



Number of letters sent per country

- Algeria (3)
- Armenia (1)
- Bangladesh (30)
- Belarus (2)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (1)
- Cameroon (2)
- China (4)
- Colombia (3)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (2)
- Ecuador (1)
- Egypt (3)
- El Salvador (3)
- France (1)
- Ghana (1)
- Guinea-Bissau (1)
- Greece (1)
- India (2)
- Iran (10)
- Israel (1)
- Kazakhstan (2)
- Kenya (1)
- Kirgizstan (1)
- Lebanon (1)
- Mexico (1)
- Nepal (1)
- Nigeria (1)
- Pakistan (6)
- Palestine (2)
- Philippines (2)
- Saudi Arabia (1)
- South Africa (1)
- South Sudan (1)
- Sudan (1)
- Syria (1)
- Thailand (2)
- Tunisia (5)
- Türkiye (12)
- Uganda (1)
- United Arab Emirates (1)
- Uzbekistan (1)
- Venezuela (3)
- Vietnam (1)

OVERVIEW OF CCBE LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF ENDANGERED LAWYERS IN 2025

In **2025**, the CCBE sent **121** letters in support of more than **920** endangered lawyers in **42** countries around the world.



6% Murder • Attempted murder • Death



59% Arrest • Detention • Enforced disappearance • Prison



27% Threats • Assault • Harassment • Ill-treatment • Travel ban • Break-ins • Abduction



8% Deprivation of the right to exercise the legal profession and attacks against the independence of the legal profession



COUNTRY	Lawyers concerned	Letters sent the :	Link to the letter	Types of HR violation and summary of the case
Algeria	Toufik Belala	23/01/2025	Click here	<p>Sentencing of lawyer Toufik Belala</p> <p>Lawyer Toufik Belala was sentenced to six months of imprisonment by the Tribunal de Boufarik on the grounds that he published on Facebook “false news likely to harm public security”. The investigation also breached the confidentiality of lawyer Toufi Belala’s professional communications and correspondences between him and his clients.</p>
Algeria	Mounir Gharbi	04/03/2025	Click here	<p>Concern over the condemnation and judicial harassment of lawyer Mounir Gharbi</p> <p>Lawyer Mounir Gharbi was sentenced by the tribunal of Sétif on February 17, 2025 to 3 years of prison and a fine of 200.000 DZD., reportedly for a Facebook post criticising the press. Lawyer Mounir Gharbi faced repeated judicial harassment including travel bans and interrogations. He was convicted without due process.</p>
Algeria	François Zimeray	11/03/2025	Click here	<p>Violation of the freedom of defence of lawyer François Zimeray</p> <p>Lawyer François Zimeray was allegedly prevented from representing his client, Boualem Sansal, after that Algerian authorities recommended to Sansal to have a non-Jewish French lawyer instead. There was no official denial that has been issued. Lawyer François Zimeray was also reportedly barred from meeting his client.</p>
Armenia	Search and seizure at the office of " law firm and violation of lawyer-client privilege	18/06/2025	Click here	<p>Search and seizure at the office of "Malkhasyants" law firm and violation of lawyer-client privilege</p> <p>A search was conducted at the workplace of the "Malkhasyants" law firm in connection with criminal proceedings unrelated to the firm’s lawyers, who are neither suspects, defendants, nor witnesses in the case, which concerns bribery by other individuals and public servants. During the search, four work computers containing lawyer-client privileged information of numerous clients were confiscated. It is further reported that one of the lawyers whose computer was seized is the defence lawyer of the accused in the aforementioned criminal proceedings. The search was therefore conducted at the workplace of the defence lawyer in the relevant criminal proceedings, and his work computer was confiscated.</p>
Bangladesh	Syed Kabir Hossain Jony	13/01/2025	Click here	<p>Arrest of lawyer Syed Kabir Hossain Jony</p> <p>Lawyer Syed Kabir Hossain Jony was arrested by the police on 22 December 2024. It is believed that his arrestation directly followed his representation of 167 Awami league leaders and activists in court. Following the proceedings, lawyer Syed Kabir Hossain Jony</p>

				was detained on the alleged ground of “subversive activities”. His arrest occurred shortly after he had briefed the press on the legal aspects of the case.
Bangladesh	Pro-Awami League lawyers	23/01/2025	Click here	<p>Detention and persecution of pro-Awami League lawyers in Khulna</p> <p>Eight pro-Awami league lawyers were detained in prison and 28 pro-Awami League lawyers from the Khulna District Lawyers' Association were implicated in false and fabricated cases. Lawyers sent to jail for their differing political beliefs and that the charges brought against them stemmed from an alleged armed attack during the ongoing student-public movement. A bail was granted to 15 other lawyers implicated in the same case, while five other lawyers remain in hiding.</p>
Bangladesh	Arbitrary arrest of six lawyers in different parts of Bangladesh	04/03/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary arrest of six lawyers in different parts of Bangladesh</p> <p>Between 14 December and 3 February 2025, six lawyers from the Supreme Court Bar Association, the Lakshmipur Advocate Bar Association, Jamalpur Bar Association and the Dhaka Bar Association were arrested and detained in different parts of Bangladesh for opposing political beliefs in different cases. They were involved in different cases : the case related to the killing of student Sad Al Afnan, the case related to the attacks on the peaceful anti-discrimination student-public</p>
Bangladesh	Arbitrary arrests and detention of lawyers in Bangladesh	17/03/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary arrests and detention of lawyers in Bangladesh</p> <p>Several lawyers in Bangladesh had faced arbitrary arrestation and detention, solely for holding differing political beliefs and engaging in their professional duties. It is reported that these arrests are part of a broader effort to silence members of the legal profession and suppress opposition voices.</p>
Bangladesh	Violent attack against lawyers Khalilur Rahman, Abdul Awal, and Shahjahan Ali	17/03/2025	Click here	<p>Violent attack against lawyers Khalilur Rahman, Abdul Awal, and Shahjahan Ali</p> <p>On 10 March 2025, a group of general students and members of the public violently attacked the three defence lawyers in front of the Lawyers' Association at the Jamalpur District Court premises. The attack followed a protest at Doyamoyi Square, where demonstrators had demanded justice for two alleged rape cases. After the protest, they moved to the court premises to pressure defence lawyers into withdrawing from the cases. The lawyers refused to withdraw. Eight people were injured, included three lawyers, who were later admitted to Jamalpur General Hospital for treatment.</p>
Bangladesh	Politically motivated charges against 291 lawyers	11/04/2025	Click here	<p>Politically motivated charges against 291 lawyers</p> <p>291 lawyers have been charged with severe accusations such as murder, attempted murder, assault, bomb explosions, detonating explosives, vandalising vehicles, and involvement in violent attacks on peaceful student protesters. These accusations appear to be entirely baseless and form part of a coordinated attempt to undermine the</p>

				integrity of the legal profession in Bangladesh. The individuals affected by these charges include highly respected legal professionals.
Bangladesh	Disqualification of Pro-Awami League Lawyers Panel in Dinajpur District Advocate Bar Association Election	08/04/2025	Click here	<p>Disqualification of Pro-Awami League Lawyers Panel in Dinajpur District Advocate Bar Association Election</p> <p>13 candidates were disqualified on 29 March 2025, by Chief Election Commissioner Advocate Md. Ibrahim, for their political affiliation with the Bangladesh Awami League. The disqualification included key positions such as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, despite their compliance with the election procedures.</p>
Bangladesh	Arbitrary imprisonment of 84 lawyers in Bangladesh	11/04/25	Click here	<p>Arbitrary imprisonment of 84 lawyers in Bangladesh</p> <p>84 pro-Awami League lawyers were incarcerated on 6 April 2025 solely for their political beliefs - despite their valid anticipatory bail granted by the High Court Division of the Bangladesh Supreme Court. Their bail pleas were rejected by the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions judge.</p>
Bangladesh	Lawyer Sujon Mia	11/04/2025	Click here	<p>Murder of lawyer Sujon Mia in Bangladesh</p> <p>Sujon Mia was fatally stabbed on the night of 6 April 2025, in what appears to be a politically motivated targeted killing. Lawyer Sujon Mia was a committed legal defender of political activists which led to his demise.</p>
Bangladesh	Detention and public humiliation of six lawyers in Bangladesh	29/04/2025	Click here	<p>Detention and public humiliation of six lawyers in Comilla, Bangladesh</p> <p>the lawyers were ordered into judicial custody in connection with a case believed to be politically motivated and fabricated, stemming from the anti-discrimination student movement of August 2024. The charges, which reportedly include allegations of violence and conspiracy, are said to be unsupported by transparent or credible evidence. The lawyers were subjected to public humiliation during their transfer to custody. It is reported that politically affiliated mobs pelted them with eggs in full view of the authorities, with no visible action taken to prevent or respond to the incident.</p>
Bangladesh	Arbitrary arrest of lawyer M.M. Mujibur Rahman	09/05/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary arrest of lawyer M.M. Mujibur Rahman</p> <p>Lawyer M.M. Mujibur Rahman was arrested in a manner that reportedly lacked transparency, and his name was not included in the First Information Report (FIR) initially filed. The charges against lawyer M.M. Mujibur Rahman, which suggest involvement in anti-state activities and a conspiracy to destabilise the country, are believed to be baseless and politically motivated. His arrest is viewed as an attempt to silence him. Lawyer M.M. Mujibur Rahman is known for his advocacy for legal integrity and political rights.</p>

