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Campaign and Advocacy

Imad was arrested three times in Syria: tortured, hung and beaten.

Imad* is a lawyer who was living and working in Syria when the conflict broke out. He was not involved in politics or demonstrations, but he was arrested after he and his family fled their home. He was released this first time. However, he went back to check on the family's home. There, he was arrested again and accused of treason. Luckily one of the prison officials recognized him and took steps to have Imad released.

The third time Imad was arrested was the last. He was stopped at a random checkpoint and thrown into prison. The torturers hung him and beat him. He had no information for his captors, yet they tortured him anyway. He was finally released and fled to Jordan.

Imad found CVT and took on the healing journey through the interdisciplinary rehabilitative care cycle. After he completed his therapy, he decided to share his story so people would know the truth about torture and war atrocities.

**Name and some details have been changed for safety and to protect confidentiality.*

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