Revocation of the licence of lawyer Zhang Qingfang</p> <p>Lawyer Zhang Qingfang had his licence revoked by the Beijing Municipal Judicial Affairs Bureau on 20 September 2024. It is believed that this decision is linked to his work as a lawyer who notably represented lawyer Xu Zhiyong for whom the CCBE had also expressed its concerns about the lawyer's continued detention. Lawyer Zhang Quinfang is an outspoken critic of China's judicial system and that he was barred from leaving China in the wake of the mass nationwide arrests and raids on law firms in 2015. Furthermore, other lawyers were warned by the Judicial Affairs Bureau to not comment publicly on Zhang's punishment.</p>
Colombia	Yessika Hoyos Morales	07/02/2024	Click here	<p>Threats against lawyer Yessika Hoyos Morales</p> <p>Yessika Hoyos Morales, a human rights lawyer and director of José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers (CAJAR), received once again a text message threatening her with death. That is the third time she has received that kind of threats which are all related to the work of CAJAR in relation to the case of the "Mondoñedo massacre."</p>
Colombia	Hipólito Mendoza	24/05/2024	Click here	<p>Continuous judicial harassment of lawyer Hipólito Mendoza</p> <p>Lawyer Hipólito Mendoza has been the victim of prosecution and deprivation of liberty as a consequence of his legitimate exercise of the profession of lawyer by being identified with the criminal cases brought against two of his clients. Although he has been released from prison, he continues to face harassment through electronic surveillance, seriously restraining him from exercising his legitimate lawyer activities. It is also reported that he is prevented from accessing his bank accounts.</p>
Democratic Republic of Congo	Mushibi Kabwende Faby	23/08/2024	Click here	<p>Assault and torture of lawyer Mushibi Kabwende Faby</p> <p>Lawyer Mushibi Kabwende Faby was beaten, tortured and humiliated by security forces in a video that went viral. The Congolese Defence Association against Brigadier General Jean Claude Kifwa Kambili and others for kidnapping, illegal detention, torture, threats, assault and battery and various other offences has filed a complaint on 19 August 2024 against lawyer Mushibi Kabwende Faby.</p>
Egypt	Hoda Abdelmoniem	07/02/2024	Click here	<p>Continued detention of lawyer Hoda Abdelmoniem</p> <p>Hoda Abdelmoniem is a prominent human rights lawyer and a former member of the National Council for Human Rights. She has been detained since 2018 and due to be released in November 2023. However, new charges were brought against her instead. Hoda Abdelmoniem is now 65 years old and she is suffering from severing health conditions.</p>
Egypt	Ahmed Kassem	30/07/2024	Click here	<p>Alleged enforced disappearance of lawyer Ahmed Kassem</p> <p>Ahmed Kassem was abducted from his home in Alexandria in August 2023 and held incommunicado until January 2024, when he was released to a hospital due to severe dehydration. While hospitalised, he disclosed having been held inconspicuously in a security prison, where he was tortured, denied an arrest warrant, and deprived of a trial. During his detention, he was allegedly</p>

				denied access to legal representation and contact with his family. Three weeks after his release, Ahmed Kassem forcibly disappeared again and has remained unaccounted for since February 2024. Ahmed Kassem has been targeted because of his work defending political opponents to the regime.
Egypt	Nabil Anwar Issa Ali Abu Sheikha	23/08/2024	Click here	Continued detention of lawyer Nabil Anwar Issa Ali Abu Sheikha Lawyer Nabil Anwar Issa Ali Abu Sheikha was arrested on 10 April 2022 for a satirical comment made on the social media, and has since been held at the Badr 1 Prison despite his pretrial detention exceeding the legally prescribed period. His health has significantly worsened due to chronic conditions and he was transferred to the Badr 1 Prison Hospital for a procedure to insert a stent in one of his heart arteries due to his worsening condition. His family has been denied visitation and has not received any updates on his health, despite his ongoing detention and serious medical issues.
