



Research & Information Unit

**Directory of
Experts on
Detention
Conditions
2004**

FOREWORD

Welcome to the Immigration Advisory Service 'Directory of Experts on Detention Conditions Worldwide'. We hope that you find it useful in getting information about the condition of detention facilities in countries around the world.

This directory is primarily intended to be a resource for any individual or organisation providing legal advice and country information guidance relating to asylum seekers, but it will be of interest to anyone interested in prison and detention conditions around the world.

The directory has been compiled by directly contacting organisations and individuals in the countries concerned. The Immigration Advisory Service cannot be responsible for the information provided by any of these contacts.

While every effort has been made to ensure that the contact details are accurate and up to date, some changes may have occurred. If you know of or identify any errors please contact the Research and Information Unit at the Immigration Advisory Service.

This publication is the first stage in a two-stage project. We are now working on stage two, which is to compile a directory detailing the actual detention conditions in countries around the world, as reported by experts on the ground. If you would like further details of this second stage or would like to assist us, please contact us.

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ABOUT THE IMMIGRATION ADVISORY SERVICE

The Immigration Advisory Service (IAS) is the leading charity giving free legal advice and representation to immigrants and asylum seekers in the UK. IAS has over 30 years' experience of helping those facing immigration and asylum difficulties, and now has 16 offices in the UK and one in Sylhet, Bangladesh.

IAS provides free advice and assistance on all immigration, asylum and nationality issues to persons in the UK and abroad who are eligible for Legal Help and Controlled Legal Representation and we present appeals against refusal decisions for all who have a right of appeal. We can take cases to the higher courts by way of appeal and judicial review.

The Research & Information Unit produces constantly updated country of origin information and also publishes major reports such as the Home Office Country Reports: An Analysis (September 2003 and 2004). The separate Legal Research Unit produces three leading publications on immigration and asylum law: the quarterly Immigration Law Digest, fortnightly Case Law Update and bi-annual Index (all subscribed to by all immigration adjudicators as well as many others). These are available on subscription to practitioners and other individuals. For further details please see www.iasuk.org.

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Mr Nadery is an Afghan human rights activist, political analyst and a leading member of Afghan civil society. He currently works as a member of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, his area of work is Transitional Justice and he is spokesperson of AIHRC. As a Commissioner he reviews the reports of AIHRC researchers on detention conditions regularly. Before joining the AIHRC he was working as Program Coordinator for International Human Rights Law Group Afghanistan Field Office. Prior to this Mr Nadery was working as a freelance writer and political analyst for various Afghan magazines in Pakistan published by Afghan refugees. Mr Nadery has studied law and political sciences at the University of Kabul, he has written extensively on politics, society, women's rights and human rights in Afghanistan. He is a founding member of the Afghan Civil Society Forum (ACSF), a member of the board of supporters of the ACSF, and a member of the board of directors of the Foundation for Civil Society and Culture. Mr Nadery received the 2004 Reebok Human Rights Award. Mr Nadery is fluent in Dari, Pashto, Balochi and English and has a working knowledge of Urdu.

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Global Rights is a human rights advocacy group that partners with local activists to challenge injustice and amplify new voices within the global discourse. With offices countries around the world, Global rights help local activists create just societies through proven strategies for effecting change. In Afghanistan, Global Rights trains and partners with Afghan lawyers and activists in using the provisions of the Bonn Agreement and principles of government accountability and transparency to ensure Afghanistan's new constitution provides human rights protection

Ms Ahmadi is a human rights activist, who has been visiting detention facilities in Afghanistan. Ms Ahmadi's main focus has been on training and building the capacity of local human rights activists and legal professionals on fair trial and human rights standards.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Afghanistan

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Mazar-e-Sharif prison - November 2003

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Medica Mondiale visits the female detention centres of both Kabul and Herat on a daily basis. They also train the wardens at the female detention centres on the UN minimum standard rules for the treatment of prisoners whilst providing assistance with the establishment of a proper administration. They also organise the work of other NGOs, together with UNODC, with the aim to provide rehabilitation programs. Under its psychology program Medica Mondiale also provides counselling and psychological assistance to the prisoners.

