

# National Religious Campaign Against Torture

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

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As a child growing up in the 1950s during the Korean War, my greatest fear was what it would be like to be tortured bamboo under my fingernails, for example. When I think of my beloved four grandchildren and the world we are leaving them, I am deeply concerned that the use of torture be forever abolished, especially by my own country.

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