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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ABA/ROLI – American Bar Association / Rule of Law Initiative

BHR – Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law

CA – Central Asia

CCP – Code of Criminal Procedure

CF – Correctional facility

CHR – Commissioner for Human Rights

CPCA - Central Penal Corrections Administration

DCA – Drug Control Agency

DCAF – Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

DFID – Department for International Development

DRS – Districts of Republican Subordination

EO PRT – Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

EU – European Union

FE – forensic examination

GR – Group on rehabilitation of survivors of torture and/or members of their families

HRC – Human Rights Committee

ICRC – International Committee of the Red Cross

INGO – International public organization

IP – Istanbul Protocol

IPHR - International partnership for human rights

LAG – Legal Assistance Group

MBAR – Mountainous Badakhshan Autonomous Region

MD – Ministry of Defense

MFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MI – Ministry of Interior

MJ – Ministry of Justice

NED – National Endowment for Democracy

NGO – Non-government organization

NPR – National Preventive Mechanism

ODIHR - Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

OHCHR – Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

DMIA – Department of the Ministry of Interior
OPCAT – Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture
OSCE – Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
OSI AF – Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation
PDC – Pretrial Detention Centre
PF – Public Fund
PO – Public Organization
PRI – Penal Reform International
PwD – person with disabilities
RT – Republic of Tajikistan
SCNS – State Committee for National Security
TDF – Temporary Detention Facility
TNU – Tajik National University
UN – United Nations
UNDP – UN Development Program
UNICEF – the United Nations Children’s Fund
UPR – Universal Periodic Review
USD – US dollars

Introduction

The Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity of Tajikistan (hereinafter - the Coalition) was established in September 2011 to consolidate the efforts of civil society to fight torture and impunity in the Republic of Tajikistan. Since then, the Coalition has evolved into a coherent functioning civil society structure that is recognized at the national and international levels. The Coalition is an important platform and a safe space for all its members, within which support, professional advice and consultation can be received, professional skills can be improved, efforts can be consolidated and single voice can be expressed for more effective impact on decision-makers, victims and donors. Transparency of activities and professional ethics are very important principles in the activities of the Coalition.

Members of the Coalition are leading human rights NGOs with many years of experience who are supported by international organizations, have opportunities for dialogue with the authorities of the country, strengthen ties with the mass media, and which play a key role in promoting activities to fight torture and impunity. The Coalition facilitated the opening of a public discussion on the issue of torture and has a good understanding of the situation on the individual (direct work with victims of torture and their relatives) and political (policy analysis, participation in policy promotion) levels and effectively uses regional and international mechanisms to promote its recommendations.

The Coalition has its own websites www.notorture.tj, www.notorture.org and pages in social networks, which are comprehensive information instruments on issues pertaining to torture and ill-treatment in Tajikistan. Relevant articles of the mass media, program documents, results of analyses and studies, interviews and other necessary information can be found particularly in the following pages:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/notorture.tj/>,
Google+: <https://plus.google.com/107767311153916349012>,

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NoTortureTj>, in Telegram - t.me/notorturetj.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWfjfabt9tacFgj-rcJZqtw> and

Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/notorture-tj>.

1. The Structure of the Coalition

For June 30, 2017 members and partners of the Coalition are 11 public organizations and eight individuals:

1. PO Apeiron
2. PO The Association of Lawyers of Pamir
3. PO Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law
4. PO Independent Center for Human Rights Protection
5. Public Fund Notabene
6. PO Public Health and Human Rights
7. PO Civil Freedoms Office
8. PO Right and Prosperity
9. PF Legal Initiative
10. PO Equal Opportunities
11. PO Human Rights Center
12. Askar Tursunov, lawyer

13. Ahliddin Salimov, journalist
14. Nargis Hamrabaeva, journalist
15. Fazliddin Khojaev, journalist
16. Oynikhol Bobonazarova
17. Umed Niyazov, lawyer
18. Gulchehra Kholmatova, lawyer
19. Abdurahmon Sharipov, lawyer

1.1. Working groups and governing bodies:

1. **The Coalition's Council** – all current members and partners of the Coalition
2. **The Coalition's Coordinator** – Nurmahmad Halilov, PO Center on Human Rights
3. **Analytical Center**– Nigina Bahrieva, PF Notabene
4. **The Group on Monitoring of Places of Deprivation of Liberty** – Takhmina Juraeva, PO Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law
5. **The Legal Assistance Group** – Najiba Shirinbekova, PO Right and Prosperity (acts on the basis of the Provision)
6. **The Rehabilitation Group** – Gulchehra Rahmanova, PF Legal Initiative
7. **The Media-group** – Shoira Davlatova, PO Independent Center for Human Rights Protection (acts on the basis of the Strategy)
8. **The Well-being Group** – Dilrabo Samadova, PO Office of Civil Freedoms

2. The Coalition's Activities for January-March 2017

For the first quarter of 2017 the following activities were carried out:

- 38 new cases of torture and ill-treatment have been documented, 36 cases of torture and ill-treatment have been provided with legal support, 20 of which are new cases and 16 cases that have been registered and maintained by the Coalition's lawyers from previous years.
- The coalition leads in maintaining strategic litigation, consistently increases judicial practice in establishing a sustainable practice of paying by state adequate compensation to the victims and their relatives. Organizations actively collect evidence; involve national and international experts in assessing moral harm to victims of torture / relatives; use the opinion of Amicus during the trial. For the first time in the practice of the Legal Assistance Group, lawsuits have been prepared to compensate moral harm for an ineffective investigation. For the first half of 2017, decisions were made on compensation for harm in 2 lawsuits that were appealed; 4 lawsuits are maintained; 3 lawsuits have been filed and their judicial hearings are expected, including 2 lawsuits for recovery of moral damages for an ineffective investigation; at the stage of preparation there are 13 lawsuits.
- 24 people were rehabilitated (man - 14, woman – 10). Out of total number of victims, 15 are directly affected by torture and ill-treatment; the remaining 9 are relatives of victims of torture and / or ill-treatment. Five people are minors.
- The Coalition's member organizations are members of the Group on Monitoring of Places of Deprivation of Liberty established under the Human Rights Commissioner. In the first half of 2017, the Group visited five closed and semi-closed institutions, and three military units.
- The Coalition monitors Tajikistan's compliance with its obligations in the area of freedom from torture, prepares alternative reports to UN bodies, and actively participates in the promotion of freedom from torture during human rights dialogues. Over the reporting period, member organizations of the Coalition have participated in the discussion of the draft National Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the second

cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, the third periodic report of the RT on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and have prepared information for the UN Committee against Torture for adoption of the list of issues to the third Periodic Review of the RT on the implementation of the Convention against Torture.

- Over the reporting period the Coalition has issued over 265 information-analytical materials in the mass media on specific cases of torture, as well as on issues of freedom from torture in general, has prepared 4 information graphics, 8 press reviews, 4 multimedia materials, and opened a new heading entitled “I am a human rights defender”, has held meetings and briefings with international and non-governmental organizations and official delegations of other countries.
- The Coalition has held 15 information sessions on the rights of detainees, attended by 620 people (employees of Department of Ministry of Interior in Dushanbe, DRS, Khatlon region and MBAR).