Bangladesh	Barrister Turin Afroz	09/05/2025	Click here	<p>Il-treatment of Barrister Turin Afroz</p> <p>Barrister Turin Afroz was subjected to severe physical and psychological abuse while in police custody at Uttara West Police Station between 8 and 12 April 2025. Two uniformed female police officers, together with a male and a female individual in civilian clothes, perpetrated acts of violence against her. She was allegedly beaten with lathis (batons) on her thighs and legs, kicked, slapped, punched, and subjected to repeated physical assaults on the back parts of her body.</p>
Bangladesh	Politically motivated prosecution of twenty lawyers	09/05/2025	Click here	<p>Politically motivated prosecution of twenty lawyers</p> <p>A politically motivated and fabricated murder case has been filed on 20 April 2025 against twenty lawyers, including former Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik. The case implicates a total of 408 individuals-including lawyers, journalists, artists, government officials, teachers, and politicians - in connection with the death of Mahfuz Alam Srabon, a BNP activist, during the July Mass Uprising in Mirpur, Dhaka.</p>
Bangladesh	Lawyers Sanjit Kumar Pandit, Shahjahan Saju, and Nasir Uddin Bahar	09/05/2025	Click here	<p>Physical assault, arbitrary arrest, and detention of lawyers Sanjit Kumar Pandit, Shahjahan Saju, and Nasir Uddin Bahar</p> <p>Lawyer Sanjit Kumar Pandit was allegedly assaulted by local BNP activists in Kendua, Netrakona, and handed over to police without due process on 2 May 2025. He was later arrested in connection with a vandalism case filed ten months after the alleged incident (November 2023) and detained without legal representation during court proceedings on 3 May 2025. The charges appear politically motivated, linked to his professional duties in a 1971 war crimes case.</p> <p>Lawyer Shahjahan Saju was arrested from his law chamber in Feni and charged under murder and the Explosive Substances Act related to a 2024 student protest on 5 May 2025. A demand for extortion preceded his court appearance, which ordered his transfer to jail custody on 6 May 2025. His arrest is considered to be politically motivated and linked to his professional role as a lawyer, with allegations that the charges are being used as a means to target him for his legal work.</p> <p>Nasir Uddin Bahar voluntarily appeared before the Feni District and Sessions Judge Court on 22 April 2025 following the expiration of his High Court bail. Despite his lawful request for bail renewal, his imprisonment was ordered on 6 May 2025 in a case linked to a 2024 public uprising. The proceedings against him are also believed to be politically motivated and connected to his professional activities as a lawyer.</p>

Bangladesh	Lawyers Ahsanul Karim Lachu and Faruk Ahmed Prince	23/06/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary arrest of lawyers Ahsanul Karim Lachu and Faruk Ahmed Prince Lawyers Ahsanul Karim Lachu, former President and General Secretary of the Gaibandha District Bar Association, and Faruk Ahmed Prince, former President and Public Prosecutor, have been arbitrarily arrested in May 2025. Both lawyers were detained in connection with vandalism cases related to incidents at the BNP office in July and August 2024.</p> <p>Advocate Ahsanul Karim Lachu was arrested on 29 May 2025 from the central bus terminal in Gaibandha city, and Advocate Faruk Ahmed Prince was arrested on 9 May 2025 from his residence in the Westpara area of Gaibandha city. Both were subsequently remanded to jail custody, despite not being named in any complaint.</p>
Bangladesh	Lawyers Bikash Kumar Ghosh and Amjad Hossain	23/06/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary arrest of lawyers Bikash Kumar Ghosh and Amjad Hossain Lawyer Bikash Kumar Ghosh, former Government Pleader of Jhenaidah, and lawyer Amjad Hossain, former General Secretary of the Kurigram District Bar Association have been arbitrarily arrested. Lawyer Bikash Kumar Ghosh was detained by the immigration police at the Darshana Joynagar checkpoint upon returning from India after his wife's medical treatment on 31 May 2025, and was subsequently shown as arrested in a reportedly politically motivated case and sent to jail. Lawyer Amjad Hossain was arrested from his home on 23 April 2025 by the Detective Branch police and presented to the court as a suspect under the Special Powers Act, despite not being named in the First Information Report.</p>
Bangladesh	Lawyer Rezaul Karim and trainee lawyers Kamal Hossain Palash and Muntakim Shuvo	23/06/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary arrest and detention of lawyer Rezaul Karim and trainee lawyers Kamal Hossain Palash and Muntakim Shuvo Lawyer <i>Rezaul Karim</i> was arrested by the police from a residence in Cumilla city on allegations of participating in a virtual group meeting with Sheikh Hasina and plotting sabotage. He was sent to jail through the Cumilla court on 14 May 2025. On 5 January 2025, trainee lawyer <i>Kamal Hossain Palash</i> was arrested in connection with an arson case involving the Jashore District BNP office. He was detained in front of the No. 1 Lawyers' Building in Jashore and later sent to jail via court. Earlier, on 4 August 2024, the BNP office in Laldighirpar, Jashore, was attacked and set on fire, and Palash was arrested based on a case filed by BNP leader M.A. Gafur. On 3 November 2024, trainee lawyer <i>Muntakim Shuvo</i> was arrested from the premises of Cox's Bazar court without any warrant or formal charges. Eyewitnesses stated that he was arrested under pressure related to an anti-discrimination student movement and was later falsely shown as</p>

				involved in an attack related to that movement. He was produced in court, where the judge ordered him to be sent to jail.
Bangladesh	Arbitrary prosecution and denial of professional rights of lawyers in Gazipur District	07/07/2025	Click here	Arbitrary prosecution and denial of professional rights of lawyers in Gazipur District At least 55 experienced and senior lawyers of the Gazipur District Bar have been arbitrarily arrested and have faced more than 70 cases filed from August 2024 to June 2025. The cases arose in the context of student and mass movements during July and August 2024, and include accusations of “murder,” “terrorism,” and “anti-state activities”. Most of the accused lawyers have long held leadership roles within the Gazipur District. Senior lawyers Advocate Abdur Rahman Master and 88-year-old Advocate Abdul Bari were arrested on 15 October 2024 and 2 February 2025, respectively, and are currently imprisoned.
Bangladesh	Cancellation of the memberships of sixteen lawyers of the Jhalokathi District Bar Association	07/07/2025	Click here	Cancellation of the memberships of sixteen lawyers of the Jhalokathi District Bar Association The Bar membership was cancelled solely due to their affiliation with the Bangladesh Awami League and their professional roles as Public Prosecutors, Assistant Public Prosecutors, Presidents, Secretaries, and Executive Members of the Bar Association. The decision was executed without any specific allegations, evidence, or reference to constitutional provisions. The letter addressed to those lawyers merely stated, “Your membership was cancelled in the Executive Committee meeting held on 22 April” without citing any clause from the association’s constitution or providing justification for the decision. Among the lawyers whose memberships were cancelled are District Awami League General Secretary Khan Saifullah Panir, former Bar President and former Public Prosecutor Abdul Mannan Rasul, former Vice-President Md. Manjur Hossain and his son Advocate Md. Morshed Kamal Talukder, former Government Pleader Tapan Kumar Roy Chowdhury, former General Secretaries and Additional Public Prosecutors M. Alam Khan Kamal and A. S. M. Mostafizur Rahman (Monu), former President Md. Mahbubur Rahman Talukder, Awami League Lawyers’ Forum District Convenor G. K. Mostafizur Rahman, former Assistant Public Prosecutor Sanjay Kumar Mitra, Md. Anwar Hossain Hawlader, Kartik Chandra Dutta, Syed Md. Jahangir Shamim, Tanzila Haque, Md. Abul Bashar, and banned Awami League District Legal Affairs Secretary S. M. Ruhul Amin Rizvi.
Bangladesh	Politically motivated charges	07/07/2025	Click here	Politically motivated charges against prominent lawyers Politically motivated charges against a group of highly respected legal professionals have been filed in connection with the killing of student protester Imran Hossain on 1

	against prominent lawyers			September 2024 without any credible evidence and appear to be politically motivated, aiming to tarnish the image and undermine the integrity of those who have consistently upheld the rule of law, including former Law Minister Barrister Shafiq Ahmed, former Attorney General AM Amin Uddin, Supreme Court lawyer Barrister Tania Amir, former Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal Advocate Syed Haider Ali, Advocate Mokhleshur Rahman Badal, former Deputy Attorney General Advocate Motaher Hossain Saju, former Minister Advocate Nurul Islam Sujun, former State Minister Advocate Mahbub Ali, and former Deputy Speaker Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku.
Bangladesh	Exclusion of lawyers from the Gazipur District Bar Association election	14/07/2025	Click here	Exclusion of lawyers from the Gazipur District Bar Association election on political grounds Lawyers identified with pro-Awami political ideology were barred from contesting the 2025–2026 executive committee election of the Gazipur District Bar Association. A group of lawyers was denied the opportunity to stand as candidates in the election, despite their legal and constitutional rights, solely due to their political beliefs. This action has deprived these lawyers of their professional and democratic rights.
Bangladesh	Arrests of five lawyers in Bangladesh	28/07/2025	Click here	Arrests of five lawyers in Bangladesh Advocate Khodadat Khan Pitu, former President and General Secretary of the Naogaon District Bar Association, was arrested at approximately 2:30 AM from his residence on 17 July 2025. He was not named in the original case involving vandalism and arson at the local BNP office, he was later implicated based on investigative findings and subsequently imprisoned. On 13 July 2025, Advocate Md. Abdul Haque Pramanik, former General Secretary of the Rangpur Bar Association, was sent to prison after his bail petition was rejected in connection with a July Uprising murder case, despite prior bail being granted by the High Court in related cases. On 11 July 2025, Advocate Uzzal Bose, a senior member of the Patuakhali Bar Association, was arrested in the early hours from his home and detained in connection with a case related to the July Movement. On 28 June 2025, Advocate Umaira Islam, a female member of the Moulvibazar District Bar Association, was arrested based on allegations concerning social media posts, following a written complaint by a local group. On 8 April 2025, Advocate Golam Mohiuddin, former President of the Manikganj District Bar Association, was denied bail and sent to prison in connection with four sabotage cases related to the “July Movement”, despite having previously received bail from the High Court in these matters.

