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## *International Day for Lawyers in Danger*

### Who we are

The International Observatory for Lawyers in Danger (OIAD) is an initiative of the **Conseil National des Barreaux français (French National Bar Council)**, the **Consiglio Nazionale Forense**, the **Consejo General de la Abogacía Española** and the **Paris Bar**.

Established in 2016, the purpose of the OIAD is to **defend lawyers facing threats in exercising their profession** and to **denounce situations that violate the rights of the defence**.

The Observatory aims to become part of the landscape of mechanisms designed to protect human rights defenders and lawyers, and to work in close collaboration with existing mechanisms.

By bringing together a large number of bar associations and organisations, the Observatory is a key international player in the defence of Lawyers in Danger.

### Why the 24<sup>th</sup> of January?

Since 2009, the International Day for Lawyers in Danger has been held every 24th of January in cities, countries and continents around the world. The date was chosen as the annual International Day of for Lawyers in Danger because on that date, in 1977, four fellow lawyers were murdered at their address at calle Atocha 55 in Madrid. The incident became known as the "Atocha Massacre".

The purpose of this international day is to draw the attention of civil society and public authorities to the situation of lawyers in a particular country, in order raise awareness about the threats they face in exercising their profession.

Following on from the situation of lawyers in Turkey, the Philippines, Honduras, China, Egypt, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Colombia and Afghanistan, the International Day of Lawyers in Danger 2024 will be dedicated, for the second time, to the situation of lawyers in Iran.

## What we can do:

### 1. PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

[Write or post articles](#) by other organisations about the International Day of Lawyers in Danger on your website.

Use Twitter to spread the word even more widely, especially by using [hashtags](#), [retweeting](#) other organisations'/bars' content and [tagging](#) politicians/diplomats/NGOs.

- In order to reach a wider audience together the Observatory invites you to use the following hashtag in your posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram:

**#Protectiranianlawyers**

- Examples of [tweets](#):

#### TWEET 1

[#Protectiranianlawyers](#) Iran must recognise the legal profession's vital importance to justice! Protect and fight against impunity! [@Protectlawyers](#)

[#Protectiranianlawyers](#) L'Iran doit estimer l'importance capitale de la profession d'avocat pour la justice ! Protection et lutte contre l'impunité ! [@Protectlawyers](#)

#### TWEET 2

[#Protectiranianlawyers](#) Surveillance, discrediting of activities, death threats. Let's restore justice and safety for the legal profession in Iran! [@Protectlawyers](#)

[#Protectiranianlawyers](#) Surveillance, décredibilisation des activités, menaces de mort. Faisons en sorte de rétablir la justice et la sureté pour la profession d'avocat en Iran! [@Protectlawyers](#)

#### TWEET 3

[#Protectiranianlawyers](#) No lawyer should have to worry about legitimately exercising their profession. [@Protectlawyers](#)

[#Protectiranianlawyers](#) Aucun avocat ne devrait avoir à s'inquiéter pour l'exercice légitime de sa profession. [@Protectlawyers](#)

#### TWEET 4

[#Protectiranianlawyers](#) Ensuring the rule of law and democracy in Iran means protecting lawyers! [@UNHumanRights](#) [@ONUHumanRights](#) [@Protectlawyers](#)

[#Protectiranianlawyers](#) Garantir l'Etat de droit et la démocratie en Iran, c'est protéger les avocats ! [@UNHumanRights](#) [@ONUHumanRights](#) [@Protectlawyers](#)

- Call upon NGOs and political and diplomatic figures: mention them using [@](#) in messages:
  - OIAD: [@ProtectLawyers](#)

- OHCHR: [@UNHumanRights](#)
- High Commissioner for Human Rights: [@volker\\_turk](#)
- Iran Human Rights: [@ICHRI](#) ; [@IHRights](#)
- Human Rights in Iran: [@ir\\_humanrights](#)
- Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in France: [@IraninFrance](#)
- Abdorrahman Boroumand Center: [@IranRights\\_org](#)
- IRAN HRM: [@IranHrm](#)
- Amnesty Iran: [@AmnestyIran](#)
- Permanent Mission of I.R. Iran to UN, NY: [@Iran\\_UN](#)
- Nick Sotoudeh: [@NickSotoudeh](#)
- Javid Rehman: [@JavidRehman](#)
- Ayatollah Khamenei: [@khamenei\\_ir](#)
- Simon Shercliff: [@SimonShercliff](#)
- British Embassy in Iran: [@UKinIran](#)
- Iranian Embassy in Great Britain: [@Iran\\_in\\_UK](#)
- Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [@IRIMFA\\_EN](#)
- Council of European Bars and Law Societies: [@CCBEinfo](#)
- Avocats Sans Frontières: [@ASF\\_NGO](#)
- Council of Europe: [@COE](#)

## 2. TAKE ACTION: DEMONSTRATIONS, SIT-INS

The health situation permitting, we encourage you to take part in a demonstration in support of Iranian lawyers.

**Suggestion:** Go to the Iranian embassy or meet in front of the Courthouse or the Bar House.

If the demonstration is planned to take place in a public space, you must notify the authorities in advance.

Provide banners, placards and leaflets to spread awareness about the International Day.



### 3. JOIN A DEMONSTRATION ORGANISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE OIAD

Each member informs and shares its event to make it possible for other Bars and Law Societies to join them.

### 4. DISPLAY A BANNER

Print a banner to display on your facade. Contact the local Town of City Council beforehand to request a display. You can also print and display the poster prepared by OIAD at the headquarters and offices of your Bar.



### 5. CONTACT POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC AUTHORITIES

Contact the authorities to raise your concerns/recommendations. Please find the contact details of the authorities in Iran below:

**Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran: Ayatollah Khamenei**

Email: [contact@leader.ir](mailto:contact@leader.ir)

Website: <https://www.leader.ir/fr>

**Ambassador-Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations in Geneva: Maryam Bahreini**

Address: Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva, Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 28, 1209 Geneva, SWITZERLAND

Phone : +41 22 332 21 00

E-mail: [missionofiran@gmail.com](mailto:missionofiran@gmail.com) ; [iran.unog@mfa.gov.ir](mailto:iran.unog@mfa.gov.ir)

Website: <http://geneva.mfa.ir/>

**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region:**

Phone: + 41 22.917.9777

Website: <https://www.ohchr.org/fr/countries/middle-east-north-africa-region/centre-for-southwest-asia-and-arab-region>

**Embassy of Iran in Great Britain: Seyed Mahdi Hosseini Matin**

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**British Ambassador to Iran: Simon Shercliff**

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Website: <https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-tehran>

**French Ambassador to Iran: Nicolas Roche**

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Phone: (00 98 21) 64 09 40 00

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**Spanish Ambassador to Iran: Luis Felipe Fernández de la Peña**

Address: Darrous, Boulevard Shahrzad, Shadi Street, Abbas Asadi Street, 10, Teheran, IRAN

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Website: [www.exteriores.gob.es/embajadas/teheran](http://www.exteriores.gob.es/embajadas/teheran)

**Italian Ambassador to Iran: Giuseppe Perrone**

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