

War on Terror* **Human Rights Organizations**

Note: Listed below are the following types of organizations: Global Organizations; Regional Organizations; Organizations by country (alphabetical).

Global Organizations

Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org/>

"Conduct research and generate action to prevent and end grave abuses of human rights and to demand justice for those whose rights have been violated."

Article 19 (Free expression and government transparency)

<http://www.article19.org/>

Defends and promotes free expression and freedom of information worldwide; campaign on terrorism and anti-terrorism.

Human Rights First

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/>

Builds respect for human rights and the rule of law internationally.

Human Rights Watch

<http://www.hrw.org/>

Focuses international attention where human rights are violated; publishes annual reports and many other documents.

Human Rights Web

<http://www.hrweb.org/resource.html>

Web resources with names of human rights organizations and resources (such as libraries and internet-based information) of use to human rights activists and researchers.

United Nations

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/>

Intergovernmental body responsible for promoting and protecting human rights around the globe. Extensive resources and publications.

United Nations: Other Resources

<http://www.un.org/en/rights/index.shtml>

Various bodies, investigations, UN conferences, courts, documents (by theme and region), and other resources.

Women Human Rights International Defenders Coalition

<http://www.defendingwomen-defendingrights.org/about.php>

Resource and advocacy network for the protection and support of women's human rights defenders worldwide.

Women's Organizations

<http://www.distel.ca/womlist/womlist.html>

Extensive though incomplete listing of women's organizations worldwide; listed by country.

Regional Organizations

The Arab Commission for Human Rights

<http://www.achr.nu/achr.en.htm>

"Founded by a group of 15 human rights advocates from different Arab countries, the Arab Commission for Human Rights is a pan-Arab human rights organization with a focused regional mandate on the promotion of the human rights culture, defense of fundamental freedoms, and protection of all human rights victims in the Arab world irrespective of belief, political conviction, sex, religion, or color."

European Court of Human Rights

<http://www.echr.coe.int/echr/>

Justices from the Council of Europe make decisions about human rights issues in Europe, including rights issues related to the War on Terror and to immigrants and refugees.

Kurdish Human Rights Project (London based)

<http://www.khrp.org/>

"An independent, non-political human rights organisation dedicated to the promotion and protection of the human rights of all persons in the Kurdish regions of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Syria and elsewhere." The organization's activities include litigation and advocacy, missions and fact-finding, public awareness, training and fellowships, and publications.

Organizations by Nation (alphabetical)

Afghanistan

Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission

http://www.aihrc.org.af/2010_eng/

"Activities in the areas of promotion, protection and monitoring of human rights."

Afghan Women's Network

<http://www.afghanwomensnetwork.org/>

"Working to empower Afghan women and ensure their equal participation in Afghan society."

Bahrain

Bahrain Center for Human Rights

<http://www.bahrainrights.org/en>

"The Bahrain Center for Human Rights (BCHR) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization, registered with the Bahraini Ministry of Labor and Social Services since July 2002." Their mission statement is, "To encourage and support individuals and groups to be proactive in the protection of their own and others' rights; and to struggle to promote democracy and human rights in accordance with international norms."

Bahrain Youth Society for Human Rights (BYSHR)

<http://www.byshr.org/>

"Organises training workshops, monitors and documents human rights violations and participates in forming a regional network for young human rights activists in eight Arab countries."

Egypt

The Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession

<http://www.acijlp.org/home.htm>

"Anon-governmental institution that works to reinforce and support the status of justice in the Arab regions, an independence of the judiciary, the legal profession and the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

The Arab Organization for Human Rights

<http://www.aohr.org/>

"Carries out field missions in an effort to release political prisoners, in some cases as an observer and in other as a member of the defence panel. Receives complaints from individuals, groups and organizations and contacts the concerned authorities. In addition to the offering of legal assistance in several cases, the Organization provides financial assistance to families of victims. In coordination with *Arab Lawyers' Union* launched a campaign for *Freedom for Prisoners of Conscience in the Arab World*. Conferences and seminars. Instrumental in setting up *Arab Institute for Human Rights*."

Habitat International Coalition

<http://www.hic-mena.org/>

Participates in and organizes "campaigns, seminars and conferences, publication of statements, reports, newsletters and other study and information materials; research and other projects; supporting networks and information exchanges; and any legal means" to define housing as a human right. Works for "Recognition, defence and full implementation of everyone's right to a secure place to live in peace and dignity, in all countries."

England

National Council for Civil Liberties

www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk

Works to protect civil liberties and promote human rights for everyone in England and Wales.

Indonesia

Rumpun Tjoet Nyak Dien (RTND)

<http://rumpuntjoetnjakdien.blogspot.com/>

Surokarsan MG II/367, Mergangsan,

Yogyakarta 55151

Indonesia

Tel/Fax 62-274- 389110

E-mail: rumpun@indosat.net.id

Advocacy, lobbying, organizing, and networking for the legal protection and rights of domestic servants.