Equatorial Guinea	Gemma Jones	11/03/2024	Click here	Disbarment of lawyer Gemma Jones Lawyer Gemma Jones, who runs a law firm which specialises in human rights defence and business consultancy, was banned from practising her profession in Equatorial Guinea for criticising her country's judicial and social system on the social media. It is not the first time lawyer Gemma Jones has suffered reprisals for speaking out and criticising the judicial system in Equatorial Guinea. Lawyer Gemma Jones had to leave the country for security reasons.
India	Rajaram Adhav and Manisha Adhav	07/02/2024	Click here	Murder of lawyers Rajaram Adhav and Manisha Adhav Lawyers Rajaram Adhav and Manisha Adhav, both lawyers practising at the Rahuri Court of Ahmadnagar district of Maharashtra were murdered by their own client, and four of his associates. They were abducted and asked to pay ransom after they were called by their client to the Court premises on the pretext of some work. They were tortured and then suffocated to death with a plastic bag.
India	Mohammad Ashraf and Nazir Ahmad Ronga	30/07/2024	Click here	Arrest of lawyers Mohammad Ashraf and Nazir Ahmad Ronga Mohammad Ashraf, senior advocate and former general secretary of Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association, was arrested from his residence in occupied Srinagar and booked under the Public Safety Act. In another case Nazir Ahmad Ronga, former president of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, was also arrested under the Public Safety Act. He was similarly picked up from his residence in the middle of the night. His arrest took place without an arrest warrant. Their arrest is believed to be misused in order to intimidate the members of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association.
Iran	Gelaleh Watandoost	07/02/2024	Click here	Sentencing of lawyer Gelaleh Watandoost Lawyer Gelaleh Watandoost, who advocates for women's rights, was sentenced to six years, seven months and 20 days in prison by the First Branch of Sanandaj Revolutionary Court in the western province of Kurdistan. She was charged with "propaganda activities against the Islamic Republic, formation or membership of groups aiming to disrupt national security, and affiliation with anti-Islamic Republic groups" and that she had previously encountered legal issues due to her work in

				defence of women’s rights.
Iran	Fereshteh Tabanian	11/03/2024	Click here	<p>Sentencing of lawyer Fereshteh Tabanian</p> <p>Lawyer Fereshteh Tabanian was sentenced to three months in prison for “propaganda against the state” as she was defending a street protester who was sentenced to death on the charge of “enmity against God.” Lawyer Fereshteh Tabanian had also faced prosecution in another case for which she was charged with “membership in groups opposed to the state” but which was dropped afterwards.</p>
Iran	Mohsen Borhani	30/07/2024	Click here	<p>Arrest of lawyer Mohsen Borhani</p> <p>Lawyer Mohsen Borhani was arrested after he publicly criticised how the authorities handled the 2022 protests in Iran following the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini.</p>
Iran	Mohammad Seifzadeh	23/08/2024	Click here	<p>Summons for the re-imprisonment of 76-year-old human rights lawyer Mohammad Seifzadeh</p> <p>The Iranian authorities have issued a summons for the re-imprisonment of 76-year-old human rights lawyer Mohammad Seifzadeh, despite his severe heart condition. He had already been summoned to Tehran’s Evin Prison in mid-August 2024 on charges of “propaganda against the state” and “publishing falsehoods” after signing a joint letter with 45 other Iranian activists. Although he had suffered seven strokes and may die in prison, he was still made to serve his full sentence.</p>
Iran	Behnam Nezadi	9/12/2024	Click here	<p>Sentencing of lawyer Behnam Nezadi</p> <p>Lawyer Behnam Nezadi has been sentenced to one year in prison and a two-year ban on practising law by Branch 2 of the Revolutionary Court in Arak. He is facing charges of “spreading falsehoods” and disclosing confidential information” at the Criminal Court. During his preliminary interrogation in July 2024, the authorities of the Islamic Republic accused him of undermining the judiciary, eroding judges’ confidence, and attempting to overthrow the Islamic Republic.</p>
Israel	18 Palestinian lawyers	02/05/2024	Click here	<p>Detention of 18 Palestinian lawyers</p> <p>18 Palestinian lawyers have remained under administrative detention under extremely difficult conditions since 7 October 2023. These lawyers have not been charged of anything yet and no legal evidence has been disclosed to them or their legal representatives. This is not an isolated situation and the use of administrative detention for prolonged periods without any fair trial nor charge has become a regular practice. These detainees were arrested under the justification that they may plan to break the law and/or may be a threat to security. These arrests were taking place on the cover of an order from the regional military command and on the basis of classified evidences that remain undisclosed</p>
Israel	Diala Ayesh	24/06/2024	Click here	<p>Continued detention of lawyer Diala Ayesh</p> <p>Human rights lawyer Diala Ayesh focused on advocating for the freedom and fair treatment of political prisoners. She was arrested on 17 January 2024 and issued with four-month administrative detention order by the Israeli military’s Central Command. She was subjected to solitary confinement multiple times as a punitive measure following her complaints regarding the dire conditions that detainees in Israeli prisons have endured since 7 October 2023. On 16 May 2024, the Israeli</p>

				authorities issued a new four-month administrative detention order without any charge or trial.
