

Lawyers' International Observatory

Region: World

Organisation responsible: Avocats Sans Frontières France

Date: Since 2008



Activity: The Lawyers' International Observatory is a mechanism to protect and defend the lawyers who are threatened because of their activities of Human Rights defense.

Objectives

Reporting the number of lawyers suffering threats, pressures, tortures, disappearances and other damages of their physical and moral integrity.

Providing justice, moral and material assistance to threatened lawyers.

Description

The Observatory monitors the situation of lawyers throughout the world and reporting the cases of threatened lawyers. This is done through:

- Alerts messages send to alarm the national and international authorities about the situations of lawyers;
- Organisation of emergency defense mission for the lawyers who are tried in their country;
- Financial support for lawyers who have no revenues because they were revoked from the Bar.
- Appeal to UN relevant mechanism (Special Reporters, Work groups, ...).

Other actions include:

- Emergency defence training ;
- Release of an annual report on the cases followed by the International Observatory of Lawyers.

Beneficiaries

Human Rights defenders

GOAL 4: Ensure the protection of Human Rights in Counter Terrorism laws

(85) Protect Human Rights Defenders and other civil society actors who are struggling and working for justice, dignity and social change in their societies.

(86) Assist and protect human rights defenders who document all kinds of human rights violations, including those committed by state actors with the purpose of preventing indoctrination.