Cooperation with government bodies

The Coalition pays great importance to cooperation with state authorities in promoting systemic changes in the field of freedom from torture. In this direction, the Coalition cooperates with the Office of Human Rights Guarantees of the Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on the issues regarding promotion of the recommendations of the UN bodies on freedom from torture and ill-treatment; with the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tajikistan on the issues regarding monitoring of places of deprivation of liberty; with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan on the issues regarding promotion of standards of the Istanbul Protocol. At the moment, the Coalition proposed cooperation with the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Preparation of the annual report of the Coalition for 2016

During January-February 2017, the annual report of the Coalition for 2016 was prepared. The report was translated into Tajik and English, posted on the Coalition's website in three languages (Tajik, Russian, English) and published by the OSCE Office in Tajikistan. The report is distributed to a wide range of people during national consultations on issues of freedom from torture, and information sessions.

Quarterly reports of the Coalition for 2017

The main purpose of the preparation of quarterly reports is to monitor the process of implementation of certain activities of the Coalition, to address emerging problems and difficulties, as well as effective planning for the following months. Quarterly reports are not published.

Annual meeting of the Coalition

On March 17-18, 2017 in the conference hall of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan, an annual meeting of the Coalition against Torture was held. The meeting was attended by 41 members and partners of the Coalition. The results of the activities of the Coalition and special working groups were discussed, and the election of heads of working groups was carried out.

The Compendium of Legislations on Freedom from Torture

The Compendium was developed in 2016 by the Legal Assistance Group and published by the OSCE Office in Tajikistan with a circulation of 900 copies in Russian and Tajik. It was distributed during the information sessions. At the moment, the Compendium is supplemented by new regulatory and legal acts, samples of procedural documents and will be reissued.

Presentations of the Coalition and working groups

During April-June 2017, the presentations of Coalition's working groups were prepared and translated to Tajik: 1. The Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan; 2. The Legal Assistance Group; 3. The Monitoring Group; 4. The Rehabilitation Group; 5. The Mass Media Group; 6. The Project on the Promotion of the Istanbul Protocol. The presentations are available on the website of the Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan, <http://www.notorture.tj.org/about/vsyo-o-koalicii-v-prezentacijah>

Training on Well-being for the members of the Coalition, January 12-14, 2017, Bishkek

Training on enhancing technical capacity and well-being was conducted by the experts of Civil Rights Defenders on January 12-14, 2017. It was attended by 16 representatives of the Coalition. During the training, the participants were acquainted with tools and methodologies for stress reduction, safety tactics in the course of work, safety while communicating with clients, providing quality information to journalists, and other issues related to the well-being of human rights defenders.

Procurement of equipment

During the reporting period, with the financial support of Amnesty International, additional equipment was purchased in the form of autonomous batteries and a power supply stabilizer for the Coalition's member organizations. This equipment will ensure the operation of the CCTV cameras of the organization, despite the interruptions in the power supply. Additional stabilizers will also ensure the safety of office equipment in case of power failures. In March, the equipment was tested by IT specialists and installed.

Coordination of the activities of the Coalition's working groups

The Coalition gives great importance to the issues of internal cooperation and cooperation. A series of coordination meetings was held to discuss issues of interaction between working groups, as well as the development of a single Action Plan of the Coalition.

The project of the Sigrid Rausing Trust

From June 1, 2017, the Coalition received funding from the Sigrid Rausing Trust for a period of three years. The project is aimed at supporting the working groups of the Coalition for carrying out activities in the field of fighting torture and impunity in Tajikistan and is implemented through the PF *Notabene*. In the frame of the project the Commission for the consideration of applications from among the members and partners of the Coalition was established. The project will be implemented from July 1, 2017.

2.1. Activities of the Group on Monitoring of Places of Deprivation of Liberty

The Group on Monitoring of Places of Deprivation of Liberty is established in the frame of strategic priorities of the Coalition and has the following goals: a) advocacy of ratification of Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establishment of national preventive mechanism; b) establishment of mechanism for independent public monitoring of places of deprivation.

In 2017, the Monitoring Group's terms of power expired. The new composition of the Group was approved, which included both former members of the Group, as well as new representatives of the Coalition's member organizations.

In March 17, 2017 the Coordinator of the Monitoring Group met with representatives of Penal Reform International (PRI). PRI at the meeting offered its assistance and support for the activities of the Monitoring Group. It was noted that for 2017 the Monitoring Group has support and it was recommended to meet with the Ombudsman to discuss the needs and joint activities

within the framework of activities of the Working Group under the Human Rights Commissioner. PRI also provided the monitoring group with 5 sets of equipment for carrying out monitoring in places of deprivation of liberty. The equipment includes: devices for measuring humidity and temperature in the room, measuring the area of rooms / cells, and a camera.

Work plans for 2017

During the reporting period, work plans of the Working Group and the Monitoring Group under the Human Rights Commissioner were developed. Work plans include activities to continue visits to places of deprivation of liberty, to increase the capacity of members of the Working Group and the Monitoring Group, and to conduct awareness raising arrangements. It is also expected to prepare an analysis of the compliance of national legislation with the standards of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT) and the financial and economic feasibility of joining the OPCAT; to prepare pocket-books with questions and answers to help the administration of places of deprivation of liberty. In addition, it is planned to organize a study-tour in order to exchange experience on establishment and functioning of NPM for members of the Working Group and Monitoring Group.

Meeting of Working Group on Advocacy of Ratification of OPCAT, May 12, 2017



The meeting was attended by members of the Working and Monitoring Groups. The following issues were discussed:

- preliminary reports of the Monitoring Group on visits that took place in 2017;
- preliminary results of the analysis of the legislation regarding the compliance with OPCAT and discussion of the most appropriate NPM model for Tajikistan;
- revision of tools for psychiatric institutions (during the meeting it was decided that the group needs additional training, where it can finalize and improve the tools);
- recommendations and suggestions for further activities and work in general.

Visiting places of deprivation of liberty

During the reporting period, five visits have been conducted:

- *Regional Psychiatric Center in Kulob, March 14-15, 2017*

This center was built in 1936. Last time repairs were made in 2015. The building of a Psychiatric Center is in a satisfactory condition. At the time of the monitoring, there was no electricity in the building due to problems with the transformer. Electricity was missing for the second day. Due to the lack of electricity, water pumps did not work, and there was no centralized water supply. Despite this, the Center did not experience problems with irrigation and washing water, as there is a 30-ton tank in the courtyard of the institution for such cases. Drinking water is brought in such cases. The institution has a new electricity generator designed for the whole institution, but due to a shortage of budgetary funds it is not possible to purchase a special wiring to run this generator. The psychiatric institution is designed for 60 patients. At the time of monitoring, there were 35 patients (20 men and 15 women).

- *Penal Colony in B. Gafurov District*, April 17-18, 2017. The Monitoring Group conducted an interview with the administration of the institution and detainees, carried out observations and concluded that this institution is one of the exemplary ones: the conditions of detention are good; there are no records of torture or other ill-treatment.
- *Psychiatric Institution of Sughd Region, Khujand* - April 19-20, 2017. This institution was also described as positive. A favorable environment is established within the institution: wards without doors (there are no violent patients); leisure is organized; relatives can visit without restrictions and in the absence of personnel can meet with patients.
- *Women's Correctional Colony in Norak* - April 27-28, 2017. This institution was visited as part of the follow-up. Practically, all recommendations were fulfilled. So, for example, the gynecological office and the medical unit as a whole were equipped with new equipment and the necessary medical preparations were delivered. Although, there is still a problem of shortage of medical personnel. Women's leisure is provided; vocational trainings are opened; conditions for mothers' stay with the child are created; there are no cases of torture and other cruel treatment of prisoners.
- *Republican Psychoneurological Center in Tursunzoda* - May 2-3, 2017. The Republican Psychoneurological Center in Tursunzoda consists of two departments: an outpatient clinic in Tursunzoda and a stationary one in the village of Zarnisor. The Monitoring Group was provided access to all premises and buildings of the Center and the opportunity to talk alone with patients and staff of the institution. The Psychiatric Institution does not have library, but has a common room with a TV-set and a table game Backgammon. It was noted that nowhere in the building of the institution there is a board with information about the rights of patients. In addition, when entering the institution, patients are not informed about their rights. Patients are not allowed to have mobile phones, and there is no fixed telephone within the facility.