Kyrgyzstan	Erkin Sadanbekov and Kantemir Turdaliev	24/05/2024	Click here	Pressure exerted on lawyers Erkin Sadanbekov and Kantemir Turdaliev Lawyer Erkin Sadanbekov was forcibly taken to court from a doctor's office, where he was receiving medical treatment, despite having a sick leave certificate, and that lawyer Kantemir Turdaliev was also taken to court from a medical facility despite high blood pressure and having a sick leave certificate. These developments are believed to be linked with the lawyers' involvement in the Kempir Abad case and that they have been pressured in relation to their legitimate activities as lawyers.
Kyrgyzstan	Samat Matsakov	9/12/2024	Click here	Arrest and intimidation against lawyer Samat Matsakov On 29 November 2024, lawyer Samat Matsakov has been taken into custody until 30 December 2024 by the State Committee for National Security (SCNS) of Kyrgyzstan. Investigators of the SCNS searched lawyer Samat Matsakov's house in Bishkek and seized four discs in the case of businessman Imamidin Tashov, who was running for the presidential election. Lawyer Samat Matsakov has a travel ban without a preventive measure and a case has been opened against him under article "Fraud".
Lebanon	Mohammad Sablough	24/04/2024	Click here	Threats against lawyer Mohammad Sablough There were two attempts to break into Mohammad Sablough's car. He was informally notified about a 'serious' file allegedly being prepared against him, following previous accusations of Zionism by a high-ranking official within General Security. Furthermore, he received numerous threatening calls and messages from unknown numbers, prompting him to block them for his safety. This is already the second CCBE's letter concerning the harassment faced by lawyer Mohammed Sablough.
Malaysia	Nik Elin Zurina Nik Abdul Rashid	11/03/2024	Click here	Death threats against lawyer Nik Elin Zurina Nik Abdul Rashid Lawyer Nik Elin Zurina Nik Abdul Rashid has received several online death threats and was the victim of online attacks after Malaysia's apex Federal Court on 9 February supported her legal challenge to annul 16 provisions of Islamic criminal laws enacted by the state of Kelantan. She had already made three police reports in 2023 when the case started attracting attention from her critics.
Niger	Lawyers in Niger	24/04/2024	Click here	Concerns regarding violations of lawyers' professional guarantees in Niger Recent violations of the freedom to practise as a lawyer and of the fundamental rights of citizens in Niger have been reported. These violations come in the wake of the creation of an anti-corruption commission last September. There have been several arbitrary arrests, extrajudicial detentions and summonses of citizens for questioning without their lawyers being present. Furthermore, lawyers' access to their clients during interrogations is hampered, and complaints in this regard appear to be ignored by the judicial authorities and the Ministry of Justice.
Nigeria	Garricks Anyanwu Esq.	24/04/2024	Click here	Death of lawyer Garricks Anyanwu Esq. Lawyer Garricks Anyanwu Esq. was found dead in his hometown of Orodo, Mbaitoli Local Government Area, Imo State, on Friday 5 April 2024. It is reported that his decomposing body was

				discovered in a bush four days after he was reported missing. We understand that this incident is not isolated and there has been raising concerns about the safety of lawyers in Nigeria.