Bangladesh	Politically motivated arrests and prosecutions of 17 lawyers in Bangladesh	05/08/2025	Click here	Politically motivated arrests and prosecutions of 17 lawyers in Bangladesh Politically motivated and arbitrary arrests and detention of five lawyers, as well as the filing of politically motivated and fabricated cases against twelve other lawyers in various districts of Bangladesh—namely Barguna, Satkhira, Gazipur, Bogura, and Gopalganj. These arrests and prosecutions are believed to be linked to the lawyers’ professional activities their differing political opinions
Bangladesh	Criminalisation and violent attacks against lawyers in Bangladesh	22/08/2025	Click here	Criminalisation and violent attacks against lawyers in Bangladesh filing of fabricated criminal complaints for attempted murder against 65 lawyers, and violent attacks and harassment against lawyers inside the High Court during a bail hearing.
Bangladesh	Judicial harassment, criminalisation, and attacks against 19 lawyers in Bangladesh	15/09/2025	Click here	Judicial harassment, criminalisation, and attacks against 19 lawyers in Bangladesh Advocate Mojibur Rahman’s bail was denied on 11 February 2025 in a case linked to an anti-discrimination student movement in Manikganj ; Advocate Mahfuzur Rahman was arrested and sent to jail in Sylhet on 1 May 2025; Advocate Aziyar Rahman was arrested and sent to jail in Jessore on 6 August 2025; and Advocates Selim Shah and Taibur Rahman were sent to jail in Nilphamari on 7 and 8 August on charges related to political unrest. Moreover, on 24 August 2025 Advocate Billal Hossain was attacked at his home by hired assailants with apparent intent to kill. In addition, eleven prominent lawyers, including former office bearers of the Dhaka Bar, face embezzlement charges, and two other lawyers reportedly face cases and arrest warrants in Laxmipur
Bangladesh	Politically motivated imprisonment of twelve lawyers in Barguna	15/09/2025	Click here	Politically motivated imprisonment of twelve lawyers in Barguna on 2 September 2025, Barguna District and Sessions Judge Md. Saiful Rahman rejected the bail applications of twelve lawyers accused in connection with a 2023 incident involving alleged vandalism and arson at the BNP office in Barguna. The lawyers concerned are: former Barguna Bar President Mahbubul Bari Aslam, former GP Advocate Md. Mojibur Rahman, Advocate Mojibul Haque Kislu, Advocate Humayun Kabir, Advocate Junaid Jewel, Advocate Saimul Rabbi, Advocate Humayun Kabir Poltu, Advocate Abdullah Al Mamun, Advocate Aminul Islam Milon, Advocate Abdur Rahman Jewel, Advocate Nurul Islam, and Advocate Imran Hossain. It is reported, however, that these charges were fabricated and politically motivated to obstruct the professional duties of lawyers.
Bangladesh	Mohammad Alamgir, Secretary General	13/10/2025	Click here	Continuous threats and attacks against lawyer Mohammad Alamgir Lawyer Mohammad Alamgir has been subjected to repeated threats and acts of violence over the past year. On 22 August 2025, he received life threats from unidentified

	of JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France (JMBF)			individuals while attending the Euro-Mediterranean University of Homosexuality in Vic-en-Bigorre, France. During his absence, terrorists visited his court chamber and issued direct threats to his junior lawyer, warning that lawyer Mohammad Alamgir “will be no more immediately” if he does not cease his activities. It is further reported that on 31 July 2025, he received extortion demands via WhatsApp from a BNP leader in Dhaka. Earlier incidents include physical harassment by BNP supporters at court premises in August 2024 and a physical attack at his chamber on 24 October 2024 by criminals linked to BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami, allegedly in retaliation for his professional duties.
Bangladesh	Lawyers Khodadad Khan Pitu, Omar Faruq Sumon, Abu Said Sagar, Rafiqul Alam Chowdhury, Enamul Kabir Imon and Ahsan Habib Bhuiya	29/10/2025	Click here	Arbitrary arrest, re-arrest, and imprisonment of six senior lawyers in Bangladesh Arbitrary arrest, re-arrest, and imprisonment of six senior lawyers in Naogaon and Dhaka on false and fabricated charges filed under the July assassination attempt, Explosive Substances Act, and Anti-Terrorism Act, reportedly for carrying out their professional duties and for holding differing political opinions.
Bangladesh	Mohammad Alamgir, Secretary General of JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France (JMBF) and several lawyers	01/12/2025	Click here	Attempted arrest of lawyer Mohammad Alamgir, JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France (JMBF) Secretary General, and continuous attacks on lawyers across Bangladesh Lawyer Mohammad Alamgir has been subjected to repeated threats and acts of violence over the past year. On 8 November 2025, a team of police officers from Akhaura Police Station, accompanied by local BNP members, arrived at lawyer Mohammad Alamgir’s village home in Brahmanbaria with the intention of arresting him. It is reported that the arrest was eventually not carried out because he had left Dhaka earlier that afternoon. The police detained one of his neighbours, as an act of intimidation. In addition, arrest of lawyer Jahangir Hossain Tuhin, former Public Prosecutor (PP) of the Rangpur Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal–2, performed on 22 October by the police in Rangpur, in connection with allegedly fabricated and politically motivated charges. On 10 November, in a separate incident, bombs were reportedly hurled at the office of the Lawyers’ Association and at the chamber of GP and BNP leader Rubayet Anwar Monir in Shariatpur. On 9 November, in Sherpur’s Nalitabari, the home of lawyer Ashraful Alam, the counsel representing the plaintiff in a murder case, was reportedly attacked by armed assailants. Earlier, on 18 September, in Kuakata, Patuakhali, lawyer Anwar

				Hossain was reportedly severely beaten and stabbed by a group of assailants, leaving him critically injured.
Bangladesh	Lawyer Naznin Nahar and Mohammad Alamgir, Secretary General of JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France (JMBF)	12/12/2025	Click here	<p>Threats and intimidation against lawyers in Bangladesh</p> <p>During a hearing before the International Crimes Tribunal in Dhaka on 23 November 2025, the defence lawyer of Major General (Retd.) Ziaul Ahsan, lawyer Naznin Nahar, was reportedly threatened in open court by Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam. According to multiple reliable sources, the Chief Prosecutor told her: “Be quiet. Do not speak. You could also become an accused. We are receiving complaints against you from multiple sources.”</p> <p>On 26 November 2025, three local political leaders reportedly entered Mr Alamgir’s court chamber in Dhaka and threatened him. They allegedly demanded that he help secure the acquittal of the daughter of a person implicated in a drug-related case, in which Mr Alamgir had previously acted as a public prosecutor. When he explained that he no longer has any authority over the case, the individuals continued to threaten him before leaving after issuing a severe warning.</p>
Belarus	Lawyer Alexander Stanislavovich Danilevich	10/06/2025	Click here	<p>Request for pardon and release of lawyer Alexander Stanislavovich Danilevich</p> <p>Lawyer Alexander Danilevich was found guilty by the Minsk City Court on 10 April 2023 under Part 6 of Article 16, Part 3 of Article 361, and Part 1 of Article 361-4 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus and sentenced to ten years of imprisonment. On 21 July 2023, the Supreme Court of the Republic of Belarus revised the judgment and reduced the sentence to six years of imprisonment under a general security regime. As of October 2023, lawyer Danilevich had completed two years of incarceration. He is a highly accomplished legal professional and distinguished scholar with international recognition for his expertise in sports law. The CCBE respectfully urges to consider granting a pardon to Lawyer Alexander Danilevich.</p>
Belarus	Belarusian Association of Human Rights Lawyers	15/09/2025	Click here	<p>Designation of the Belarusian Association of Human Rights Lawyers as an extremist formation and ongoing reprisals against lawyers</p> <p>designation of the Belarusian Association of Human Rights Lawyers (BAHRL) as an “extremist formation” by Belarusian authorities, as well as the addition of BAHRL and six lawyers, including individuals not affiliated with BAHRL, to the national list of organisations and persons involved in extremist activities. Such designation carries serious legal consequences, including the risk of criminal prosecution punishable by up to ten years’ imprisonment.</p>

Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lawyer Vasvija Vidović	13/03/2025	Click here	<p>Sentencing and judicial harassment of lawyer Vasvija Vidović</p> <p>On 5 February 2025, the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina convicted Ms. Vidović of Tampering with Evidence under Article 236(2) of the Criminal Code and sentenced her to one year in prison, deducting two days spent in pre-trial custody. She was found guilty of allegedly hiding her client’s mobile phone, knowing it was to be seized, despite no court order existing at the time. The Court ruled that, as a lawyer, she "had to know" the phone would be subject to seizure, contradicting fundamental criminal law principles. Furthermore, her long-standing experience as a lawyer was considered an aggravating factor in sentencing.</p>
Cameroon	Lawyer Alice Nkom	28/07/2025	Click here	<p>Judicial harassment against lawyer Alice Nkom and suspension of REDHAC activities</p> <p>Lawyer Nkom, known for her longstanding commitment to human rights, in particular the defence of women’s and LGBTQI+ rights, was present when authorities sealed REDHAC’s offices and opposed the closure. Following these events, she and REDHAC Executive Director Maximilienne Ngo Mbe have been summoned to appear before the Bonanjo Court of First Instance on the charge of breach of seals, with the next hearing scheduled for 4 August 2025. Additionally, lawyer Nkom was summoned by the State Secretariat of Defence on further charges, including attempted attack on state security and financing of terrorism.</p>
Cameroon	Lawyer Alice Nkom	22/08/2025	Click here	<p>Judicial harassment against lawyer Alice Nkom and related interference with legal representation in proceedings concerning REDHAC</p> <p>Ongoing judicial proceedings before the Douala-Bonanjo Court of First Instance involving lawyer Alice Nkom, as well as the reported obstacles affecting the legal representation of the Central Africa Human Rights Defenders Network (REDHAC).</p>
China	Lawyer Gao Zhisheng	15/04/2025	Click here	<p>Continued enforced disappearance of lawyer Gao Zhisheng</p> <p>Lawyer Gao Zhisheng, who was once among the most prominent and respected lawyers in China, has been subjected to continuous harassment since 2006 due to his legitimate activities as a human rights lawyer. His licence to practise law was revoked, that he was sentenced to a suspended three-year prison term for “inciting subversion of state power”, and has since faced unrelenting restrictions including enforced disappearances, torture, surveillance, and denial of medical care. Since his last</p>