2.2. Introduction of rehabilitation system of victims of torture and ill-treatment

The goal of the Group for the Rehabilitation of Survivors of Torture and / or Members of Their Families is to provide the maximum possible assistance to the victims in restoring their independence and physical, mental, social and professional abilities, as well as their full social integration and participation in society.

Advocacy at the state level

Currently, the group in cooperation with the representatives of the Working Group under the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population (MHSPP) on Introduction of the Istanbul Protocol Principles in the Healthcare System of Tajikistan discusses the introduction of issues pertaining to state system of rehabilitation of victims of torture into the work. It was suggested to include trainings for physicians of private clinics on filling out developed and approved medical forms, on cooperation and capacity building of state social workers in MHSPP (Social Protection Department), capacity building of psychologists, and in 2018 to develop a Concept for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture and Monitoring at State Level with the involvement of international experts (development of the state model).

Coordination meeting with social workers was held in March 2017. The meeting was aimed at raising awareness of social workers in the field of social services and social support for survivors of torture and / or members of their families, exchange of experience and discussion of current affairs.

Assistance in rehabilitation

During the reporting period, 24 people received rehabilitation, including 14 men and 10 women. Out of the total number of victims, 15 people directly affected by torture and ill-treatment, the remaining 9 are relatives of victims of torture and / or ill-treatment. Five people are minors. One person refused to receive assistance.

In relation to 13 out of 15 victims physical torture was used: beatings with binding legs and hands, passing current through the nails on the hands and inguinal part of the body, beatings on head, pouring water, beatings on kidneys and abdomen, beatings by applying the book to the stomach and head, beatings on the face resulting in a broken nose, the female victim was beaten in different parts of the body, and she was dragged to floor by her hair resulting in a concussion. Two victims (male) were subjected to psychological torture, such as threats, verbal humiliation and insult, and profane language.

The remaining relatives of the victims had received psychological trauma, as a result of which 8 victims faced medical problems.

Assistance is provided in the form of medical, social and psychological aide. In total, 23 victims underwent a medical examination and currently receive medical care: (18 out-patient treatment and 5 inpatient care). One victim did not need medical help. Totally, 23 victims receive psychological assistance and social support is provided to all victims. All cases of victims are at the stage of rehabilitation.

2.3. Legal Assistance

The activities of the Coalition's Legal Assistance Group (hereinafter referred to as the LAG) are aimed at promoting the establishment of an effective response system to allegations of torture and ill-treatment and an independent mechanism for investigating torture in Tajikistan, as well as coordinating the provision of practical legal assistance to victims of torture and their relatives.

In 2017, the LAG continued its activities aimed at:

- Continuing to provide legal assistance to victims of torture, conducting strategic litigation and documenting cases of torture. Documenting cases of torture will allow the Coalition to obtain direct information about the situation of torture in the country, and conducting strategic litigation will allow to create a sustainable practice of applying legislation on the protection of victims of torture, as well as the practice of paying compensation to victims of torture and their relatives in line with international standards.
- Preparation of materials for analytical documents and alternative reports to UN bodies, as well as within the framework of intergovernmental dialogues on human rights.
- Conducting trainings and educational activities on issues of freedom from torture for practicing lawyers.

During the first half of 2017, the Coalition's member organizations achieved the following results:

- In total, 38 new cases of torture and ill-treatment have been documented. At 36 cases of torture and ill-treatment legal support has been provided, 20 of which are new cases and 16 are cases that have been registered and maintained by the Coalition's lawyers from previous years.
- The Coalition's member organizations continued to build up judicial practice to create a sustainable method of paying adequate compensation to victims and their relatives by state. Organizations actively collect evidence, involve national and international experts in assessing moral harm to victims of torture / their relatives and use the opinion of Amicus during the trial. For the first time in the practice of the LAG, lawsuits have been prepared to compensate moral harm for an ineffective investigation (cases of Ziyodulloev and Bobodzhonov). During the reporting period, lawsuits have been filed with the court and the date for their consideration is expected.
- For the first time in practice, in the case of Kurbonov Jahongir (serviceman of military unit No. 2747 BA of the SCNS RT), a victim of hazing, a criminal case was initiated

under the Article 144 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Tajikistan (Torture). However, the platoon commander was convicted by the court decision under two articles of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Tajikistan: Article 250 (Extortion) and Article 391 Part 3 (Abuse of power or official position) and sentenced to 9 years of imprisonment in a strict regime colony. Charges of torture were dismissed from him. The judge Hotam Rajabzoda stated that the court was not provided with evidence of torture in relation to deceased soldier.

- Taking into account the opinion of all Coalition’s organizations, the Compendium of legislation of the RT on torture and other forms of cruel inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment was updated. The Compendium in the Tajik was sent for printing.
- The LAG has held more than 5 meetings with lawyers, NGOs, PF, representatives of the HRC in Khujand, Rasht and Tursunzoda, representatives of the mass media and the Bureau of Human Rights and Rule of Law.
- A master class was held with practicing lawyers of the Khatlon region on torture and other forms of cruel inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Meeting of the Coalition’s LAG, June 12, 2017

The issues of restructuring process of the LAG, the work plan of the LAG for 2017, the strengthening of the analytical component of the group's activities, as well as mechanisms for interaction and cooperation with state bodies were discussed at the meeting.

Master class for lawyers of Khatlon region on issues of freedom from torture and ill-treatment, May 24, 2017

In total, 19 people took part in the master class: lawyers from Khatlon region (Temurmalik, Dusti, Vose, Shaartuz, Farkhor, Yovon and Kurgon-Tepa), deputy chairman of the Regional Union of Lawyers of Khatlon region, as well as representatives of the Office of the HRC in Dushanbe. During the master class the presentation was made regarding the Coalition’s activities on the provision of legal assistance and protection of victims of torture, rehabilitation of victims of torture and standards of the Istanbul Protocol. The Coalition’s experts shared information and experience on cases of torture and ill-treatment.

Consultation meetings with lawyers on cases of torture and ill-treatment

Over the course of the reporting period, more than 5 consultations were held with lawyers on cases of torture and ill-treatment.

Documenting the facts of torture and other types of ill-treatment

For the period from January 1 to June 30, 2017 the LAG and the Coalition’s member organizations have documented 38 claims of torture and ill-treatment (6 of them in relation to minors and 2 in relation to women).