Pakistan	Malik Mahmood Phulerwan	25/09/2024	Click here	Killing of lawyer Malik Mahmood Phulerwan Lawyer Malik Mahmood Phulerwan was shot dead while driving from Ruknpura to Dipalpur, accompanied by his family members. It is reported that lawyer Malik Mahmood succumbed to his injuries while en route to the hospital. The attack was premeditated and linked to previous litigation involving the shooter, who had a history of animosity with Mr. Mahmood's father.
Pakistan	Amaan Mazari and Abudl Hadi	13/11/2024	Click here	Arrest of lawyers Amaan Mazari and Abudi Hadi Lawyers Amaan Mazari and Abudl Hadi were arrested by the Islamabad police officers on charges of interfering in government matters to cause a security risk. They were arrested on the grounds that they had forcibly tried to remove a road blockade placed by the police in the capital for the security of England's cricket team. These arrests are linked to the type of activists they defend.
Palestine	Muhannad Karajeh	13/06/2024	Click here	Threats against lawyer Muhannad Karajeh Human rights lawyer Muhannad Karajeh is the head of Lawyers for Justice, which he co-founded. This group was established to monitor human rights violations committed by the Palestinian Authorities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. He has been the victim of numerous threats, direct abuse, smear campaigns, and even detention by Palestinian Authority officials. Furthermore, false accusations have been used as grounds to detain him, associate him with hate speech, or even subjugate him to death threats. Due to these escalating threats, he has been forced to stay at home in fear for both his safety and that of his family of a possible attack or detention by Palestinian Authorities.
Russia	Olga Mikhailova and Alexander Fedulov	27/02/2024	Click here	Harassment and charges against lawyers Olga Mikhailova and Alexander Fedulov Lawyers Olga Mikhailova and Alexander Fedulov were put on Russia's Interior Ministry's wanted list as an act of reprisal against their work as defence lawyers for Alexei Navalny. They were charged with abusing their rights when providing legal assistance and with contribution to the further activities of the criminal organisation by ensuring regular exchange of information between members of the organisation and Alexey Navalny. Both of them left the country.
Russia	Vadim Kobzev, Alexey Liptser and Igor Sergunin	15/03/2024	Click here	Continued detention of lawyers Vadim Kobzev, Alexey Liptser and Igor Sergunin The Basmany District Court of Moscow extended the arrest of lawyers - of deceased Alexei Navalny - Vadim Kobzev, Alexey Liptser and Igor Sergunin, until 13 June 2024.
Russia	Lawyers in Russia	24/04/2024	Click here	Draft bill interfering with the legal profession and the independence of lawyers in Russia The proposed amendments to the law "On Advocacy and the Legal Profession", referenced as draft Federal Law No. 301952-8, currently pending before the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation could affect the capacity of bar associations to defend the interests of their members, limit the capacity of lawyers to exercise their profession independently, and undermine the due process guarantees of the right to a fair trial.