				enforced disappearance in August 2017, his whereabouts have remained unknown, and his family has not received any verifiable information about his condition or location.
China	Lawyer Lu Siwei	29/04/2025	Click here	<p>Sentencing of lawyer Lu Siwei in China</p> <p>Lu Siwei was arrested in Laos in July 2023 while attempting to travel to the United States to reunite with his family, despite holding a valid Chinese passport and a US visa. He was reportedly detained for over a month in Laos before being forcibly repatriated to China. Upon his return, he was detained at the Xindu Detention Centre until late October 2023, and formally arrested again in October 2024. The charge of “illegally crossing the border” is linked to this attempted departure from China. The trial was held behind closed doors, individuals attempting to follow the proceedings were intimidated and removed. Lu Siwei’s legal team’s request to consider time already served during his detention abroad was denied.</p>
China	Lawyer Xie Yang	05/08/2025	Click here	<p>Continued detention and reported ill-treatment of lawyer Xie Yang</p> <p>On 30 July 2025, the Changsha Intermediate Court in Hunan Province conducted a closed-door trial of lawyer Xie Yang on charges of “inciting subversion of state power.” These charges stem from Xie Yang’s comments online and to foreign journalists about political and legal affairs, as well as his advocacy against human rights violations in China. Xie Yang was held in pre-trial detention for more than three and a half years prior to this trial, during which he has credibly alleged being subjected to torture and ill-treatment. The trial was marred by procedural irregularities, including failure to notify his lawyer of the hearing, improper classification of case files as confidential, restrictions on access to case materials, and denial of a fair trial and defence rights.</p>
China	Lawyer Chow Hang Tung	01/12/2025	Click here	<p>Continued detention of lawyer Chow Hang Tung</p> <p>On 3 November 2025, a panel of three judges appointed by the government under the National Security Law (NSL) rejected the written request of lawyer Chow Hang Tung, the reasons for which will reportedly only be published in writing on 21 January 2026. Lawyer Chow Hang Tung was arrested and charged with “inciting subversion of state power by illegal means” for calling for participation in the 2020 Tiananmen vigil. We understand that although it is reported that a judge also stated during the hearing that the charge was</p>

				generic, as argued by lawyer Chow Hang Tung in her written brief, the request was rejected. It is reported that after several postponements, her trial is set to begin on 22 January 2026 and is tentatively scheduled for 75 days.
Colombia	Threats, surveillance, and harassment of lawyer Rocío Torres Bobadilla	11/03/2025	Click here	Threats, surveillance, and harassment of lawyer Rocío Torres Bobadilla The security of lawyer Rocío Torres Bobadilla has reportedly deteriorated significantly due to her work as a human rights lawyer. Over the past two years, her situation has deteriorated and she has been subjected to surveillance, phone calls, threats against her and her family. Over the past four months, these threats have intensified, with reports that she has been followed during business trips and harassed by individuals taking photos and videos of her to intimidate her. Her family is also in danger.
Colombia	Lawyer Sofía López Mera	11/04/2025	Click here	Harassment and surveillance of lawyer Sofía López Mera Sofía López Mera, a lawyer representing victims of human rights violations, has been subjected to social media harassment and surveillance as a result of her legitimate professional activities as a lawyer. She has been representing an indigenous community affected by land dispossession and rural gentrification perpetrated by the real estate company Asoinca Provitec in Popayán. The company has harassed both the lawyer and the community leaders on social networks and through direct surveillance, including near her son's school. Furthermore, she represents the Movimiento Nacional de Madres y Mujeres por la Paz. Her work for this organisation has led to increased threats and surveillance by illegal armed groups. Her bodyguard was detained by a dissident group of the FARC and warned him that the lawyer should "stop working" and that they wanted precautionary measures withdrawn from the minors they had attempted to recruit.
Colombia	Lawyer Diego Javier Cadena Ramírez	09/05/2025	Click here	Criminalisation and judicial harassment of lawyer Diego Javier Cadena Ramírez Lawyer Diego Javier Cadena Ramírez has been subjected to criminal proceedings, pre-trial detention, and public vilification. He has been prosecuted and deprived of his liberty for more than three years due to actions performed in the legitimate exercise of his profession, specifically the collection of testimonies and evidence on behalf of his client. The criminal proceedings against him have been marked by serious violations of the right to defence and due process, including the use of illegally obtained evidence, such as the interception and public dissemination of confidential lawyer-client communications.

Congo (DRC)	Several lawyers in Congo	11/03/2025	Click here	Threats, violence and murders of lawyers in Goma in the zones occupied by the M23 Lawyers and legal professional in Goma have been facing threats, violence and killings since the M23 armed group occupied part of North and South Kivu. On February 20 2025, a lawyer was kidnapped, another was shot dead the next day, and a house of another lawyer was burned down on February 23.
Congo (DRC)	Junior Kabika Mwanawabene	29/10/2025	Click here	Arrest and detention of lawyer Junior Kabika Mwanawabene Lawyer Junior Kabika was arrested on Wednesday, 22 October 2025 by military members of the AFC/M23 movement. It is reported that he was arrested in the region of SudKivu, currently under the control of rebel forces, following his questioning of whether the arresting party was part of the rebel group and whether he was Rwandan. We understand that lawyer Kabika has since been transferred to a detention facility in North Kivu.
Ecuador	Lawyer Sonia Gabriela Vera García	01/12/2025	Click here	Judicial and political harassment against lawyer Sonia Gabriela Vera García Since 2019, lawyer Vera has been tasked with defending her client, former Vice President Jorge Glas. It is reported that following several special proceedings before the competent international bodies, such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the United Nations protection mechanisms, as well as the intervention of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR), based on the information available, the actions perpetrated by the Ecuadorian authorities against lawyer Vera have intensified. Among the incidents reported, it should be noted that the Attorney General's Office published excerpts from the electronic correspondence between lawyer Vera and her client on the "FGE Transparente" portal, without a court order or legitimate procedural objective. These documents reportedly included defence strategies and private messages, thereby violating professional secret and the principle of equality of arms (Fundamental Principles on the Role of Lawyers (1990), §22; CADH, Art. 8(1), 8(2)(d) and 11; ICCPR, Art. 14(1) and 14(3)). In the specific case of Mr. Glas, these violations were confirmed by the IACHR in its resolution 13/2025, in which the Commission identified obstacles to communication with the defence and the need for immediate measures. Furthermore, in its request for provisional measures of 1 July 2025, to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the IACHR stated that the harassment of the defendant's defence team has a direct impact on access to justice and the effectiveness of the protective measures ordered. On 1 July 2025, the Ecuadorian prosecutor's office sent lawyer Vera a summons to appear via instant messaging, presumably to link her to an investigation into "dissemination of confidential information." Finally, on 19 May 2025, official letters from the prosecutor ordered that

				her immigration files be consulted for investigative purposes, without any prior judicial review or known proportionate basis. These ongoing actions against lawyer Vera may constitute acts of pressure and intimidation for the exercise of her profession.
Egypt	Mass referrals and criminalisation of lawyers in Egypt (92)	19/08/2025	Click here	<p>Mass referrals and criminalisation of lawyers in Egypt</p> <p>No fewer than 92 lawyers and other human rights defenders have been referred to terrorism criminal courts in the context of at least 25 Supreme State Security cases, with charges frequently mirroring those brought against their clients in matters involving freedom of assembly, association, and expression. It is further reported that these charges include “joining a terrorist group established in violation of the law” and “funding a terrorist group,” and that in several instances security investigations cite lawyers’ provision of legal defence or documentation of alleged violations as purported evidence of affiliation with such groups</p>
Egypt	Mahienour El-Massry	22/08/2025	Click here	<p>Criminal charges against lawyer Mahienour El-Massry</p> <p>Criminal charges brought against lawyer Mahienour El-Massry in connection with social media posts concerning Egypt’s response to the war in Gaza and conditions in Egyptian prisons.</p>
Egypt	Lawyer Rofaida Mohamed El-Sayed	12/12/2025	Click here	<p>Arrest and detention of Lawyer Rofaida Mohamed El-Sayed</p> <p>On 3 November 2025, a National Security force raided her home in the Al-Sharqia governorate and took her to an unknown location. She was held in secret for two days, without access to her lawyer or family. On 5 November, she was brought before the Supreme State Security Prosecution, which ordered her detention for 15 days pending investigation and transferred her to Al-Ashir Min Ramadan Prison (Rehabilitation 4). The accusations against her reportedly relate to her legitimate professional work as a lawyer.</p>
El Salvador	Rudy Joya and Ivania Cruz	15/05/2025	Click here	<p>Criminalisation and judicial harassment of lawyers Rudy Joya and Ivania Cruz</p> <p>The Attorney General’s Office has brought charges against lawyers Rudy Joya and Ivania Cruz, accusing them of “illicit association” and “illegal commercialisation of land” in connection with their professional activities defending the rights of communities affected by arbitrary detentions under the ongoing state of exception. Their hearings were held in absentia and that proceedings have moved to the investigative stage for six months. Both lawyers have been forced into exile.</p>

El Salvador	Lawyer Ruth Eleonora López	10/06/2025	Click here	Arbitrary arrest of lawyer Ruth Eleonora López Lawyer Ruth Eleonora López was arrested at her home in San Salvador by the Salvadoran police on 18 May 2025, at approximately 23:00. Prosecutors have accused her of embezzlement, but at the time of her arrest, authorities reportedly did not provide any details about the specific allegations against her. She has been at the forefront of exposing corruption and human rights violations in El Salvador. There is concern that lawyer López’s detention forms part of efforts to silence independent voices and restrict the legitimate activities of the legal profession and civil society.
El Salvador	Lawyer Salvador Enrique Anaya Barraza	23/06/2025	Click here	Arbitrary arrest and criminalisation of lawyer Salvador Enrique Anaya Barraza Lawyer Salvador Enrique Anaya Barraza was arrested in the context of a growing pattern of criminalisation against those who have spoken out about the deterioration of the rule of law in El Salvador. He recently denounced irregularities in the detention of fellow lawyer Ruth López – for whom the CCBE had also expressed concerns - as well as in the judicial decision to hold her in pretrial detention, and publicly highlighted violations of basic rights such as the right to defence, access to information, and due process guarantees.
France	Several lawyers	03/02/2025	Click here	Concerns over threats and harassment against lawyers in France Several lawyers in France have been threatened and harassed after the publication on January 30, 2025 of a list of 60 lawyers by the far-right magazine “Frontières” . Lawyers were publicly accused of being “accomplices” to illegal immigrants and their offices and names were published in the press and online press. “Frontières” has circulated photographs of some of these lawyers on social media exacerbating the risks to their safety.
Ghana	Lawyer Martin Kpebu	12/12/2025	Click here	Arrest and detention of lawyer Martin Kpebu Mr. Kpebu was arrested at the OSP premises on allegations of obstructing an officer in the lawful execution of their duties. Following his detention, he was granted bail under strict conditions, including providing proof of landed property registered in his name and resending one surety. His legal team began the process of meeting these requirements. However, when they returned to the OSP offices to complete the bail procedures, they were informed that Mr. Kpebu was no longer on the premises. His current whereabouts and the status of his bail remain unclear.