	Regions				Total
	Dushanbe	DRS	Khatlon / MBAR	Sughd	
Documented	12	3	11	12	38

Lawyer's services paid by the Coalition	8	1	9	2	20
Lawyer's services paid by relatives	3	2	1	10	16
Consultations, legal support	Provided consultations - 15, Prepared documents - 4		Provided consultations - 18, Legal support - 3	Provided consultations - 6	

The followings were mentioned as methods of applied torture: beatings in various parts of the body, including with rubber truncheon; connecting an electric current to the fingers, through the male genitalia and wet napkin in the victim's mouth; hanging plastic bottles filled with earth to the male genitalia; inserting needles under the nails; psychological violence in the form of insults, raping, threats of raping; leaving in cold water (foots in water for a long time, 1-2 days); immersion in cold water in cold weather; connection of current to spine and to the genitals through a special phone; putting a gas mask on the head; firing the body with cigarettes; three detainees were forced to hit each other's faces in turn with hands; turning hands behind backs and tying the legs and hands with a belt; sealing mouths with tape; turning hands behind backs and forcing detainee to sit on the back of other man.

Allegations of torture were against following state bodies: the Ministry of Interior - 28, Department for Fighting Organized Crime (DFOC) - 6, Military Units – 2, Ministry of Defense - 1, the Border Troops Administration under the State Committee for National Security (SCNS) - 1; the SCNS - 7; the secondary school - 1.

Out of this number, over the reporting period 2 female victims (torture) applied. In respect of both, torture and ill-treatment were associated with a threat of sexual violence, and one of them was forced to have sexual intercourse in exchange for mitigating criminal punishment.

Legal advice

In Dushanbe and the DRS, 17 oral advices were provided and 6 written applications were prepared on the basis of appeals. Out of the 17 oral advices, 11 were pertaining to issues of procedure of appealing to the prosecutor's office concerning use of torture, and the capability of the LAG in this direction. On 6 consultations, the applicants were sent to profile organizations and to lawyers, since their appeals did not concern the issue of torture and ill-treatment. In total, 7 documents were prepared, including 2 complaints, one petition and 4 applications.

In Sughd region, 6 oral consultations were provided regarding mechanisms for appealing the actions of law enforcement officers, and mechanisms for appealing before the court the case concerning use of torture.

In Khatlon region, 18 oral consultations were provided on the issues of filing an application concerning use of torture and ill-treatment, conducting a prosecutor's inspection, gathering evidence while considering the lawsuits concerning the use of torture and ill-treatment, undergoing medical examination and ineffective investigation. Three written statements on the use of torture and 2 written statements not related to torture and ill-treatment for representatives of vulnerable segments of the population were prepared.

The consultant of the LAG has provided 11 written and 4 oral consultations on the basis of appeals received within the framework of activities of the LAG; an analysis of the forms of documentation (7), complaints about refusal to initiate criminal proceedings (1), a claim for compensation for moral and material damage caused by the crime (2) was conducted; recommendations were provided on 4 strategies of lawyers in defense of victims of torture.

Monitoring of Trials

During the reporting period, the documentation specialists conducted 18 monitoring of court hearings of lawsuits in which the defendants made allegations of torture or ill-treatment.

The results of the monitoring of trials demonstrated that:

- a. Almost in all cases, the guarantee under Art. 14 of the ICCPR (to be tried without undue delay) was infringed. The meetings were delayed up to 3 hours. A similar problem was noted by lawyers during meetings in Khatlon region, calling it “disrespect to participants of the court proceedings”. In addition, this practice restrains vulnerable segments of the population to get access to the court. Often people need to travel long distances to attend court sessions, which is fraught with financial costs.
- b. In the case of lawyer E.B. observers were not allowed to enter the courtroom without explanation.
- c. In one of the cases, the defendant was in a “cage”, i.e. a special metal lattice fence, in handcuffs and surrounded by a convoy. Keeping a person in the cage publicly undermines the reputation and is aimed at humiliation and fear, this is a form of degrading treatment.

Monitoring of information in mass media

Specialists on documentation regularly conduct monitoring of mass media and social networks. When information appears about alleged torture or ill-treatment, primary information is collected and verified.

Provision of legal support / representation at the court

The Honorary Fund for the provision of legal assistance to alleged victims of torture and / or their relatives is spent in agreement with the members of the Commission for the Distribution of the Honorary Fund (4 persons) and the Coordinator of the Legal Assistance Group.

For 6 months of 2017, 20 requests have been submitted to the Coalition’s Honorary Fund for the provision of lawyer services on new appeals, repeated stages, and, if necessary, for allocation of funds for conducting examinations. At the same time, work on past cases continued.

In total, the Coalition’s member organizations in 2017 represented the victims of torture and ill-treatment and their families in 36 cases, of which 20 were new and 16 were cases of previous years.

Regions	Cases of previous years as of March 31, 2017		From the beginning of 2017	
	Quantity	Stages	Quantity	Stages
Dushanbe and DRS	12 cases	1 – stage of communication with the UNHRC 8 - trial stage 3 – pretrial stage .	9 cases	7 - pretrial stage, 4 of them completed 2 - trial stage,
Sughd region	5 cases	1 – under the consideration at the court, 1 – at the stage of consideration of complaint at the	4 cases	1– completed, since the evidences on torture and ill-treatment were not verified. 3– at the stage of initial inquiry

		supervisory authority, 1 – at the stage of claim for compensation, 1 - communication with the UNHRC 1- at the stage of supervisory appeal to the court		
Khatlon region	1	1 – at the stage of appeal to the court of cassation	1 case	1- pretrial stage
Total	18		14	

The analysis of cases demonstrated the main problems associated with the investigation of cases of torture and other forms of ill-treatment.

Respect for basic human rights when detained:

- In violation of Instructions "On Detention" the notification document about the rights of detained persons is not issued. In violation of Article 94 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) of the Republic of Tajikistan, item 12.13 of the Instructions "On Detention" the timeframe for preparation of detention report is not observed. When studying the materials of the criminal case it is clear that the counterfoil of the detention report is missing, i.e., it was not actually drafted. The time of actual detention does not coincide with the documentary registration of the date of detention.
- In violation of Article 94 of the CCP of the RT there is no document on medical examination of the detainee.
- The application for the refusal of the services of a lawyer is often prepared in violation of the principles of the criminal law, which envisages that receiving statement concerning refusal of the services of a lawyer by a suspect is carried out only in the presence of another lawyer.
- In violation of Article 16 of the Law of RT "On the procedure for keeping a detainee, suspect and convict" and Law of the RT No. 382 of March 16 "On Introduction of Addenda and Amendments to the CCP of the RT", the lawyer's request for copies of Detainees' Registration Log and a copy of the medical examination document was rejected.
- Bringing the person first to administrative detention "for disobeying the authorities", thereafter using torture and receiving confessions, and then filling out detention documents in the framework of criminal proceedings. In such case, the detainee does not have an opportunity to appeal the decision of the court and access to a lawyer.
- Employees of law enforcement agencies apply pressure on detainees, upon which their relatives refuse to make a complaint stating the facts of the torture or ill-treatment, fearing for the life and health of detainees and the possibility of re-use of torture.
- Explanations are taken from minor witnesses without the participation of legal representatives in violation of Article 203 of the CCP of the RT. There is no signature of the psychologist in the explanations of minor witnesses.
- Their rights and duties are not explained to juvenile detainees.

Responding to an allegation of torture and ill-treatment by investigative bodies

- The procedural terms provided by the CCP on considering allegations of torture are not observed by the employees of the prosecution office. For example, delaying the term of consideration leads

to the fact that traces of physical violence pass and it becomes impossible to prove the fact of torture.