Russia	Grigory Vaypan	19/08/2024	Click here	<p>Concerns regarding the designation of lawyer Grigory Vaypan as a “foreign agent”</p> <p>On 5 July 2024, the Russian Ministry of Justice labeled Grigory Vaypan a “foreign agent,” accusing him of spreading false information about Russian authorities and opposing the war in Ukraine. The designation is believed to be connected to his human rights work, particularly defending the rights of “children of the Gulag” and his outspoken criticism of Russia's aggression against Ukraine.</p>
Russia	Bakhrom Khamroev	19/08/2024	Click here	<p>Harassment and imprisonment of lawyer Bakhrom Khamroev</p> <p>On 1 August 2024, the Russian Supreme Court upheld a 13-year, 9-month sentence for lawyer Bakhrom Khamroev, known for his work on migrant rights. Convicted of “justifying terrorism” and “participation in a terrorist organization,” he has faced harassment in prison, including a severe beating in January 2024 after attempting to file a complaint.</p>
Russia	Dmitry Talantov	9/12/2024	Click here	<p>Sentencing of lawyer Dmitry Talantov</p> <p>Lawyer Dmitry Talantov was sentenced to seven years in prison on 28 November 2024. He has been convicted on the grounds of spreading false information about the Russian army and of “inciting hatred” on several Facebook posts.</p>
Rwanda	Barton Mathias Matimbano	13/11/2024	Click here	<p>Disappearance of lawyer Barton Mathias Matimbano</p> <p>Since 10 October 2024, lawyer Barton Mathias Matimbano has been missing while he was on his way to represent two men arrested for embezzling taxes. His car is missing and some of his colleagues discouraged him from pleading in this sensitive case and that the legal victory against Gikondo centre could have consequences for his safety. Although his phone was briefly reconnected on 24 October 2024, he didn’t reply to his calls. Her wife warned the national authorities but she has received no reply to date.</p>
Saudi Arabia	Waleed Abu Al-Khair	24/24/2024	Click here	<p>Continued detention of lawyer Waleed Abu Al-Khair</p> <p>The continued detention of lawyer Waleed Abu Al-Khair has been the target of multiple hostile acts over the past several years. Monday 15 April 2024 marked the tenth anniversary of the arrest of lawyer Waleed Abu Al-Khair who is serving a 15-year prison sentence as a result of his peaceful human rights activism. It is against reported that he has repeatedly been ill-treated in prison, including being denied vital medical care.</p>
South Africa	Coreth Naudé	30/07/2024	Click here	<p>Assassination attempt on lawyer Coreth Naudé</p> <p>Coreth Naudé, who acted on numerous occasions in high-profile SARS tax investigation matters, was shot three times in an apparent assassination attempt in KwaZulu-Natal. The incident happened when she was arriving at her hotel parking lot in Durban North, near the Gateway shopping centre on 19 July 2024. Two gunmen opened fire, wounding her three times in the upper body, neck and face. Afterwards she managed to drive to safety and was then taken to hospital.</p>
South Sudan	James Mabor Mourwel	13/11/2024	Click here	<p>Assault against lawyer James Mabor Mourwel</p> <p>Lawyer James Mabor Mourwel has recently successfully defended and rescued an underage girl from an early forced marriage. He sustained severe injuries to his head, neck, and back after the family</p>

				members of the girl attacked him on his way home on 2 November 2024. He is nursing at the state hospital and he intended to report a case of assault to the police.
Sudan	Izdihar Jumaa Saeed	13/11/2024	Click here	Abduction and torture of lawyer Izdihar Jumaa Saeed Lawyer Izdihar Jumaa Saeed was abducted and tortured by an unidentified armed group in Sudan's Northern State. After being seized on 24 October in Merowe towards Ghnoum, she was beaten and sustained multiple fractures and injuries. She was abandoned in a remote area on the road to Abu Hamad and found by someone who transported her to a hospital.
Syria	Thamer al-Talla	22/05/2024	Click here	Death due to torture of Lawyer Thamer al-Talla Lawyer Thamer Habib al-Talla was arrested in late April 2024 outside the Palace of Justice in Al-Hasaka city where he was working. He was then taken to the local branch of the Criminal Security in Al-Hasaka city. He subsequently died on 8 May 2024 due to torture and medical negligence in the Criminal Security branch in Al-Hasaka city.
Thailand	Arnon Nampa	07/02/2024	Click here	Sentencing and continued detention of lawyer Arnon Nampa Lawyer Arnon Nampa has been once more sentenced to four years of prison for violating Section 112 (lèse-majesté) of the Criminal Code for royal defamation in a social media post made in 2021. This verdict is the second in 14 cases against him. As a result of his detention, lawyer Arnon Nampa faces significant difficulties in representing clients.
Tunisia	Legal profession in Tunisia	29/03/2024	Click here	General concerns regarding the situation of the legal profession in Tunisia Defence lawyers in Tunisia are facing pressure, in particular, in front of the security units and the prison services. The Council of the National Bar Association of Tunisia (ONAT) condemned the incessant legal proceedings against lawyers as well as the pressure exerted on lawyers in the exercise of their profession. Furthermore the lack of judicial reform, executive interference in the judicial sector and the adoption of some laws and decisions are being prejudicial to lawyers.