Guinea-Bissau	President of the Guinea-Bissau Bar Association, Januário Pedro Correia	23/04/2025	Click here	<p>Threats against the President of the Bar Association and attacks on the legal profession in Guinea-Bissau</p> <p>The President of the Guinea-Bissau Bar Association, Januário Pedro Correia and members of his family have been threatened following his press statement of 31 January 2025, in which he publicly criticised the lack of adherence to the rule of law in Guinea-Bissau. Following these declarations, he and his family have faced acts of intimidation and threats believed to be aimed at silencing him. In addition, it is reported that the Guinea-Bissau Bar Association itself has been directly targeted, including through the forced eviction from its Secretariat headquarters, despite existing court orders prohibiting such actions.</p>
Greece	Lawyer Günay Dağ	25/06/2025	Click here	<p>Revocation of international protection status and violation of rights of lawyer Günay Dağ</p> <p>Lawyer Günay Dağ was granted asylum and “international protection” status in Greece in 2022, following well-documented risks of persecution and severe penalties imposed on lawyers in Turkey for their legitimate professional activities. His freedom of residence and travel has been restricted for three years, as he was not issued a residence permit card or passport due to an administrative decision banning entry into the Schengen area by the Italian state in 2020. Having exhausted all legal remedies to challenge these restrictions and the violation of his right to residence and a passport, lawyer Günay Dağ began a sit-in protest in front of the Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum on 27 January 2025. On 20 March 2025, it is reported that he and his lawyer were notified of an investigation into the revocation of his asylum and international protection status, based solely on a confidential document alleging he posed a threat to national security. In protest, lawyer Günay Dağ began a hunger strike on 12 May 2025, demanding the restoration of his right to asylum.</p>
India	Lawyer Y.R. Sadashiva Reddy	23/04/2025	Click here	<p>Violent attack against lawyer Y.R. Sadashiva Reddy</p> <p>On 16 April 2025, lawyer Y.R. Sadashiva Reddy was attacked in broad daylight inside his professional chamber in Bengaluru by two unknown assailants. The attackers reportedly stormed into his premises and violently assaulted him with iron rods in the presence of his junior associate. He suffered multiple grievous injuries, including fractures on his right forearm, left elbow, and leg.</p>

India	Lawyer Muthukumarasamy, Lawyer Sanjay Kapadia and several lawyers	12/12/2025	Click here	<p>Multiple incidents affecting lawyers in India</p> <p>In Tamil Nadu’s Tenkasi district, government lawyer Muthukumarasamy, aged 45, was brutally attacked and killed in broad daylight. According to police, a man on a two-wheeler assaulted him with a sharp weapon outside his office. The lawyer attempted to escape but was chased and repeatedly attacked. He was declared dead at a nearby hospital. Police have opened an investigation, and the incident has sparked strong criticism from political leaders, who denounced what they described as a collapse in law and order.</p> <p>In Rajasthan’s Jodhpur, a confrontation between lawyers and police reportedly followed the alleged assault and mistreatment of a lawyer at the Kudi Bhagtasni Police Station. In response, local lawyers’ associations announced a complete boycott of judicial work. Large groups of lawyers protested at the police station, demanding the suspension and arrest of the officers involved. A joint meeting of bar associations condemned the assault on lawyer Bharat Singh Rathod and others, and lawyers abstained from judicial activity across the High Court and subordinate courts.</p> <p>In Gujarat, lawyer Sanjay Kapadia was kidnapped after filing a Right to Information (RTI) application seeking details about a temple in Valsad district. According to Junagadh police, he and two labourers were abducted on Wednesday and later rescued near Ahmedabad. Four suspects from Valsad, Navsari and Vadodara have been arrested in connection with the kidnapping.</p> <p>Lawyers in Kolkata have staged a cease-work protest over incidents of criminal intimidation and threats directed at members of the legal profession, according to media reports. The Kolkata High Court Bar expressed concern over increasing cases of harassment and insecurity faced by lawyers.</p>
Iran	Taher Naqavi and Khosrow Alikordi	23/01/2025	Click here	<p>Sentencing of lawyers Taher Naqavi and Khosrow Alikordi</p> <p>Lawyer Taher Naqavi is currently held in Evin Prison and was sentenced by the Tehran Court of Appeals, while he has previously been sentenced to six years in prison, a two-year ban on leaving the country, and deprivation of social rights and political party membership for two years. His sentence is linked to his peaceful work in support of human rights. Lawyer Khosrow Alikordi, who has been detained in the Wakilabad Prison in Mashhad, received a one-year prison sentence from Branch 5 of the Mashhad Revolutionary Court. He is accused of “propaganda against the Islamic Republic”.</p>
Iran	Mohammad Reza Faghihi	10/02/2025	Click here	<p>Prison sentence against of lawyer Mohammad Reza Faghihi</p>

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Iran	Javad Alikordi	11/03/2025	Click here	<p>Arrest and sentencing of lawyer Javad Alikordi Lawyer Javad Alikordi was arrested on March 1.2025 in Mashhad after refusing to comply with an informal intelligence order. It is reported that was sentenced to 16 months in prison in February 2025 and a two-year ban on practicing law, and a two-year travel ban for attempting to overthrow the regime an engaging in propaganda. His arrest is believed to be linked to his legal defence of political prisoners.</p>
Iran	Mohammad Najafi	29/04/2025	Click here	<p>Continued detention and permanent disbarment of lawyer Mohammad Najafi Lawyer Mohammad Najafi has been unjustly imprisoned since 2018 for his professional work as a lawyer and human rights defender. On 15 April 2025, the lawyer of lawyer Mohammad Najafi announced that Najafi has been permanently disbarred from practising law. Even though the decision was issued on 21 December 2024, it was only recently communicated to lawyer Mohammad Najafi at the Evin Prison. This ruling was made while lawyer Mohammad Najafi remains imprisoned, facing multiple convictions amounting to over 20 years in prison.</p>
Iran	13 lawyers in Gilan Province	18/09/2025	Click here	<p>Arrests and judicial harassment of 13 lawyers in Gilan Province Lawyers Hesam Pourahmadi and Shahrzad Sharbiyani are currently held in Lakan Prison in Rasht, while the whereabouts of lawyer Shadi Falahati remain unknown. It is further reported that more than ten other lawyers in Gilan Province have been summoned by judicial and security bodies on charges such as ‘propaganda against the regime’ and ‘assembly and collusion against the country’, although the names of the summoned lawyers and the summoning authorities have not been specified. It is believed that these measures are linked to the lawyers’ legitimate professional activities, including legal representation and the defence of individuals in matters touching upon freedoms of assembly, association, and expression.</p>
Iran	Taher Naghavi	06/10/2025	Click here	<p>Deteriorating health of detained lawyer Taher Naghavi and suspension of his lawyer’s licence</p>

				Despite the provision of medical documentation and repeated follow-ups, it is reported that the competent judicial authorities have taken no effective action to ensure that lawyer Taher Naghavi receives the necessary treatment or is transferred without delay to an appropriate medical facility. On 20 October 2024, Branch 15 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court sentenced lawyer Taher Naghavi to six years' imprisonment — five years for “gathering and collusion against national security” and one year for “propaganda activities against the state” — and that he intends to appeal the sentence, which is believed to be linked to his peaceful human rights work. Additionally, it is reported that his lawyer’s licence was recently suspended.
Iran	Abdul Hussain	06/10/2025	Click here	<p>Persecution of Afghan lawyer Abdul Hussain Ashna and his wife Masooma Ahmadi in Afghanistan and Iran</p> <p>Mr Ashna, an international law expert and founder of the Human Rights Defenders Social Community, has documented war crimes and crimes against humanity targeting Hazaras, Shia communities, and Afghan women, submitting cases to the ICC. Because of this work, he and his partner Ms Ahmadi have faced death threats since 2019 and violent attacks by Taliban forces in 2022. After fleeing to Iran, they endured harassment and deportation threats from Iranian authorities. In 2025, Mr Ashna was interrogated, assaulted, and forced into hiding after refusing to cease cooperation with the ICC.</p>
Iran	Mohammad Najafi	29/10/2025	Click here	<p>Continued judicial harassment and ill-treatment of lawyer Mohammad Najafi</p> <p>On 6 October 2025, while still serving his prison sentence in Evin Prison, Mr. Najafi was subjected to a new interrogation session held in absentia at Branch 3 of the Prosecutor’s Office of District 33 (Shahid Moghaddas) in Tehran. In this latest case, he has reportedly been charged with “propaganda against the regime,” “spreading falsehoods,” and “insulting the Supreme Leader.” This constitutes the sixth judicial case opened against Mr. Najafi during his imprisonment, demonstrating that incarceration has not shielded him from renewed judicial reprisals. Reports further indicate that Mr. Najafi, who suffers from severe diabetes, heart complications, and a spinal disc injury, remains deprived of necessary medical care. His deteriorating health condition and the repeated prosecutions against him raise serious concerns about compliance with Iran’s obligations under international human rights law, including the prohibition of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment.</p>
Iran	Lawyer Babak Eslami Farsani and	01/12/2025	Click here	<p>Judicial case filed against lawyer Babak Eslami Farsani and the conviction of lawyer Saeed Sheikh</p>

	Lawyer Saeed Sheikh			Legal proceedings were initiated against lawyer Babak Eslami Farsani, who represented the family of Mehrshad Shahidi, killed during the 2022 national protests in Arak. On July 17, 2025, he was summoned by Section 2 of the Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor's Office of Arak County to defend himself. It is reported that he was accused of “propaganda activities against the Islamic Republic”, for his role as legal representative of Mehrshad Shahidi’s family. Furthermore, Lawyer Saeed Sheikh was sentenced by the judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to one year and six months' imprisonment, a fine, and a one-year ban from practicing law. The sentence was handed down by Section 103 of the Tehran Criminal Court (Criminal Court II). Lawyer Sheikh was reportedly convicted for comments he made online and on social media, for which the authorities accused him of “expressing opinions in cyberspace.”
Iran	Lawyer Mohammad Najafi	18/12/2025	Click here	New judgment and treatment of Lawyer Mohammad Najafi The Tehran Revolutionary Court informed Mr. Najafi’s legal team on 19 November 2025 that he had been sentenced to a total of three years in prison and additional penalties in connection with a case opened during his imprisonment. The court imposed one year for “propaganda against the regime” and two years, along with a 50-million-toman fine, for “spreading falsehoods.” As supplementary punishment, he has been banned from joining political or social groups and prohibited from leaving the country for two years.
Israel	Lawyer Diala Ayesh	28/07/2025	Click here	Travel ban and ongoing restrictions imposed on lawyer Diala Ayesh Lawyer Diala Ayesh attempted to travel to Jordan via the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge for a professional conference on 8 March 2025 and was informed by military officers of a travel ban imposed against her. No court order or justification was provided, nor has any information been given as to the legal basis of the ban. As a Palestinian ID holder, lawyer Diala Ayesh cannot travel via Ben Gurion Airport without a rarely-granted permit, making the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge her only exit route.
Kazakhstan	Zakir Assadov	23/01/2025	Click here	Concern over pressure and criminal charges against lawyer Zakir Assadov On January 10, during court debates, the prosecutor of the Sairam district ordered a private ruling to establish the fact of a criminal offence against lawyer Zakir Assadov under Article 422 of the Criminal Code, despite a criminal case already being registered against him the previous day on 9 January 2025. The criminal case against him is believed to have been initiated to exert undue pressure on him and impede his legitimate activities as a defence lawyer and to hinder his active defence of his client.