- There are unreasonable refusals to open a criminal case on allegations of torture and ill-treatment.

- Investigation on allegation of torture is conducted by the investigator of the main case in violation of Article 123 of the CCP of the RT.

- There is an ineffective investigation by the courts on allegation of use of torture in violation of Article 88, annotation 1 of Part 2 of the CCP. For example, during the court session of the cassation instance a petition was filed for requesting evidences of violation of the Instructions on Detention and the CCP principles: in particular, the books of registration of the conveyed persons from the active-duty unit of the Department of the Ministry of Interior (DMI) of Kulob and a copy of the document clarifying the rights of the detainee O.N., as well as books of registration of persons conveyed to the Temporary Detention Facility (TDF) of the DMI of Kulob as of 07.08.16 and the certificate of medical examination of the detainee O.N. The Board of Cassation Instance Court disqualified the petition, citing the fact that a prosecutor's investigation had been carried out and in the initiation of a criminal investigation on allegation of use of torture by the DMI officers in relation to O.N. was refused.

Upon application to conduct the prosecutor's inspection, prosecution authorities violated timeframes and procedures for accepting and verifying allegations of crime. For example, the decision to refuse to open a criminal case (decision on the case) was received 20 days upon the start of the inspection, although the CCP of the RT provides for a maximum period of ten days upon the date of receiving allegation of crime.

- For more than three years, in response to the repeated complaints of the applicant the General Prosecution Office (GPO) of the RT have responded that the decision of the investigator of the Prosecutor's Office to refuse to open a criminal case has been canceled and sent again to the same investigator (9 times) for additional verification.

Exclusion of testimonies given as a result of torture and ill-treatment

- So far, the Coalition has not known a single case of exclusion of testimonies, which are given under torture, from the materials of criminal cases that were considered by the courts of the RT.

- All examinations of allegations on torture are carried out by investigators of the Prosecutor's Office, who conduct investigations in relation to the petitioner in the frame of criminal case, which is a violation of the principle of impartiality.

Rights of lawyers

- Law enforcement officers create barriers in the activities of lawyers in providing legal assistance and getting access to clients. As before, there is a requirement to obtain permission for a lawyer to meet with his client from an investigator who conducts an investigation in a criminal case or from a judge who considers a criminal case. The administration of Pretrial Detention Centre (PDC) refuses to give access to lawyer, despite the presence of an order, and refers to the necessity of obtaining permission from judge. In one case, in Sughd, it was required to send a telegram to the Minister of Interior of the RT about refusing lawyer to get an access to detainees.

- There is a problem with getting acquainted with the materials of the inspection when the case is brought to court. Upon the delivery of materials of the prosecutor's inspection to the court of Shohmansur District, the lawyer submitted petition in order to get acquainted with the materials of the inspection, though he was refused to get them.

- Employees of law enforcement agencies persuade detainees to renounce lawyer, if he is active and demonstrates adherence to the principles.

Strategic litigation

In 2014, the Coalition's member organizations agreed that it is necessary to conduct strategic litigation to establish a sustainable practice of compensation for harm to victims of torture and ill-treatment.

For the first half of 2017, decisions were made on compensation for harm in 2 cases, which were appealed¹.

Two lawsuits for recovery of moral damage due to ineffective investigation are at the court, and date for their consideration is expected.

In the case of Shahbol Mirzov, the lawyer works at the stage of enforcement proceedings, assisting parents in recovering from the SCNS of the RT 40.000 somoni according to the decision of the Military Court of the Dushanbe Garrison from November 22, 2016.

The stages of documented cases of recovery for moral and material damage by the LAG during the reporting period:

- Ongoing - 4 cases
- Submitted to court; judicial review is pending - 3 cases, including 2 cases on recovery of moral damages due to ineffective investigation
- At the stage of preparation - 13 cases

Execution of court decisions on payment of compensation:

Case	Amount requested (somoni)		Court decision (somoni)		Note
	Moral harm	Material harm	Moral harm	Material harm	
Homidov J.	90000	7676	5000	7676	9500 somoni were paid
Kayumov Kh.	300 000		16000		16000 somoni were paid
Mirzoev Sh.	180 000	97265	4000	36400	At the stage of execution
Murodov M.	334950				The court rejected the claim
Rahmatov F.	238800		5000		Paid ²

2.4. Introduction of the Istanbul Principles for effective medical investigation and documentation of torture and ill-treatment in Tajikistan

¹ Description of preparation stage, filing and consideration of a claim in court for moral and material compensation. A full description of the cases is available at the LAG.

² According to a letter from the Finance and Budget Office of the Ministry of Defense of the RT from 15.05.2017 Rakhmatov G. on the basis of the decision of the Military Court of the Garrison of Dushanbe was paid 5000 somoni.

Since October 2016, the PO Human Rights Center jointly with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the RT and the Main Department for the Execution of Criminal Penalties of the Ministry of Justice of the RT have started the implementation of the second phase of the project “Strengthening the Rule of Law and Human Rights in Order to Empower People in Tajikistan”.

The main objective of this project is to increase the awareness and knowledge of staff of places of deprivation of liberty and members of the Monitoring Group of detention facilities under the Ombudsman on documenting the facts of torture and ill-treatment in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Protocol.

During the reporting period, the following work was carried out within the framework of the project activity:

- A module was developed to conduct training on documenting the facts of torture in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Protocol;
- Information materials (in the form of pocketbooks and posters) have been developed to inform about the rights and guarantees of accused, defendants and convicts. The materials were handed over to the Monitoring Group of Places of Deprivation of Liberty for further distribution;
- The first issue of the newsletter about activities on implementation of IP standards for 2012-2017 was developed (available at <http://www.notorturetj.org/tj/activities/protokoli-istambuli-az-nazariya-amaliya>);
- A comment is developed to the Code of Execution of Criminal Penalties of the RT;
- An analysis of the Code of Execution of Criminal Penalties of the RT is conducted in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Protocol.

PO Human Rights Center in collaboration with the international organization Physicians for Human Rights has developed an action plan for the implementation of the standards of the Istanbul Protocol for 3 years.

Introduction of IP standards into curriculum

In the framework of the project “Raising the awareness of judges and developing lecture classes and curriculum for the Department of Criminalistics and Forensic of the Faculty of Law of the Tajik National University (TNU) of the RT” back in 2016 an analysis of curriculum in forensic of the Law Faculty at the TNU was conducted, as a result of which the curriculum was augmented taking into account international standards. Also, in accordance with the new curriculum, a course of lectures on forensic, including the standards of the Istanbul Protocol, for students of law schools was developed. Today, students of the Law Faculty of the TNU are taught according to the new program. Teaching aids (course of lectures) were published and handed over to the department.

Trainings and workshops

The NGO Center for Human Rights, in partnership with the Main Department for the Execution of Criminal Penalties of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan, organized trainings on documenting the facts of torture in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Protocol.

A total of 68 participants enrolled, including 33 medical workers and 23 operational officers of the penitentiary system; 3 representatives of the Ombudsman’s Office of the RT, 9 lawyers - partners of the Coalition of Civil Society Against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan,

- **April 25-27, 2017** training in Dushanbe for **24 participants** (20 men, 4 women), from Dushanbe (12), Khatlon region (8) and DRS (4);
- **May 2-4, 2017** in Khujand (Sughd region) for **18 participants** (12 men, 6 women);

- **May 16-18, 2017** in Dushanbe for **26 participants** (18 men, 8 women), from Dushanbe (16), DRS (6) and Khatlon region (4), of which 16 medical staff (Dushanbe - 9, Yovon - 1, Vahdat - 5, Kurgon-Tepa – 1).