Women's Solidarity for Humanity and Human Rights

Perum Dosen UNS 107

Baturan Solo

Jawa Tengah 57171

Indonesia

Phone Number: 0271 715012

The organization's "goal is to modernize long-established social beliefs in order to develop a framework to push social changes in the system, in order to implement elementary rights for woman's groups, and eliminate the growth of structural poverty."

Women's Solidarity for Human Rights

<http://www.solidaritasperempuan.org/>

Iran

Iranian Minorities Human Rights Organisation (may be based outside of Iran)

<http://iranianminorityshumanright.blogspot.com/>

"Campaign for the human rights of Ethnic, Religious, Gender and Sexual Minorities in Iran."

Iraq

Organisation of Women's Freedom in Iraq (may be based outside of Iraq-- contacts in Europe and Canada)

<http://www.equalityiniraq.com/home>

Campaigns against polygamy, rape, abduction, killing, and capital punishment.

Israel

Assiwar

http://www.mediterraneas.org/article.php3?id_article=150

www.assiwar.org

"The Arab feminist movement in support of victims of sexual abuse." Activities include a hotline and programs to raise awareness of sexual abuse.

B'Tselem: The Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in Occupied Territories

<http://www.btselem.org/English/index.asp>

"Acts primarily to change Israeli policy in the Occupied Territories and ensure that its government, which rules the Occupied Territories, protects the human rights of residents there and complies with its obligations under international law."

Isha L'isha

<http://www.isha.org.il/default.php?lng=3>

"Have a battered women's hotline (which also receives calls from Palestinian women in the West Bank) and they have a social worker who staffs a program and services for battered women. It is a model place in terms of a grass roots successful outgrowth of women's needs being identified and met. Isha L'isha has done some pioneering work in Israel with support groups for survivors of rape and incest, lesbian programming, and they also have a resource center."

Kayan Feminist Organization

<http://www.kayan.org.il/en/>

"Engage in grassroots work to bring about social, legal and economic equality for all Arab women in Israel."

Pakistan

All Pakistan Women's Association

<http://apwapakistan.com/>

"Integrated multi-dimensional programs and projects that have combined primary health care with several components of reproductive health, including adult literacy, primary education, skill development, nutrition, legal rights, maternal care and family planning."

Aurat Foundation

<http://www.af.org.pk/>

"Working for women's empowerment and citizens' rights with the collaboration of citizens' groups and organisations to provide information, build capacity and undertake advocacy for women's issues and for good governance in Pakistan."

Bedari

<http://www.bedari.org.pk/>

"Conducts activities intended to improve conditions of women in the community through training, research, and advocacy."

Shirkat Gah

<http://www.shirkatgah.org/>

"Conducts and supports various activities for creating awareness on issues and empowering individuals and organizations through advocacy, research, publications and interventions to work towards sustainable development."

War Against Rape (WAR)

c/o Dr. Pervaiz Hoodbhoy

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

Tel: 92-051213429,213481

Active lobbying, advocacy on women's issues, particularly on rape and violence against women.

Women's Action Forum

c/o Samina Rauf

No. 44, St. 12, F(c)6/3, Islamabad

Tel: 92-051-814966; 92-051-827790

"Active lobbying, advocacy on behalf of women. Holds demonstrations and public-awareness campaigns."

Women In Development

P-16 St.3/1 Dawood Nagar(Warispur)

Faisalabad-38090 Pakistan

Tel 9241-729728

Fax:9241-738859

"Educating women for their social and economic independence at the grassroots level."

Women Empowerment Literacy and Development Organization

<http://www.weldo.org>

"Working on a wide array of areas like Gender, Energy, Responsible Trade, Tobacco Control and Research & Development. "

Palestine

Palestinian Center for Human Rights

<http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/>

"Dedicated to protecting human rights, promoting the rule of law and upholding democratic principles in the Occupied Palestinian Territory"

Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment (looks like it is no longer active)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20020414122713/http://www.lawsociety.org/AboutL/Index.html>

"Seeks to protect human rights through an intensive program of documenting and following up abuses and through providing legal and financial help to people in need."

Russia (7 Guantanamo detainees released, June 24, 2004)

Memorial Human Rights Center

<http://www.memo.ru/eng/index.htm>

"Memorial is a movement which arose in the years of perestroika. Its main task was the awakening and preservation of the societal memory of the severe political persecution in the recent past of the Soviet Union." The organization is involved in many research projects and is involved in activism surrounding the 1991 Law on Rehabilitation of Victims of Political Repression.

Women Living Under Muslim Laws

<http://www.wluml.org/>

"An international solidarity network that provides information, support and a collective space for women whose lives are shaped, conditioned or governed by laws and customs said to derive from Islam."

United States

ACLU

www.aclu.org

Works to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties that the Constitution and laws of the United States guarantee everyone in this country; extensive collection of documents related to the War on Terror.

Center for Constitutional Rights

www.ccrjustice.org

Works advancing and protecting the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; extensive documents on war on terror.

Human Rights Campaign

<http://www.hrc.org/>

"As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization, HRC envisions an America where LGBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community."

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