Kazakhstan	Zhanna Urazbakhova and another lawyer	03/02/2025	Click here	<p>Concern over criminal proceeding and judicial harassment against lawyer Zhanna Urazbakhova and one of her colleagues</p> <p>A criminal case was opened on 25 December 2024 against lawyer Zhanna Urazbakhova and another lawyer working on the case, for disclosing court materials related to the defence of two of her clients following a press conference she held on 12 December 2024, despite the fact that she had not signed any non-disclosure agreement regarding the pre-trial investigation. During the proceeding, lawyer Zhanna Urazbakhova was deprived of qualified legal assistance. Meanwhile there has been an ongoing disinformation campaign targeting their clients which intensified against lawyer Zhanna Urazbakhova.</p>
Kenya	Mathew Kyalo Mbobu	18/09/2025	Click here	<p>Murder of lawyer Mathew Kyalo Mbobu</p> <p>Lawyer Mathew Kyalo Mbobu was shot dead in Nairobi on 9 September evening in a drive-by attack while driving home from work, after which the assailant reportedly fled the scene on a motorcycle. It is further reported that nothing was stolen, that the incident bears the hallmarks of a premeditated assassination, and that a criminal investigation has been opened by the competent authorities. It is also reported that the legal fraternity has condemned the killing and called for swift, thorough investigations, noting growing concerns about threats faced by members of the legal profession. Mr Mbobu is reported to have practised law for nearly three decades and to have also served as a lecturer at the University of Nairobi.</p>
Kirghizstan	Samat Matsakov	23/01/2025	Click here	<p>Continued detention and judicial proceedings concerning lawyer Samat Matsakov</p> <p>The term of lawyer Samat Matsakov's detention was extended in the State Committee for national Security (SCNS) pretrial detention centre until 28 February 2025. this decision was taken on 30 December 2024, after the judge's term of office had expired. This case has been delayed and the consideration of appeals has been postponed indefinitely without explanation. There were similar delays allegedly occurred during the appellate court's review of lawyer Samat Matsakov's complaint.</p>
Lebanon	Mohammad Sablough	18/09/2025	Click here	<p>Increasing threats against lawyer Mohammad Sablough</p> <p>Increasing threats against lawyer Mohammad Sablough, reportedly linked to his denunciation of the use of torture and to the failure of the authorities to act on such denunciations. It is further reported that these threats persist and have heightened concerns within the legal community about the safety and independence of lawyers in Lebanon.</p>

Mexico	Ana Katiria Suárez Castro	04/03/2025	Click here	<p>Concern over threats, online harassment and defamation against lawyer Ana Katiria Suárez Castro</p> <p>In recent months, lawyer Ana Katiria Suárez Castro has been subjected of several attacks such as direct threats against her life, systematic online harassment, constant surveillance, defamation on the media and exposure of private information. These attacks were perpetrated by people with political and business influence since she represents victims of extreme violence and denounced impunity in cases of gender-based violence. She was victim of smear campaigns, wrongly accusing her of heading an alleged extortion ring. Several members of her family have been threatened.</p>
Nepal	Dinesh Tripathi	23/01/2025	Click here	<p>Physical assault on lawyer Dinesh Tripathi</p> <p>Lawyer Dinesh Tripathi was physically assaulted by alleged supporters of the Rastriya Swatantra Party on 18 January 2025, as he exited the Kathmandu District Court following his professional duties in a cooperative fraud case.</p>
Nigeria	Lawyer Moses Oddiri and Lawyer Ajewole Dare Isaac	12/12/2025	Click here	<p>Arrest of lawyer Moses Oddiri and concerns about the kidnapping of lawyer Ajewole Dare Isaac</p> <p>Lawyer Moses Oddiri was arrested on 10 November by DSS officers who raided his home in Lagos late at night. The officers reportedly broke into his bedroom, assaulted his teenage son, handcuffed Mr. Oddiri and took him away without providing a clear warrant. He was held at the DSS facility in Lagos for 15 days without charges, and his family was not informed of his whereabouts. They later learned through an internal source that he had been secretly transferred to the DSS headquarters in Abuja. His arrest appears to be linked to a petition he filed abroad alleging financial misconduct by the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.</p> <p>Mr. Isaac was abducted by armed men last week while travelling from Abuja to Ekiti State. He was among the 942 newly enrolled lawyers who had participated in the callto-bar ceremony. According to sources, he was attacked on the highway during the journey. His family remains extremely worried, particularly as he lacks the financial means to pay a ransom.</p>
Pakistan	Lawyers Imaan Zainab Mazari and Hadi Ali Chattha	08/04/2025	Click here	<p>Threats and judicial harassment against lawyers Imaan Zainab Mazari and Hadi Ali Chattha</p> <p>On 20 March 2025, lawyers Imaan Zainab Mazari and Hadi Ali Chattha were issued summons by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Cyber Crimes Reporting Unit in Lahore to appear for an inquiry based on what appears to be baseless allegations. The</p>

				FIA has reportedly refused to provide any details regarding the original complaint or the basis of the inquiry, raising significant concerns about due process and transparency. We understand that Imaan Zainab Mazari is a woman human rights lawyer. Due to her advocacy, she has faced repeated targeting by state authorities, including an arrest on reportedly baseless grounds in October 2024 and ongoing efforts to smear and diminish her work. Her husband, Hadi Ali Chattha, is also a prominent human rights lawyer.
Pakistan	Attack on Karachi Bar President Aamir Warraich	11/04/2025	Click here	Attack on Karachi Bar President Aamir Warraich Aamir Warraich was attacked by a group of unidentified men, which it is believed was a targeted assault due to his strong opposition to the controversial Cholistan canals project. It is reported that Aamir Warraich, a critic of the canal project, came under attack while meeting with colleagues.
Pakistan	Lawyer Mirza Muhammad Nawaz Jarral	29/04/2025	Click here	Murder of lawyer Mirza Muhammad Nawaz Jarral Lawyer Mirza Muhammad Nawaz Jarral was fatally shot on 21 April 2025 in a targeted attack by assailants on motorcycles near the Hadi Marriage Hall in Maghlorra, Bhimber. He died on the spot before medical assistance could be provided.
Pakistan	Lawyer Israr Baloch	29/04/2025	Click here	Intimidation and threats against human rights lawyer Israr Baloch in Pakistan On Friday 18 April 2025, masked men forcibly entered the residence of lawyer Israr Baloch in Quetta, held his younger brothers hostage, and issued threats connected to his legal work and activism. The intruders ransacked the premises, took away several books, and discarded others, all while inquiring about lawyer Israr Baloch's whereabouts. They reportedly warned the family of further consequences before leaving. This incident follows a month-long campaign of harassment against lawyer Israr Baloch's family.
Pakistan	Lawyers Ibrahim Kunbhar and Ejaz Halipoto	01/12/2025	Click here	Attack against lawyers Ibrahim Kunbhar and Ejaz Halipoto On 6 November 2025, lawyers Ibrahim Kunbhar and Ejaz Halipoto were attacked near the town of Soofi Faqeer by three suspects on motorcycles, who opened fire on them as they were traveling to the Mirpurkhas Anti-Terrorism Court for a hearing in the case of the extrajudicial killing of Dr. Shahnawaz Kunbhar. The attack to lawyers Ibrahim Kunbhar and Ejaz Halipoto appears to be aimed at preventing them from continuing their legitimate activities as lawyers, particularly in sensitive case as the Dr. Kunbhar's case.
Pakistan	Several lawyers	18/12/2025	Click here	Multiple incidents affecting lawyers in Pakistan Nationwide protests erupted after the adoption of the 27 th Constitutional Amendment, which lawyers believe undermines judicial independence. During a major demonstration outside the Sindh High Court, clashes broke out when police attempted to block lawyers

				<p>from entering the court premises. Several officers were injured, uniforms were torn, and traffic in the surrounding area was disrupted.</p> <p>On 29 November, senior lawyer and former President of the Jhang District Bar Association, lawyer Muneer Ahmad Khan Sadhana, was shot dead by unidentified assailants on a motorcycle. His driver and a passerby were also killed. Despite the immediate response of local authorities, the attackers escaped, and the motive remains unclear.</p> <p>Lawyer Zeeshan Shani was killed during a police raid at his home in Vehari. According to his family and the local bar, police forcibly entered the house, vandalised property, and shot the lawyer and his associate, allegedly after accepting a bribe from local rivals. The police have issued a different version, claiming they were responding to drug-related criminal activity. The incident led to widespread protests, road blockades, and a province-wide indefinite strike announced by the Punjab Bar Council.</p> <p>Lawyer Anum Ishrat Butt reported that she was harassed, followed, and threatened with death by an individual within the Sessions Court premises in Lahore.</p>
Palestine	Mohannad Karajah	29/10/2025	Click here	<p>Arrest of lawyer Mohannad Karajah, the Director of Lawyers for Justice and ongoing incitement campaign amid threats and fabricated social media allegations</p> <p>Fabricated and manipulated social media posts have falsely accused lawyer Mohannad Karajah and his organisation, Lawyers for Justice, of supporting terrorism. Independent verifications confirmed the materials were part of an organised disinformation campaign linked to political and security actors. Despite these clarifications, Karajah was arrested on 26 October and later notified of a prosecution complaint based on the same false claims. These actions are seen as reprisals for his long-standing human rights work. The campaign has also reportedly targeted his family, with his brother summoned and briefly detained by security authorities.</p>
Palestine	Lawyers for Justice members	01/12/2025	Click here	<p>Continuous intimidation and harassment campaign against Lawyers for Justice and its Members</p> <p>On 10 November 2025, the Preventive Security Service in Ramallah summoned trainee lawyer and legal advisor Fares Morrar, a member of Lawyer for Justice organisation, without any stated reason or legal justification. This development comes in direct continuation of the arbitrary measures and pressures targeting organisation’s members, including the recent detention of the Lawyer for Justice’s director, lawyer Muhannad Karajah, and ongoing online and offline smear campaigns.</p>