2.5. Analytical activity and the promotion of recommendations of the Coalition Against Torture (advocacy)

At the annual meeting of the Coalition, the PO Notabene (Nigina Bahrieva) was elected as a head of the Coalition's Analytical Center (AC).

The AC operates on the basis of the Rules and Principles of Participation in the Coalition and coordinates the analytical work of the Coalition, in general, and the working groups. At the moment, the AC includes the head of the Coalition, the heads of the working groups, the coordinator of the Advocacy for Istanbul Principles project, and also the representative of the PO Apeyron. The Secretariat of the AC includes the head of the center and the fundraiser.

In March 2017, the Center's work plan was prepared, which was agreed with the members of the Coalition.

The Coalition is active in advocating freedom from torture in Tajikistan at the national and international levels through meetings with diplomats and representatives of international and intergovernmental delegations, and in preparing analytical reports and promoting its recommendations.

Universal Periodic Review

Thematic Discussions of UPR's Recommendations³

In January-February 2017, a series of thematic discussions of the recommendations of the second cycle of the UPR was held. The thematic discussion of the recommendations of the second cycle of the UPR in the field of freedom from torture was held on January 27, 2017 with the financial support of the Coalition of Civil Society of Tajikistan against Torture and Impunity.

It was one of the most discussed and active blocks of recommendations, which was attended by more than 40 people who were representatives of government bodies, civil society and international organizations. In the thematic discussions, participants proposed activities that would help to implement the UPR recommendations and which could be included in the National Plan for Implementing the UPR Recommendations.

Upon the completion of the thematic discussion cycle, a draft National Plan for the Implementation of the UPR Second Series Recommendations was prepared, which was sent to civil society so that it provides written recommendations and proposals for each item of the plan. The Coalition provided written recommendations to the items of the National Plan.

On June 7, 2017 the National Plan was approved by the President of the RT. The Coalition's recommendations were included in the final text of the National Plan.

The UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies

List of issues for the Committee against Torture for the third periodic report of Tajikistan

At the November 2017 session, the Committee against Torture (CAT) will adopt a list of issues for the third periodic report of Tajikistan on the implementation of the Convention against Torture. The Coalition has monitored the implementation of the recommendations of the CAT, i.e., a review of legislation, law enforcement practices and monitoring. The results of the monitoring formed the

³ General coordination of civil society's activities in the frame of the UPR is fulfilled by PO Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law.

basis of the Coalition's proposals for inclusion in the list of issues which was drafted jointly with the International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR) and sent to the CAT.

Preparation and submission of the NGO Report to the UN Committee against Torture

In 2018, it is planned to consider the third periodic report of the Republic of Tajikistan in the UN Committee against Torture. In this regard, the PO Notabene together with the IPHR began to work on preparation of the NGO's report to the UN Committee against Torture. The organizations developed a detailed plan and identified thematic gaps that require updating, further monitoring and research.

Proposals to improve legislation in the field of criminal justice

The representatives of the Coalition received a request from the deputies of the Parliament to develop proposals for improving the Criminal Code (CC) and the CCP of the RT. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, it was not possible to conduct a full analysis of the legislation. At the same time, the Coalition prepared a number of proposals to the CC and CCP and sent them to the Parliament.

Meeting with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, June 12, 2017

During his visit to Central Asia, the Secretary General met with representatives of the Coalition and civil society. The head of the Coalition raised the problems of torture in Tajikistan. The UN Secretary General, in particular, noted the importance of work on issues of freedom from torture and informed that they consider the possibility of supporting this direction in the frame of development of program on rule of law.

Meeting with the Ambassador of Finland to Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, June 30, 2017

Director of PO Notabene Favziya Nazarova met in Brussels with Mr. Niklas Lindqvist, the Ambassador of Finland to Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. During the meeting, issues related to the observance of human rights in Tajikistan, as well as the activities of the Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan were discussed. Mr. Lindqvist expressed great satisfaction with the successes of the Coalition in various areas of the fight against torture in the country. The Ambassador requested additional information about the Coalition, and expressed interest in funding the Coalition, in particular the activities of the Group on Monitoring of Places of Deprivation of Liberty.

2.6. Information sessions on rights of detainees and persons held in custody⁴, March 10 – April 15, 2017

Informational sessions were held from March 10 to April 15, 2017 for employees of internal affairs agencies of the MI of the RT with a purpose of: a) providing information on the basic standards of the right to liberty and personal inviolability, the rights of detainees and persons held in custody; b) changes and additions to the legislation of the RT on the rights of detainees; c) monitoring activities of places of deprivation of liberty with a purpose of preventing torture (the program is attached); d) activities on the prevention of domestic violence (during the information sessions in the Sughd region).

The initiator of the information sessions was the Commissioner for Human Rights in the RT and the Group on Monitoring of Places of Deprivation of Liberty of the Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan.

⁴ Information sessions were conducted in the frame of the PO Notabene's project "Support of the Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan" with the financial support of Sigrid Rausing Trust.



In all, 10 information sessions have been conducted:

1. DMI of Firdavsi 2 - 10.03.2017
2. DMI of Sino 2 - 10.03.2017
3. DMI of Rudaki - 17.03.2017
4. DMI of Hissor - 17.03.2017
5. DMI of Shahrinav - 07.04.2017
6. DMI of Tursunzoda - 07.04.2017
7. DMI of Fayzobod - 08.04.2017
8. DMI of Temurmaliq - 14.04.2017
9. DMI of Dangara - 14.04.2017
10. DMI of Rogun - 15.04.2017

Participants of the information sessions were employees of internal affairs agencies and representatives of the Ombudsman's Office. A total of 504 people took part in the sessions, including 502 employees of internal affairs agencies, 2 representatives of the Ombudsman's Office in Khatlon.

Issues such as the procedure for detention, clarifying the rights of detainees, registering in the log on detained persons, issues pertaining to medical examination, the procedure for drawing up a protocol on the detention of a person, etc. were disclosed at the sessions.

The changes and additions to the CCP of the RT and the Law "On the Procedure for Detention of Suspects, Accused and Defendants" from 2016 were discussed in detail. These legislative changes were adopted in response to the recommendations of the UN bodies and aimed at removing obstacles to the prevention of torture and ill-treatment in the criminal justice system of Tajikistan. The amendments to the CCP in particular provide for a mandatory medical examination before placing a suspect in the TDC with the aim of determining his state of health. At the same time, an attorney may demand conduction of medical examination by independent expert.

Representative of the CHR in the RT Nidoyev Kh. made a presentation on the practice of the Group of Monitoring under the CHR in the RT, in particular the TDC of MI of the RT and Pretrial Detention Centre of the MJ of the RT. He also touched upon the activities of the CHR institution in the RT, as well as the algorithm of activities of the members of the monitoring group when they receive complaints of torture from places of deprivation and restriction of liberty.

The participants were also acquainted with the activities of the Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan.

Information workshops on human rights issues for employees of law enforcement agencies of MBAR⁵

On May 18, 19, 26 and 30, 2017 information workshops were conducted for the employees of the DMI of the RT of Darvoz, Vanj, Murghob and Roshtqala districts of the MBAR.

