

Center for the Victims of Torture

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

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Campaign and Advocacy

The New Tactics in Human Rights Program promotes tactical innovation and strategic thinking within the international human rights community. For human rights advocates, New Tactics offers a number of ways to engage with other practitioners, share tactics and support each other through:

The interactive Web site [NewTactics.org](https://www.newtactics.org) brings together an online community of over 3,500 human rights practitioners in more than 130 countries. Users have access to a [database](#) of over 200 human right tactics.

[Monthly Tactical Dialogues](#) are hosted on a broad range of human rights advocacy topics and [Tactical Notebooks](#) offer step-by-step examples of implementing tactics and strategies in promoting human rights, including how the tactic example might be adapted to other situations.

Interested in learning how to be strategic and effective with your organization's action? Check out our Activism Workshops [here](#).

Activism Workshops

[Midwest Coalition for Human Rights](#)

The Midwest Coalition for Human Rights is a network of organizations collaborating to promote and protect human rights in our Midwest region, in the U.S. and internationally. As a collaborative, the Coalition provides broader visibility for urgent human rights issues in the Heartland and projects a strong Midwest advocacy voice in the national and international human rights debate.

[University of Minnesota Human Rights Center](#)

The U of M Human Rights Center assists human rights advocates, monitors, students, educators and volunteers access effective tools, practices and networks to promote a culture of human rights and responsibilities in our local, national and international communities. The Center includes both a library and a resource center, both of which include extensive human rights resources.

[University of Minnesota Human Rights Program](#)

The U of M Human Rights Program in the College of Liberal Arts educates students by connecting them with academic and real-world experience in the field of international human rights and promoting interdisciplinary research and program activities on human rights at the University.

[Advocates for Human Rights](#)

Advocates for Human Rights is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and protecting human rights. Through cutting-edge research, education and advocacy, the organization saves lives, fights injustice, restores peace and builds the human rights movement in the United States and around the world.

[Doctors Who Torture](#)

The purpose of this site is to show and promote progress in encouraging physicians, courts, and medical licensing boards to be more active in the movement to end torture. Doctors Who Torture has a number of resources including text of major standards by international medical groups and the United Nations that can be used as standards for holding physicians accountable; countries where physicians have assisted torture at any time after World War II; examples of how some countries or international courts have held doctors accountable for torture; and links to organizations that compile reports including discussions of physician complicity for torture.

[National Consortium of Torture Treatment Centers](#)

The National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs (NCTTP) is a U.S. based network of programs which exists to advance the knowledge, technical capacities and resources devoted to the care of torture survivors living in the United States and acts collectively to prevent torture worldwide.

[National Religious Campaign Against Torture](#)

The National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) is a multi-denominational faith-based organization committed to ending torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.

[Services for Survivors of Torture - U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services](#)

Within this site, www.HealTorture.org is the online resource center created for programs serving torture survivors, individuals wishing to learn more about serving this population and for survivors looking for information and services.

[U.S. State Department Annual Human Rights Reports](#)

These annual reports, submitted to Congress, cover internationally recognized individual, civil, political and worker rights, as set forth in the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#). Annual reports since 1999 are posted.

[Amnesty International](#)

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement that campaigns for internationally recognized human rights to be respected and protected for everyone. The organization conducts research, generates action to prevent and end grave abuses of human rights and demands justice for those whose rights have been violated.

[Berlin Center for Torture Victims](#)

The Berlin Center for Torture Victims (bzfo) annually sees over 500 survivors of torture from over 50 nations for psychotherapy and social assistance. It offers unique torture rehabilitation services in Germany and conducts extensive research on treatment methods.

[Center for Justice and Accountability](#)

The Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA) is an international human rights organization dedicated to deterring torture and other severe human rights abuses around the world and advancing the rights of survivors to seek truth, justice and redress.

[Coalition for the International Criminal Court](#)

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) includes 2,500 civil society organizations in 150 different countries working in partnership to strengthen international cooperation with the ICC; ensure that the Court is fair, effective and independent; make justice both visible and universal; and advance stronger national laws that deliver justice to victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

[HealthRight International](#)

HealthRight International is a global health and human rights organization working to build lasting access to health for excluded communities. Projects include the care and support for survivors of human rights violations such as torture, trafficking and related violence.

[Human Rights First](#)

Human Rights First is a non-partisan international group whose mission is to build respect for human rights and the rule of law to help ensure the dignity to which everyone is entitled and to stem intolerance, tyranny, and violence.

[Human Rights Watch](#)

Human Rights Watch is an international independent non-governmental organization that investigates and exposes human rights violations worldwide.

[International Federation of Action of Christians for the Abolition of Torture](#)

The International Federation of ACAT (FIACAT) is an international non-governmental organization for the defense of human rights whose mandate is to fight for the abolition of torture and of the death penalty.

[International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims](#)

The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) is the umbrella for more than 140 independent international torture rehabilitation organizations. Member organizations promote and support torture rehabilitation and work for the prevention of torture worldwide.

[Physicians for Human Rights](#)

Physicians for Human Rights is an international organization of health professionals, scientists, and concerned citizens, who use the knowledge and skills of the medical and forensic sciences to investigate and prevent violations of international human rights and humanitarian law.

[REDRESS](#)

REDRESS is an international human rights organization that helps torture survivors obtain justice and reparation. REDRESS works with survivors to help restore their dignity and hold torturers accountable. The Web site includes an extensive database of international treaties, laws, case judgments and decisions as well as informational links.

[Torture Abolition and Survivor Support Coalition](#)

The Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International (TASSC) is an organization founded by and for torture survivors. The mission of TASSC is to end the practice of torture wherever it occurs and to empower survivors, their families and communities wherever they are.

[United Nations Convention Against Torture](#)

This Web site includes the text of the Convention, an international human rights instrument, which was adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 1984 and entered into force on June 26, 1987.

[Victims Rights Working Group](#)

The Victims' Rights Working Group (VRWG) is an international network of civil society groups and experts working to broaden awareness of the needs of victims of human rights abuses, and help ensure that their concerns are met through the judicial process of the International Criminal Court.

[World Organisation Against Torture](#)

Created in 1986 and based in Geneva, the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) is described as the world's largest coalition of non-governmental organisations (NGO) fighting against torture, summary executions, enforced disappearances and other forms of violence.

Executive Director Curt Goering hosted this conversation with Omar Dana, program manager, [New Tactics in Human Rights](#) Middle East/North Africa Initiative, and Darine El Hage, a human rights lawyer and activist who worked with CVTs New Tactics program.

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