Philippines	Maria Kristina Conti	09/05/2025	Click here	<p>Attacks against lawyer Maria Kristina Conti</p> <p>Lawyer Maria Kristina Conti has faced a campaign of red-tagging, vilification, harassment, and threats. Malicious and defamatory content targeting her is being widely disseminated online, and she has received anonymous messages and calls threatening her and her family's safety. These attacks appear intended to discredit her, delegitimise the fight for justice, and silence her.</p>
Philippines	Eustaquio Dennis Reyes	29/10/2025	Click here	<p>Attempted assassination of lawyer Eustaquio Dennis Reyes in Zamboanga del Norte</p> <p>Lawyer Eustaquio Dennis Reyes, a member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), was shot and injured on 14 October 2025 in Barangay De Venta Perla, Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte. It is reported that Mr. Reyes was attacked by two suspects riding in tandem, moments after stepping out of his Toyota Hilux pickup truck with his wife. It is further alleged that the assailants appeared suddenly and opened fire, wounding Mr. Reyes.</p>
Saudi Arabia	Lawyer Waleed Abu al-Khair	14/07/2025	Click here	<p>Continued detention of lawyer Waleed Abu al-Khair</p> <p>Lawyer Waleed Abu al-Khair is still detained and suffers a continued deprivation of liberty, which is solely linked to his legitimate professional activities as a lawyer and human rights defender.</p>
South Africa	Bouwer van Niekerk	18/09/2025	Click here	<p>Murder of lawyer Bouwer van Niekerk</p> <p>Lawyer Bouwer van Niekerk, aged 43, was shot dead on 5 September 2025 in the boardroom of his office in Saxonwold, Johannesburg, by assailants who fled the scene after gunshots were heard, with no items reported stolen, which is reported to indicate a deliberate hit. It is further reported that, at the time of his death, he was working on high-profile matters, including an insolvency case linked to an alleged Ponzi scheme. We understand and welcome that the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development condemned the attack.</p>
South Sudan	Lawyer Josephine Adhet Deng	18/12/2025	Click here	<p>Assault against lawyer Josephine Adhet Deng</p> <p>Ms Adhet was attacked on 4 December by around eight men at the entrance of the Northern Division Police Station in Juba, allegedly acting on the orders of former Warrap Governor Gen. Manhiem Bol Malek. She had gone to the station to respond to accusations of kidnapping a teenage girl who is currently under the protection of the Ministry of Gender. The assault occurred openly, in full view of police officers. Ms Adhet subsequently sought medical treatment and filed a complaint for assault.</p>
Syria	Süleyman Yıldırım	06/10/2025	Click here	<p>Critical medical condition and detention of lawyer Süleyman Yıldırım</p>

				Mr Yıldırım was detained in 2017, convicted in 2018 of membership in an armed terrorist organisation based on alleged ByLock use and banking transactions, and his conviction was upheld. In July 2025, he was re-arrested during hospital treatment and held in prison without adequate medical care, leading to severe health complications. In September 2025, he underwent heart surgery and faced life-threatening conditions, with doctors warning he was unfit for detention or travel. Despite this, the Istanbul Forensic Medicine Institute ordered his transfer for further evaluation against medical advice.
Sudan	Abubakr Mansour Abdela	13/10/2025	Click here	<p>Death sentence and detention of lawyer and human rights defender Abubakr Mansour Abdela</p> <p>Mr Abubakr Mansour Abdela, who provides legal assistance and support to his community, was accused of collaborating with the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and convicted of offences against the State and waging war against the State under Articles 50 and 51 of the Sudan Criminal Act 1991. It is reported that his sentencing follows an earlier decision by the Singa General Court on 30 April 2025, which imposed a 20-year prison sentence and a fine of 10 million Sudanese pounds, and that his legal team's subsequent appeal was rejected. Four days before the verdict, the authorities also reportedly arrested and detained his lawyer, Abubakr Elmahi.</p>
Thailand	Arnon Nampa	03/02/2025	Click here	<p>Concern over the sixth conviction and disbarment proceedings against lawyer Arnon Nampa</p> <p>Lawyer Arnon Nampa was sentenced by the Criminal Court on 19 December 2024 to two years and eight months in prison. He already had sixth conviction under Section 112 (lèse-majesté) and 116 (Sedition) of the Criminal Code. Lawyer Arnon was convicted for delivering a speech advocating for monarchy reforms at a Harry Potter-themed protest, making his prison sentence at 18 years, 10 months and 20 days. There are currently eight other lèse-majesté cases verdict that need to be issued. It is reported that he faced serious violations of the right to a fair trial and a risk of being of a disbarment.</p>
Thailand	Lawyer Arnon Nampa	07/07/2025	Click here	<p>Ninth conviction and continued detention of lawyer Arnon Nampa</p> <p>Mr. Nampa has been sentenced to two years and eight months in prison and a fine by the Criminal Court on 25 June 2025. He has now accumulated a total sentence of 26 years, 9 months, and 20 days, with lèse-majesté accounting for 25 years and 4 months of the total sentence. He remains detained at the Bangkok Remand Prison since 26 September 2023 and faces five additional lèse-majesté cases in which verdicts have not yet been issued. The charges against him stem from a speech delivered at a public assembly on 2 December 2020, in which he addressed issues of public interest, including the role of</p>

				the monarchy in governance, the management of crown property, and the allocation of public funds.
Tunisia	Sonia Dahmani	03/02/2025	Click here	Sentencing of lawyer Sonia Dahmani Lawyer Sonia Dahmani was sentenced to 18 months of prison by the Appeal Court of Tunis. She was accused of spreading false rumours following statements on racism and migration. Prior to that, lawyer Sonia Dahmani was persecuted, humiliated and mentally tortured.
Tunisia	Lawyer Ahmed Souab.	29/04/2025	Click here	Detention of the lawyer Ahmed Souab Lawyer Ahmed Souab was arrested on Monday 21 April 2025 following critical comments made publicly about a trial recently held against several opposition figures. Mr Souab was defending some of the defendants who were sentenced to long prison terms for plotting against the security of the State.
Tunisia	Lawyer Ahmed Souab	23/06/2025	Click here	Continued detention of lawyer Ahmed Souab and obstruction of fundamental rights An initial request for release was filed by the defence of Maître Ahmed Souab on 25 April 2025 with the investigating judge in charge of the case. This request was implicitly refused, as the Code of Criminal Procedure sets a deadline of four days for a decision, after which silence is deemed to constitute rejection. It has been brought to our attention that on 22 May 2025, the Tunis Court of Appeal rejected the appeal lodged against this refusal, without providing any written reasons, contrary to Tunisian legislation and the general principle of law requiring that reasons be given for any judicial decision.
Tunisia	Avocate Sonia Dahmani	07/07/2025	Click here	Further conviction of lawyer Sonia Dahmani Lawyer Sonia Dahmani has already been sentenced to two prison terms totalling 26 months and has been sentenced on 30 June 2025 to further two years in prison. This new conviction relates to statements criticising racism against migrants in Tunisia, and was handed down on the basis of Decree 54 on ‘false news’. This second conviction based on facts for which she has already been convicted constitutes a clear violation of the ‘ne bis in idem’ principle.
Tunisia	Lawyer Ayachi Hammami	12/12/2025	Click here	Conviction and imprisonment of Tunisian lawyer Ayachi Hammami Mr. Hammami was arrested at his home near Tunis on 2 December to begin serving a five-year prison sentence issued against him in a case widely referred to as the “conspiracy against state security” affair. He is among more than 40 individuals, including opposition politicians and public figures, who received prison sentences ranging from two to 45 years in the same case.

Türkiye	The Istanbul Bar Association	13/01/2025	Click here	<p>Investigation Against the Istanbul Bar Association</p> <p>The Istanbul Chief Prosecutor’s Office initiated investigation against the President of the Istanbul Bar Association, Mr. Ibrahim Kaboğlu, and members of its Council, on charges of “terrorist propaganda” and “public dissemination of false information”. These charges are reportedly linked to a press statement issued by the Istanbul Bar Association condemning the targeting of civilians. the investigation reportedly concerns the Bar Association’s criticism of the arrest of lawyers, journalists, and others attending a public gathering in Şişhane Square, Istanbul, on 21 December 2024.</p>
Türkiye	Lawyer Selçuk Kozağaçlı	23/04/2025	Click here	<p>Rearrest of lawyer Selçuk Kozağaçlı</p> <p>Lawyer Selçuk Kozağaçlı was initially released on 16 April 2025 after prolonged judicial proceedings and administrative obstacles. Following an appeal by the prosecutor's office against his release, a new custody warrant was issued, resulting in his rearrest on 17 April 2025. As of now, it remains unclear whether the release decision has been formally revoked by the competent court or if the appeal has been definitively accepted.</p>
Türkiye	Lawyer Sabri Güngen	23/04/2025	Click here	<p>Assault against lawyer Sabri Güngen</p> <p>Lawyer Sabri Güngen was severely assaulted by approximately 15 police officers at Siverek police station, after visiting his client, Tacettin Kalgı, who himself had reportedly been subjected to ill-treatment following his detention. He was beaten so severely that he sustained significant injuries, including a crushed left foot, confirmed by a medical report.</p>
Türkiye	Reported acts of harassment, abuse, and online targeting of women lawyers in Türkiye	29/04/2025	Click here	<p>Reported acts of harassment, abuse, and online targeting of women lawyers in Türkiye</p> <p>Several women lawyers have recently been subjected to degrading and abusive treatment explicitly linked to their gender, include being dragged by their hair, losing hair due to violent handling, being subjected to reverse handcuffing and body searches, sexual harassment and assault, sexist insults, and threats, particularly during transfers in detention vehicles and during custody. A police officer, in response to objections from lawyers concerning the use of reverse handcuffing, reportedly stated: “I will handcuff the women in the way I believe I can control them,”. A woman lawyer was physically assaulted by a police officer during her arrest while another officer filmed the act. Photographs of women lawyers — who regularly attend police stations, courts, and prisons to provide legal assistance to detainees — have been disseminated without their consent on escort websites.</p>