The workshop was attended by 118 law enforcement officers, including deputy head of the DMI, investigators, operational officers, district inspectors, officers of the Criminal Investigation Department, traffic police, employees of the Juvenile Affairs Office, officers of the Police Patrol and Checkpoint Service, passport service and juvenile inspection.

⁵ Information sessions were conducted in the frame of the PO Rights and Prosperity's project "Preventing Torture in Tajikistan", financially supported by the European Commission and PO Notabene's project "Support of the Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan" with the financial support of Sigrud Rausing Trust.

During the information sessions, issues of basic guarantees of human rights in the process of detention were discussed: an overview of the main international and national standards and changes and amendments to the Criminal Justice legislation of the RT for 2016.

2.7. The coverage of torture in the media

During January - June 2017, the following work was fulfilled by the media group:

- published materials in the **Russian** version of the website - 124 (Media Center - 70, Analytics - 6, Press Review - 3, Monitoring - 5, "I am a human rights defender!" - 38, Video - 2), in **Tajik** version of the website - 133 (Media Center *Markazi KHabari* - 79, Analytics *Tahlil* - 11, Monitoring - 1, Press Review *Sharhi Matbuot* - 4, "I am a human rights defender!" *Man Homii Huquqam* - 39 and in the **English** version of the website: Media - 10

- Campaign "I am against torture! Yesterday! Today! Always!"

- support was provided for the website and pages of the Coalition in social networks.

- a new rubric entitled "I'm a human rights defender" has been launched.



From January 1, 2017 till present the number of visitors of the Coalition's website increased by 11,431 persons.

PRESS REVIEWS⁶:

- <http://www.notorture.tj.org/press/obzor-smi-za-dekabr-2016-yanvar-2017-predpolagaemyy-nasilnik-v-pogonah-uvolen-ombudsmenu>
- <http://www.notorture.tj.org/press/obzor-smi-za-mart-aprel-2017-trebovanie-vice-premera-prekratit-oblavny-i-sudy-po-faktu>
- 1. <http://www.notorture.tj.org/press/obzor-smi-za-may-2017-pismo-materey-soldat-i-nachalo-realizacii-masshtabnogo-proekta-po>
- 2. <http://notorture.tj/tj/press/az-takdirkhoy-shikasta-monitoringi-muassisakhoy-pushida>
<http://notorture.tj/tj/press/oblava-dar-kishvar-choy-dorad>
- 3. <http://notorture.tj/tj/press/agar-patriotizmi-zamoni-shuravi-mebud>
- 4. <http://notorture.tj/tj/press/aprel-inikosi-chorakhoy-peshgirii-shikancha>

ANALYTICAL MATERIALS \ ARTICLES \ REPORTS:

1. <http://notorture.tj.org/analytics/zhizn-posle-pytok>

⁶ Всего 7: на русском – 3 и на таджикском языках – 4.

2.] <http://www.notorture.tj.org/analytics/soldat-ehson-elchibekov-byi-zadushen-sosluzhivcem>
3. <http://notorture.tj/tj/analytics/margi-marmuzi-ekhsan-elchibekov-dar-kismi-kharbi>)
4. <http://www.notorture.tj.org/analytics/zhitelya-gissara-s-invalidnostyu-posle-oblav-ysvobodili-ot-armii>
5. <http://www.notorture.tj.org/analytics/karta-vozmozhnogo-primeneniya-pytok-i-zhestokogo-obrashcheniya-v-tadzhikistane>
6. <http://www.notorture.tj.org/tj/analytics/haritai-istifodai-shikancha-va-munosibati-berakhmonai-ekhtimoli-dar-tochikiston>)
7. <http://www.notorture.tj.org/analytics/delo-bylo-v-regare-ili-sledstvie-s-pristrastiyami>
8. <http://www.notorture.tj.org/analytics/nepodsudnoe-delo>
<http://notorture.tj/tj/analytics/barrasii-shikoyati-modari-chavoni-favtida-ba-tahir-aftod>
9. <http://notorture.tj/tj/analytics/oblava-dar-mekubad>
10. notorture.tj/tj/analytics/se-sokini-yovon-zeri-shikancha-gunokhro-ba-gardan-giriftaand
11. <http://notorture.tj/tj/analytics/sayyodro-badi-oblava-az-hidmat-ozod-kardand>
12. <http://notorture.tj/tj/analytics/iltimos-marobubahshed-eloni-khukmi-gunakhkoroni-margi-elchibekov>
13. <http://notorture.tj/tj/analytics/firuz-sang-partoft-sang-ba-yagon-kas-rasid>
14. <http://notorture.tj/tj/analytics/farkhod-nametavonad-ba-vatan-bargardad>

Information Graphics:

1. Torture in Tajikistan in figures⁷
2. Did we go to the army or to be beaten?^{8 9}
3. Where should I apply in the case of round-up and hazing?^{10 11}
4. What rights does a soldier have?^{12 13}

MULTIMEDIA

1. <http://notorture.tj/tj/video/heshovandon-az-muchozoti-afsari-masuli-margi-farzandashon-kone-nestand>
2. <http://notorture.tj/tj/video/eloni-khukmi-gunakhkoroni-margi-elchibekov>
3. <http://notorture.tj/tj/video/nashri-haritai-shikanchavu-badraftori-dar-tochikiston-video>

PRESS REVIEWS

1. Calling for an End to Torture in Central Asia on International Anti-Torture Day¹⁴
2. Campaign entitled "I am against torture today, tomorrow, and always!" implemented in Tajikistan¹⁵)
3. On a professional holiday, lawyers!¹⁶
The Coalition encouraged journalists covering the fight against torture¹⁷

⁷ <http://notorture.tj.org/news/pytki-v-tadzhikistane-v-cifrah-infografika>

⁸ <http://notorture.tj.org/news/otpravilis-v-armiyu-ili-na-poboi-infografika>

⁹ <http://www.notorture.tj/tj/news/ba-artish-raftand-yo-latukub-infografika>

¹⁰ <http://www.notorture.tj.org/news/kuda-obrashchatsya-v-sluchae-oblav-ys-dedovshchiny-infografika>

¹¹ <http://www.notorture.tj.org/tj/news/dar-surati-duchor-shudan-ba-ikhotagiri-va-mekhtarsolori-ba-kucho-boyad-murochiat-kard>

¹² <http://www.notorture.tj.org/news/kakie-prava-imeet-soldat-infografika>

¹³ <http://www.notorture.tj.org/tj/news/sarboz-kadom-khukukkhoro-dorad-infografika>

¹⁴ <http://www.notorture.tj.org/en/news/calling-end-torture-central-asia-international-anti-torture-day>

¹⁵ <http://www.notorture.tj.org/en/news/campaign-entitled-i-am-against-torture-today-tomorrow-and-always-implemented-tajikistan>

¹⁶ <http://www.notorture.tj.org/news/s-professionalnym-prazdnikom-advokaty>

¹⁷ <http://www.notorture.tj.org/news/koalitsiya-pooshchriila-zhurnalistsov-osveshchayushchih-voprosy-borby-s-pytkami>

4. "Anti-Torture Coalition" launching a large-scale project with the support of the EU to eradicate torture in Tajikistan¹⁸
5. New human rights project to be implemented with EU support in Tajikistan¹⁹
6. The Coalition Against Torture will encourage journalists on World Press Freedom Day²⁰
7. New EU-funded Human Rights Project launched in Dushanbe²¹)

Support of the site and the pages of the Coalition in social networks: currently the website of the Coalition also has its own social pages:

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/notorture.tj/>,

on Google+: <https://plus.google.com/107767311153916349012>,

on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NoTortureTj>,

on Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/notorture-tj>

on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWfjfabt9tacFgj-rcJZqtw>,

Also to promote the site was created a page in "Telegram" - t.me/notorturetj

Campaign: "I am against torture! Yesterday! Today! Always!"

