

Center for the Victims of Torture

Torture, Former Combatants, Political Prisoners, Terror Suspects, & Terrorists

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Campaign and Advocacy

CVT's Transitional Justice Initiative (TJI) aims to integrate mental health and psychosocial support approaches into the work of transitional justice, arguing that awareness of the mental health impacts of trauma and justice processes is necessary to formulate more effective accountability mechanisms.

Disappearances create an ambiguous loss, a category of loss for which there is no closure or verification. In this paper, CVT explores this sometimes overlooked human rights violation.

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CVT's report *Reclaiming Hope, Dignity and Respect: Syrian and Iraqi Torture Survivors in Jordan*, the product of two years of in-person interviews and study, is based on the stories of 64 men, women and children who either faced torture in their home countries or had close family members tortured and are working to rebuild their lives.

The report recommends a comprehensive review of safe and effective victim participation in the transitional justice process, beginning with the documentation phase.

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