Tunisia	Sonia Dahmani, Mehdi Zagrouba, Nidhal Salhi	14/05/2024	Click here	Violent arrest of lawyers Sonia Dahmani, Mehdi Zagrouba and attempted arrest of lawyer Nidhal Salhi Lawyer Sonia Dahmani was arrested on 11 May 2024 in the headquarters of the Tunisian Bar followed comments she made on television about the situation in the country. On 13 May 2024, the police again violently stormed the headquarters of the Tunisian Bar and arrested lawyer Mehdi Zagrouba and attempted arrest Nidhal Salhi who has been hiding in fear of reprisals.
Tunisia	Sonia Dahmani	21/08/2024	Click here	Persecution, inhuman treatment and continued detention of lawyer Sonia Dahmani Lawyer Sonia Dahmani faced severe mistreatment on the day of her appeal trial. Despite her preparation and strong intention to attend, she was blocked by prison authorities through humiliating conditions and forced attire. She was made to wear a degrading "Sefssari" and endured inappropriate searches. Just before the trial, the prison director declared it was too late for her to attend, and the prosecutor insisted on proceeding without her. Her lawyers fought for her presence,

				but the court ruled it impossible to arrange her attendance. After extensive pleas, the judge postponed the hearing to 10 September.
Türkiye	Eren Keskin	07/02/2024	Click here	Threats against lawyer Eren Keskin Lawyer Eren Keskin received several threats on social media following the publication of images of her on X (formerly Twitter) taken during a press conference for the Armenian Remembrance Day on 24 April 2023, in which she participated. The posts from which the threats against her emanated were part of a well-organised smear campaign aimed at directly attacking the lawyer. Furthermore, the headquarters of the Tunisian Bar were heavily damaged.
Türkiye	Didem Baydar Ünsal, Berrak Çağlar, Seda Şaraldı and Betül Vangölü Kozağaçlı	15/02/2024	Click here	Arrest of lawyers Didem Baydar Ünsal, Berrak Çağlar, Seda Şaraldı and Betül Vangölü Kozağaçlı Lawyers Didem Baydar Ünsal, Berrak Çağlar, Seda Şaraldı and Betül Vangölü Kozağaçlı, members of the Progressive Lawyers Association (ÇHD), were arrested following a raid on their office in Istanbul on 6 February 2024. Access to the contents of the case was denied to their defence lawyers, preventing them from knowing the actual accusations against these lawyers and the reasons behind the raid on their office.
Türkiye	Şüheda Ronahi Çiftçi	11/03/2024	Click here	Imprisonment of lawyer Şüheda Ronahi Çiftçi Human rights lawyer Şüheda Ronahi Çiftçi, the head of the Antalya branch of the Human Rights Association (IHD) and the Contemporary Lawyers Association (ÇHD), was imprisoned. Şüheda Ronahi Çiftçi was taken into custody on 20 February 2024 and she was then imprisoned as the Antalya General Prosecutor's Office accused her of being a member of a terrorist organisation. These accusations are believed to be linked with her professional and human rights activities.
Türkiye	Selçuk Kozağaçlı and Barkın Timtik	22/05/2024	Click here	Sentence of lawyers Selçuk Kozağaçlı and Barkın Timtik Lawyers Selçuk Kozağaçlı and Barkın Timtik, together with other lawyers from the ÇHD, were charged with "membership in a terrorist organisation" and "propagandising for a terrorist organisation" by the İstanbul 18th High Criminal Court in November 2022. The 3rd Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeals has now concluded the appeals for Kozağaçlı and Timtik and upheld their sentences respectively to 10 and 12 years.