World Press Freedom Day May 3

As part of the roundtable organized on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day on the initiative of the Tajikistan Media Council, the National Association of Independent Mass Media of Tajikistan, the Union of Journalists of Tajikistan, PO Khoma and the Center for Journalistic Investigations of Tajikistan, rewards were presented to journalists and representatives of mass media. The representatives of the Coalition expressed gratitude to journalists and delegates of mass media, who most often cover the problems of torture, and handed them diplomas and mementos.

The following persons and news agencies were nominated and rewarded for making contributions in the field of human rights: Radio *Ozodi* - editor Khurshedi Amdam, *Information Agency (IA) Asia Plus* –Zebo Tajibayeva (the head), weekly publication *Farazh* - editor-in-chief Fazliddin Khodzhaev and *IA Ozodagon* - editor Abdulaziz Vosiev.

Journalists: 1. Mirzonabi Holikzod (*Ozodi*) 2. Mavzuna Abdulloeva (*IA Asia-Plus*), 3. Shamsullo Fozilov (*Farazh*) 4. Alisher Zaripov (*Ozodagon*).

Placement of titles on scoreboards across Dushanbe:



In the frame of campaign, on the big street screens in Dushanbe (near the hotel *Tajikistan*, *TV Safina* and the monument of *Ismoili Somoni*), the video with captions in Russian and Tajik was scrolled: article 18 of the Constitution of the Republic of Tajikistan, which provides "No one shall be subjected to torture, cruelty and inhuman treatment" and extracts from the speech of Tajik President Emomali Rahmon to law enforcement agencies, which says "Given the supreme value of human rights and freedoms, I declare decisively that no

law enforcement official has the right, under any circumstances, to use torture and humiliate the honor and dignity of a person."

Campaign on the Coalition's website and on the Coalition's pages in social network

¹⁸ <http://www.notorturetj.org/news/antipytochnaya-koaliciya-pri-podderzhke-es-nachinaet-realizaciyu-masshtabnogo-proekta-po>

¹⁹ <http://www.notorturetj.org/en/news/new-human-rights-project-be-implemented-eu-support-tajikistan>

²⁰ <http://www.notorturetj.org/news/koaliciya-protiv-pytok-pooshchrit-zhurnalistov-v-chest-vsemirnogo-dnya-svobody-pressy>

²¹ <http://www.notorturetj.org/en/news/new-eu-funded-human-rights-project-launched-dushanbe>

From June 19 until the end of June, the Coalition on everyday base posted on its website www.notorturej.org and on its pages in social network the photo stories of victims of torture and ill-treatment.

In total, 17 photo stories were posted:

1. An 18-year-old conscript Abduvakhob Kayumov was killed in July 2015 by senior servicemen²²
2. A conscript Maqsud Nosirov was killed in January 2014 by senior servicemen ²³
3. A 22-year-old conscript Firdavs Rahmatov was killed by senior servicemen²⁴
4. A 37-year-old Safarali Sangov died as a result of torture in March 2011 in the building of the DMI of Sino District²⁵
5. A conscript Farukhjon Khaytaliev died in January 2016²⁶
6. A 23-year-old conscript Shahbol Mirzoev in March 2014 became a victim of bullying and disabled²⁷
7. A 28-year-old Bahromiddin Shodiev died as a result of torture in October 2011 in the building of DMI of Shohmansur District²⁸
8. A 32-year-old Ismoil Bachajonov died as a result of physical violence in January 2011 in PDC No 1 in Dushanbe²⁹
9. A 30-year-old Ismonboy Boboev died in February 2010 in the building of Regional Department of Fight against Organized Crime as a result of torture³⁰
10. A 47-year-old Dilshodbek Murodov, a convict in Correctional Facility (CF) №3/1 of CPCA under the MJ of the RT died in August 2009, presumably as a result of torture³¹
11. A conscript Akmal Davlatov was killed in April 2014 by senior servicemen³²
12. A 20-year-old conscript Parviz Dustmatov was killed in July 2015 by comrade-in-arms³³
13. A 25-year-old resident of Dushanbe, a taxi driver Shamsiddin Zaydullov was detained in April 2015 on suspicion of drug trafficking³⁴ etc.
14. A 37-year-old resident of Tursunzade Uktamjon Igamov died in June 2, 2016 in PDC of Khujand, supposedly as a result of cruel treatment used by the officials of law enforcement agencies.³⁵
15. A 27-year-old Hamzali Ikromzoda died in September 2012 in Dushanbe CF №3/1 under the MJ of the RT, supposedly as a result of torture.³⁶
16. A 33-year-old Khurshed Bobokalonov, a promising oncologist died in June 2009 while being detained by the officials of the DMI of Ismoili Somoni District.³⁷
17. 23-year-old Umar Bobojonov died in September 2015 while being at detention in DMI of Vahdat.³⁸

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²³ <http://www.notorturej.org/news/soldat-srochnik-maksud-nosirov-skonchalsya-ot-ruk-starosluzhashchih-v-yanvare-2014-goda>

²⁴ <http://www.notorturej.org/news/22-letniy-soldat-srochnik-firdavs-rahmatov-skonchalsya-ot-ruk-starosluzhashchih>

²⁵ <http://www.notorturej.org/news/37-letniy-safarali-sangov-skonchalsya-v-rezultate-pytok-v-marte-2011-goda-v-zdani-omvd-1>

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³⁴ <http://www.notorturej.org/news/25-letniy-zhitel-dushanbe-voditel-taksi-shamsiddin-zaydullov-byi-zaderzhan-v-aprele-2015-goda>

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Worth to mention that during the campaign in Facebook the post was shared 30 times and viewed 25244 times (Russian - 15543, Tajik – 9701).

Photo exhibition

Within the framework of the campaign, a photo exhibition was organized in Khorog on June 28. Representatives of state bodies and law enforcement agencies, mass media and international organizations were invited to it. The photo exhibition was open to all visitors.

A scheduled photo exhibition for June 28 in Vahdat was postponed to another day due to technical reasons.

T-shirts for the campaign

T-shirts with the Coalition's logo and the title of the campaign ("I'm against torture! Yesterday! Today! Always!") were ordered.

Rubric "I am a human rights defender!"³⁹

The rubric was created on the initiative of PF Notabene. On May 11, 201, the Coalition launched a new project entitled "I'm a human rights defender." The main purpose of this rubric is to create a portrait of human rights defenders and civic activists of Tajikistan and to highlight their activities, as well as to draw public attention to human rights issues in Tajikistan. To date, in the rubric "I am a human rights defender!" 39 quotes of "Why I have become a human rights defender?" have been posted in Russian and Tajik (the list is attached).



On the initiative of the non-governmental organization Human Rights Matter (HRM), it was suggested to translate quotations into English and Spanish.

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