Dr Anou Borrey is a Consultant International Legal Worker in Afghanistan, responsible for facilitating improved access to fair trials, justice and dispensation of justice for detained women and girls in Afghanistan through ongoing collaboration with, and capacity building of, lawyers, key government agencies, NGOs and community members. Since August 2003 Dr Anou Borrey has been training defence lawyers to take up the cases of women in detention. An evaluation report has been written on the development of the work. Dr Anou Borrey visits detention facilities in Afghanistan at least once a week.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Afghanistan

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Information

Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities (HRCBM) is a worldwide campaigning movement dedicated to protecting the human rights of people in Bangladesh. In particular, they work for minorities in Bangladesh. **HRCBM** stand with victims and activists to prevent discrimination, to uphold political freedom, to protect people from inhumane conduct, and to bring offenders to justice. They investigate and expose human rights violations and hold abusers accountable. **HRCBM** follows the guidelines enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Bill of Rights and other standards. In general they are working to end xenophobia, human rights abuse, racial discrimination, civil resentment, brutality and oppression against minorities in Bangladesh. HRCBM has an extensive lawyer network in Bangladesh including its paid staff advocates.

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Bangladesh

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Visits are conducted regularly, almost monthly.

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Bangladesh

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Comilla Prison – 2001

Rajshahi Prison - 2001

Jessore Prison – 2001

Dhaka Prison – 2001, 2002 (10 times)

Narayanganj Prison - 2003

Munshiganj Prison – 2003, 2004 (7 times), most recent visit June 2004

All police stations in Dhaka City are visited on weekly basis

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Global Network for the Prevention of Torture (GNPT) is an international network dedicated to torture prevention. Most of the members are highly qualified human rights defenders. At present, the members cover 36 countries across the world, mainly in the south. Beside human rights organisation/ network the membership also includes some national human rights institutions. Many of the members are directly involved in monitoring the detention facilities and prisons. One of GNPT's mandates is to monitor conditions in detention, and to reform related laws in accordance with international human rights standards.

Fazlous Satter is not a government recognised prison visitor, and hence is not allowed to visit inside any prison. As a human rights activist, and also previously as a journalist, Mr Satter has, on several occasions, monitored the human rights situation in prison through interviews with former inmates. As no permission is required to visit detention facilities, in particular police custody, GNPT have developed a monitoring programme. Mr Satter also visits detention facilities each month in a various capacities as a journalist.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Bangladesh

Last known visit at date of publication:
Regular visits to various detention facilities
Last known visit was 10th August 2004

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Saleem Samad is a freelance journalist who works for the Bangladesh Observer and as a correspondent for Reporters Without Borders. He has been subjected to detention on two occasions. Mr Samad was detained for five days and tortured by the military intelligence Directorate General of Intelligence Forces (DGFI) in March 1982 for reporting on the genocide, torture and persecution of ethnic minorities during anti-insurgency by the Bangladesh army in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) in southern Bangladesh. Mr Samad was also detained in November 2002 along with two other TV journalists for working for Channel 4 network. During his detention, he was interrogated and tortured. Recently, he has conducted visits to Dhaka Central Jail and Kashimpur Central jail.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Bangladesh

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Human Rights in China (HRIC) submits individual cases of victims of human rights abuses, including torture, denial of medical care, lack of due process, and prisoners' conditions and treatment to UN bodies, such as working groups and Special Rapporteurs, as well as to the US government, the European Union, and other governments.

HRIC also engages in research, education and advocacy on other human rights issues in China, including publishing research reports on Re-education through Labour camps (RTL) (Feb 2001) and administrative detention (Custody and Repatriation) (Aug 1999). HRIC's information on conditions is primarily based upon contacts with family members and others in the course of their advocacy work on behalf of political prisoners

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: China

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Although a number of HRIC staff and board members have been detained or served long prison sentences inside China, HRIC does not conduct visits, and relies on information collected from contacts and sources.

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The **Laogai Research Foundation (LRF)** was established in 1992, to gather information and spread public awareness on the Chinese Laogai. The Foundation publishes an annual Laogai Handbook, newsletters, special investigative reports, as well as assisting television media in preparing documentary films on the Laogai. Since its inception, the LRF has expanded its focus to document and report on other systemic human rights violations in China, including public executions, organ harvesting from executed prisoners, the coercive enforcement of China's population control policy, and persecution of religious believers.