Türkiye	lawyers in the Adnan Oktar's case	30/05/2024	Click here	Trial and judicial harassment against 6 lawyers in the Adnan Oktar's case Six lawyers—Burak Temiz, Pelin Durmuş, Sinem Mollahasanoglu, Tugba Bal, Ayşe Toprak, and Arzu Gül—are being tried under Article 220 of the Turkish Criminal Code for allegedly being members of an organisation established to commit crimes. These charges relate to their legitimate activities as lawyers defending Mr Adnan Oktar and over 200 of his associates, which have been mischaracterised as "criminal organisational activities". The charges reportedly lack a clear legal basis and evidence, and the lawyers have been denied access to legal counsel. They are accused of illegitimately pressuring their clients and transmitting orders to ensure the continuity of a criminal organisation, claims which they strongly deny.

Türkiye	Naim Eminoğlu and Doğa İncesu		Click here	Arrest of lawyers Naim Eminoğlu and Doğa İncesu Turkish authorities detained Naim Eminoğlu and Doğa İncesu, members of the Progressive Lawyers Association (ÇHD), after raiding their homes without a prosecutor or bar association representative present. Confidential client information was seized. They were not told the charges against them or given time to prepare for their 5 July hearing. Their lawyers' access to case files was restricted, and they were denied legal representation for 24 hours. Their detention is believed to be an attempt to intimidate them due to their work documenting rights violations and torture in prisons.
Türkiye	Şiar Rişvanoğlu	03/12/2024	Click here	Detention of lawyer Şiar Rişvanoğlu Lawyer Şiar Rişvanoğlu's was detained on 26 November 2024 from the Çukurova airport upon his arrival. This detention follows a police raid on his residence without his presence, as he was travelling by plane. The raid was conducted without the presence or oversight of a prosecutor or representative from the Adana Bar Association and was only witnessed by a local community leader. A confidentiality order was issued, and lawyer Siar Rişvanoğlu was subjected to a 24-hour restriction on communication with his defence team. He was detained on the alleged ground of being a member of a 'terrorist' organisation. The circumstances surrounding his detention has raised significant concerns regarding adherence to legal norms and human rights.
Uzbekistan	Dauletmurat Tajimuratov	15/01/2024	Click here	Ill-treatment and imprisonment of Dauletmurat Tajimuratov Since his imprisonment, lawyer Dauletmurat Tajimuratov has been experiencing degrading treatment, denial of medical aid, and overall poor prison conditions. It is reported that he is kept in isolation, not allowed to send or receive correspondence, and is frequently placed in solitary confinement where he is not allowed to read newspapers or listen to the radio.
Venezuela	Rocío San Miguel	22/05/2024	Click here	Detention of lawyer Rocío San Miguel Lawyer Rocío San Miguel was detained by Venezuelan security agents on her way to the United States for personal reasons, together with her daughter and four other family members. She was then transferred to an unknown place. She was accused of the crimes of terrorism, treason, and conspiracy, among others. On 10 April the defence lawyers of lawyer Rocio San Miguel still had no access to her file.
Venezuela	Kennedy Tejeda	25/09/2024	Click here	Detention of lawyer Kennedy Tejeda Lawyer Kennedy Tejeda was arrested on 2 August 2024 by the Bolivarian National Guard while visiting a detention centre in the Carabobo state, to inquire about the situation of detainees protesting in that state. Lawyer Kennedy Tejeda was transferred to the General Directorate of Military Counterintelligence (DGCIM) without being informed of the reasons for his arrest. He has been denied access to legal counsel and has not been allowed to communicate with his family.
Yemen	Sami Yassin Ka'id Marsh	29/03/2024	Click here	Detention of lawyer Sami Yassin Ka'id Marsh Lawyer Sami Yassin Ka'id Marsh has been detained without charge for four months in relation to his work seeking accountability and justice for human rights violations in Yemen. He was physically

				assaulted and arbitrarily detained on 16 November 2023 as he was leaving the Supreme Judicial Council and Judicial Inspection in Khormaksar. Security forces held him for almost four months at al-Nasr military camp, after which he was transferred to Bir Ahmad prison in Aden, where he remains to date amid serious concerns for his health. During his detention, he was held in solitary confinement, was subjected to torture and was denied his right to contact and meet his lawyer.
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