Türkiye	Lawyer Mehmet Pehlivan	30/06/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary arrest and pre-trial detention of lawyer Mehmet Pehlivan</p> <p>Lawyer Mehmet Pehlivan was summoned for questioning based on allegations made by suspects who had given statements under the “effective remorse” mechanism in the ongoing “corruption” investigation concerning the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. He refused to give a statement to the prosecutor because the Ministry of Justice’s prior authorisation is required to initiate an investigation against a lawyer for acts related to legal practice and had not been obtained in this case. The prosecutor requested Pehlivan’s detention on charges of “membership in a criminal organisation” based on statements by suspects and relate to alleged coordination of legal defence strategies, advising suspects, and communications with detained individuals - all activities fall within the legitimate and protected scope of legal defence work - and referred him to the Criminal Peace Court.</p>
Türkiye	Sabri Güngen	19/08/2025	Click here	<p>Assault against lawyer Sabri Güngen in Siverek Courthouse</p> <p>On 29 March 2025, while present at the Siverek Courthouse in Şanlıurfa to document injuries and provide legal assistance to his client, lawyer Güngen was physically assaulted by a large group of police officers within the courthouse while photographing visible injuries sustained by his client during police custody. The entire incident was reportedly captured on the courthouse’s official security camera system. Despite this evidence, it is further reported that the Public Prosecutor’s Office found that “no assault had taken place” and issued a decision of non-prosecution. Official medical reports document visible bruising and injuries sustained by the lawyer as a result of the assault.</p>
Türkiye	Nusret Yılmaz	15/09/2025	Click here	<p>Brief detention and travel ban against lawyer Nusret Yılmaz</p> <p>on 26 August, lawyer Nusret Yılmaz was taken into custody in Trabzon, on allegations of “mediating bribery”, and was released under judicial control measures as of 27 August 2025. It is reported that lawyer Yılmaz, who also provides legal representation to Mayor İmamoğlu’s wife, was taken into custody and escorted by the police to Istanbul for questioning. Furthermore, it is reported that a travel ban was imposed on him.</p>
Türkiye	Mahmoud al Jiyoush	06/10/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary detention and enforced disappearance of lawyer Malek Mahmoud al-Jiyoush</p> <p>Mr al-Jiyoush assumed the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Syriatel at the start of 2025, having previously served as Senior Legal Adviser at MTN, and his detention has prompted calls for immediate disclosure of his whereabouts, access to counsel, and family contact. It is also reported that the continuing lack of information</p>

				concerning his fate and place of detention raises concerns regarding arbitrary detention and violations of fair-trial guarantees under international human rights
Türkiye	Six lawyers in the Adnan Oktar case	29/10/2025	Click here	<p>Follow-up concerning the trial of six lawyers in the Adnan Oktar case – final hearing on 3 November 2025</p> <p>The final judgment hearing of six lawyers (five from the Istanbul Bar Association and one from the Ankara Bar Association) prosecuted before the Istanbul 1st High Criminal Court (Case file no. 2024/74 E.) on the charge of “membership in a criminal organisation” will take place on 3 November 2025 in Istanbul. It is reported that following a police raid on 11 July 2018, those lawyers were detained, charged, and later sentenced to 4.5 years’ imprisonment, with sentences upheld on appeal.</p>
Türkiye	Several lawyers	29/10/2025	Click here	<p>Restriction of access to justice and violation of the right to defence at the Istanbul Courthouse</p> <p>Obstruction of access to the Istanbul Courthouse for lawyers representing a group of individuals – including the Mayor of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Mr. Ekrem İmamoğlu – who were referred to the courthouse on 26 October 2025 within the scope of an investigation opened against them.</p>
Türkiye	Lawyer Naim Eminoğlu	18/12/2025	Click here	<p>Arrest and pre-trial detention of lawyer Naim Eminoğlu in Turkey</p> <p>Mr. Eminoğlu was taken into custody on 10 December 2025 following a police raid on his law office. On 11 December 2025, a Criminal Judgeship of Peace ordered his pre-trial detention on charges of membership in the “FETÖ/PDY armed terrorist organisation.” Following his arrest, a temporary restriction on access to legal counsel was imposed and that the investigation file was placed under confidentiality. The allegations against Mr. Eminoğlu were reportedly based on an anonymous communication received by law enforcement authorities, as well as on information relating to his university education, former student accommodation and historical telephone records.</p>
Türkiye	Lawyer Necat Çiçek	18/12/2025	Click here	<p>Continued proceedings of Turkish lawyer Necat Çiçek</p> <p>Mr. Çiçek is facing charges of “membership in a terrorist organization,” based primarily on the testimony of a cooperating witness. These accusations appear to relate directly to his professional activities as a lawyer and his participation in public press statements. During the seventh hearing, held at the Diyarbakır 5th High Criminal Court, his lawyers argued that the court should not delay its decision because of a separate investigation in Tekirdağ, where Mr. Çiçek is also accused of “financing a terrorist organization.” The</p>

				<p>court rejected the defence's requests to lift the judicial control measures, and the international travel ban currently imposed on him, and adjourned the trial.</p>
Uganda	Eron Kiiza	17/03/2025	Click here	<p>Arbitrary detention, judicial harassment, and torture of lawyer Eron Kiiza</p> <p>Lawyer Eron Kiiza was violently arrested by a soldier while entering the courtroom of the General Court Martial in Makindye, where he was representing political opponent. Dr Kizza Besigye and his aide Obei Lutale during their trial. He he was taken to an unknown location for several hours during which he was beaten. When he reappeared before the General Court Martial, he was convicted of "contempt of court" and immediately sentenced to nine months in prison without being given an opportunity to defend himself or to have legal representation. He was then transferred to the Kitalya Government prison.</p>
United Arab Emirates	Mohamed al-Roken	11/04/2025	Click here	<p>Life sentence upheld against lawyer Mohamed al-Roken</p> <p>On 4 March 2025, the UAE Supreme Court ruled the life sentences of human rights defenders including lawyer Mohamed al-Roken. It appears to be a further attempt to silence his legitimate activities. It is reported that he has been subjected to arbitrary detention, unfair trial procedures, and ongoing judicial harassment.</p>
Uzbekistan	Lawyer Dauletmurat Tajimuratov	10/06/2025	Click here	<p>Ill-treatment and medical neglect of lawyer Dauletmurat Tajimuratov in detention</p> <p>Lawyer Dauletmurat Tajimuratov was brutally assaulted by fellow inmates in Penal Colony No. 11 on 29 April 2025, losing consciousness and subsequently being hospitalised for three days. During his stay in the prison hospital, he reportedly received no medical treatment, medication, or proper care. Upon discharge, despite continued physical weakness, he was declared "normal" by the prison doctor and returned to his cell. Following his release from the hospital, he remained bedridden for six days, unable to eat, and was not checked on by medical staff or guards despite his condition and requests for assistance. He also reported being threatened by a prison informant with transfer to a harsher block if he did not comply with demands to display loyalty to the regime. He has been systematically denied the mandatory biannual medical checkups provided to other inmates and continues to suffer from headaches and dizziness, with beatings reportedly inflicted in ways that avoid leaving visible marks.</p>
Venezuela	Omar Antonio Mendoza Gil	04/03/2025	Click here	<p>Concern over threats and attempts to criminalise lawyer Omar Antonio Mendoza Gil</p> <p>Lawyer Omar Antonio Mendoza Gil has been subject to threats, harassment and attempts to criminalise him and his family. His situation has deteriorated after he took up the defence of lawyer Jecqson Ricardo Cariel Garcia. He was forced to flee the country because of the lack of due process in legal proceedings against criminalised</p>

				human rights defenders. In the context of elections in Venezuela, his passport was cancelled and he as victim extraterritorial persecution outside Venezuela.
Venezuela	Eduardo Torres	15/05/2025	Click here	<p>Disappearance of Lawyer Eduardo Torres</p> <p>Lawyer Eduardo Torres disappeared on 9 May 2025. His whereabouts since then remain unknown. He has repeatedly been the target of threats and harassment by police officials of the Venezuelan state due to his professional activities as a human rights defender. The circumstances of his detention, together with the persistent threats and the current context of increased attacks against human rights activists in Venezuela, give rise to a high probability that his disappearance (only clarified more than 90 hours after it took place) and his arbitrary detention is related to his work as a lawyer and human rights defender.</p>
Venezuela	Martha Lía Grajales	19/08/2025	Click here	<p>Detention and denial of access to a lawyer of choice of lawyer Martha Lía Grajales</p> <p>Ms. Grajales was detained by police agents after participating in a solidarity activity in front of the office of the United Nations Human Rights Office in Caracas. It is reported that her whereabouts became publicly known only on 11 August 2025, when the Public Prosecutor’s Office confirmed her detention and stated that she is in pre-trial detention under accusations of “incitement to hatred, conspiracy with a foreign government, and association”, while being assigned a public lawyer despite requesting counsel of her own choosing, and with neither her family nor her lawyers having been able to visit or contact her.</p>
Vietnam	Tran Dinh Trien	23/01/2025	Click here	<p>Sentencing of lawyer Tran Dinh Trien</p> <p>Lawyer Tran Dinh Trien was convicted on 9 January 2025 by a Vietnamese court for three Facebook posts criticising the actions of then-Chief Justice Nguyen Hoa Binh. Lawyer Tran Dinh Trien was sentenced to prison. Lawyer Tran Dinh Trien has consistently been a vocal advocate for judicial independence and justice in a system where these principles are undermined.</p>