Harry Wu is the foremost United States campaigner against the human rights violations committed by the Laogai system, as well as one of the founders of the Laogai Research Foundation. Mr Wu personally experienced the Laogai prison system. Beginning when he was 23 years old, Mr Wu served 19 years in the Laogai for criticising the policies of the Chinese Communist Party. Since his release he has worked to expose the human rights abuses of the Laogai. In research gathering trips across China, posing undercover as a U.S. businessman or police officer, Mr Wu has documented innumerable Laogai camps, detention centres, and instances of Laogai produced goods being exported to the United States. Mr Wu currently serves as the Executive Director of the Laogai Research Foundation. He has also authored three books on the Laogai including: the Chinese Gulag (1992), Bitter Winds 'A Memoir of my years in China's Gulag' (1994), and Troublemaker 'One Man's Crusade against China's Cruelty' (1996).

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: China

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

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The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) is an independent, non-partisan, international non-governmental organisation, mandated to ensure the practical realisation of human rights in the countries of the Commonwealth. CHRI's objectives are to promote awareness of and adherence to the Harare Commonwealth Declaration, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other internationally recognised human rights instruments, as well as domestic instruments supporting human rights in Commonwealth member states.

CHRI has been working on prison reform for the past 6 years. They concentrate on getting the system of prison visitors working, and in the course of that work have gained considerable knowledge of prisons in some states of India. They work towards re-invigorating the institution of prison visitors by researching the performance of prison visitors; assessing of local needs; conducting capacity building programmes for prison visitors; advocating better recruitment standards for visitors and better working conditions for prison staff. CHRI also tries to encourage an attitude of cooperation in place of indifference and discrimination between the different areas of the criminal justice system.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: India

Last known visits at date of publication:

24 prisons in Rajasthan state	- August to December 2003
3 prisons in Chhattisgarh state	- February 2004
10 prisons in Madhya Pradesh state	- May to June 2004

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Mr Saxena was the Director of the All India Committee on Prison Reforms (better known as Justice Mulla Committee) between 1980 and 83. He was appointed to frame rules of recruitment for subordinate prison services in the state of Rajasthan, and later appointed Chairman of the Rajasthan Jail Regulations Amendment Committee.

Since 2002, Mr Saxena has been associated with the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) as Consultant, Custodial Institutions, Mr Saxena has had extensive experience of visiting prisons in India, most recently having visited 24 prisons in the state of Rajasthan, 3 Prisons (a Central Prison, a District Prison and a Sub-Jail) in the state of Chhattisgarh, 10 prisons, 5 Protective Homes and 4 Police Stations for women in the state of Madhya Pradesh, and he will be making a survey of about 20 prisons in the state of Chhattisgarh as proposed by the State Human Rights Commission and the Home Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, India.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: India

Last known visits at date of publication:

Central Prison, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh - 29th and 30th June 2004
Police Station for Women at Gwalior - 1st July 2004
District Prison, Datia, Madhya Pradesh - 2nd July 2004

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The Socio-Legal Information Centre (SLIC) is a network of public interest law centres in India that provides legal aid to the poor, and assistance to victims of discrimination and human rights violations. The cases it undertakes include criminal justice issues, police brutality, sexual harassment, immigrants' rights and other matters, and advocacy activities in connection with political and human rights legislation. The Criminal Justice Initiative of the SLIC consists of lawyers who visit prisons to provide legal aid to those who are under trial. People who are poor and cannot afford lawyers are represented in courts by these lawyers. This is an ongoing exercise by the organisation and hundreds of visits have been made to the prisons.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: India

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

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Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty is a private, international communications service to Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, Central and Southwestern Asia, funded by the U.S. government. Concentrating on events within this region, RFE/RL provides balanced, reliable information to bolster democratic development and market economies in countries where peaceful evolution to civil societies is of vital national interest to the United States. RFE/RL operates one of the most comprehensive news operations in the region, with 23 bureaus throughout Europe and the former Soviet Union and over 1,400 freelancers reporting local news and current affairs.

Golnaz Esfandiari is a broadcaster with the Persian Service of RFE/RL. Her subjects of expertise are current affairs, domestic politics, foreign policy, social issues, women's issues, human rights, and press freedom in Iran. Through her work, Ms Esfandiari is in contact on a daily basis with activists and families of political prisoners in Iran. She also monitors the human rights situation in the country.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Iran

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Ms Esfandiari has not visited any detention facilities personally and relies on reports and testimonies of her contacts.

