

MOBILISATION KIT

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 24th 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, Afghanistan and Iran the International Day of Lawyers in Danger 2025 will be dedicated to the situation of lawyers in Belarus.

HOW TO MOBILISE:

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.

- The Observatory encourages you to **use the following hashtag in your posts** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, so that together we can get the word out more widely:

[#ProtectBelarusianLawyers](#); [#BelarusLegalFreedom](#)

- Examples of [posts](#):

POST 1

[#ProtectBelarusianLawyers](#) [#BelarusLegalFreedom](#) Lawyers in Belarus risk their freedom to defend human rights: let's unite to support them! [@Protectlawyers](#)

[#ProtectBelarusianLawyers](#) [#BelarusLegalFreedom](#) Les avocats au Bélarus risquent leur liberté pour défendre les droits humains : unissons-nous pour leur apporter notre soutien ! [@Protectlawyers](#)

POST 2

[#ProtectBelarusianLawyers](#) [#BelarusLegalFreedom](#) Belarusian lawyers are the last bastions against injustice: let's take action for legal freedom and human rights in the country. [@Protectlawyers](#)

[#ProtectBelarusianLawyers](#) [#BelarusLegalFreedom](#) Les avocats au Bélarus sont les derniers remparts contre l'injustice : agissons pour la liberté juridique et les droits humains dans le pays. [@Protectlawyers](#)

POST 3

[#BelarusianLawyersAtRisk](#) No lawyer should have to worry about the legitimate practice of their profession. [@Protectlawyers](#)

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

POST 4

[#BelarusianLawyersAtRisk](#) Ensuring the rule of law and democracy in Belarus involves protecting lawyers! [@UNHumanRights](#) [@ONUHumanRights](#) [@Protectlawyers](#)

[#ProtectBelarusianLawyers](#) [#BelarusLegalFreedom](#) Garantir l'État de droit et la démocratie au Bélarus, c'est protéger les avocats ! [@UNHumanRights](#) [@ONUHumanRights](#) [@Protectlawyers](#)

- Call NGOs, political and diplomatic figures: mention them using @ (X) in messages:
 - THE OIAD: [@ProtectLawyers](#)
 - OHCHR: [@UNHumanRights](#)
 - High Commissioner for Human Rights: [@volker_turk](#)
 - Secretariat of the United Nations Human Rights Council: [@UN_HRC](#)
 - Belarusian Association of Human Rights Lawyers: [@BAHRLorg](#)
 - Mary Kolesova-Hudzilina, President of the Belarusian association of human rights lawyers: [@kolesovahudz](#)
 - United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus: [@MuizNils](#)
 - Amnesty Belarus & Ukraine: [@BelarusDe](#)
 - Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the UN Office and other International Organizations at Geneva: [@BelarusUNOG](#)
 - Embassy of the United-Kingdom in Belarus: [@UKinBelarus](#)
 - Embassy of Belarus in the United-Kingdom: [@belarus_emb_UK](#)
 - Belarus Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [@BelarusMFA](#)
 - Council of European Bars and Law Societies: [@CCBEinfo](#)
 - Avocats Sans Frontières: [@ASF_NGO](#)
 - Council of Europe: [@COE](#)

2. GET INVOLVED IN THE FIELD

Proposal: Go to the Belarusian embassy or meet in front of the Palais de Justice or the Maison du Barreau.

If the gathering is planned in a public place, remember to notify the authorities beforehand.

Provide banners, signs and brochures to raise public awareness of International Day.



3. JOIN A MOBILISATION ORGANISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE OIAD

Each member informs and shares their 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. Seek permission from the town hall to display the banner. You can also print and display the poster prepared by the OIAD at the headquarters and offices of your bar.



5. WRITE TO POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC AUTHORITIES

Write to the authorities with concerns/recommendations. The International Observatory for Lawyers in Danger provides a [model letter](#), which you can adapt and send on behalf of your organisation.

Please find below the contact details of the diplomatic authorities in Belarus:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus :

Minister: Maxim Ryjekov

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Permanent Representation of Belarus to the United Nations Office at Geneva:

Mandate holder: H.E. Mrs Larysa BELSKAYA

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Website: <http://geneva.mfa.gov.by/>

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus:

Mandate holder: Nils Muižnieks

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Website : <https://www.ohchr.org/fr/special-procedures/sr-belarus>

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