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The **Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP)** was established in 1986 and has developed to become a broad-spectrum, countrywide human rights body. Nationally, the HRCP has established a leading role in providing a highly informed and independent voice in the struggle for human rights and democratic development in Pakistan - a role increasingly recognised internationally. It is an independent, voluntary, non-political, non-profit making, non-governmental organisation, registered under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860), with its Secretariat office in Lahore. Its mission includes:

- to work for the ratification and implementation by Pakistan of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of other related Charters, Covenants, Protocols, Resolutions, Recommendations and internationally adopted norms;
- to promote studies in the field of human rights and mobilise public opinion in favour of accepted norms through all available media and forums, and to carry out every category of activity to further the cause;
- to cooperate with and aid national and international groups, organisations and individuals engaged in the promotion of human rights and to participate in meetings and congresses on human rights at home and abroad;
- to take appropriate action to prevent violations of human rights and to provide legal aid and other assistance to victims of those violations and to individuals and groups striving to protect human rights.

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Pakistan

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

HRCP has been monitoring jail conditions for a decade through its activists and correspondents. They visit jails all over the country every month.

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Society for Human Rights and Prisoners Aid (SHARP) is a registered non-governmental organisation established in 1998, and is actively engaged in promoting awareness about human rights to secure well being, freedom and dignity for all. SHARP is making concerted efforts to provide help across the board to all types of prisoners, particularly juvenile prisoners, who are in jail for petty offences. SHARP consists of a team of committed lawyers and dedicated social workers. SHARP has conducted surveys of different jails and conducts regular visits to prisons and judicial lock ups.

Mr Syed Liaqat Banori is the founder and chairman of SHARP. As a graduate of law from Gomal University, he started his practice in Kohat (NWFP). In 1986-87 he was elected as the Secretary General of the Bar Association. He joined the Awami National Party (ANP) and was elected as the President of its Islamabad chapter. He remained the President ANP Islamabad Chapter from 1992 to 1998. He was also elected Vice President of Distt. Bar Association Islamabad. In 1998 he established SHARP.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Pakistan

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

SHARP visit jails all over Pakistan regularly in order to assist prisoners and take their cases to court. The most recent visit was to Peshawar jail in August 2004.

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Women Aid Trust (WAT) is a national organisation working for the rehabilitation of women and juveniles in jails in particular and the empowerment of women in general. Their objectives are to help women overcome the trauma of imprisonment, to rehabilitate them back into society, and to protect their legal and social rights.

Women Aid Trust has been working in the area of detention since 1997. They have recently completed a needs assessment survey of jails in the North-West Frontier Province in collaboration with Ministry of Women Development, Social Welfare and Special Education. They have also been conducting rehabilitation projects in the central jail Adiala and the district jail Attock in Punjab province.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Pakistan

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Representatives of WAT visit jails regularly on a twice weekly basis. There are also employees who are currently working on rehabilitation projects in jails.

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AFRICA - GENERAL

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Mr Tougouri is a lawyer, a magistrate and a trainee judge. He has held positions of significant responsibility both in government in Burkina Faso and in the judiciary. He served in the cabinet from 1992-95 in the mission for political and judicial affairs and, after a career as a public prosecutor at home, he also served the International Court in Rwanda in 1999/2000 as assistant public prosecutor. He has very extensive experience in human rights matters and is a member of the National Human Rights Commission of Burkina Faso. He has a particular interest in penal reform and is a specialist in the management of detention facilities and the national administration of prison systems. Since 1989 he has participated in several international conferences for directors of prison administration and has acted as speaker. He is now an international consultant on penal affairs in Burkina Faso, Togo, Rwanda, Senegal and Algeria. He advised the United Nations on prison reform in Haïti and has travel extensively in Africa to give training on prison management and human rights. In the past year he has edited both a guide the treatment of detainees in Burkina Faso and a reference book for prison visitors. He was a founder of the **Association Pénitentiaire Africaine**.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Burkina Faso, Senegal, Algeria, Malawi, Mali, Haïti, Rwanda

Last known visit at date of publication:
Regular visits, most recent in Mali July 2004

AFRICA - GENERAL

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Mali, Mozambique, Gambia, Central African Republic, Madagascar, Benin, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, and Seychelles

Last known visit at date of publication:
Rwanda - 1999

AFRICA - SUB-SAHARAN

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Mr Karambamucho has been the African Director of Prison Fellowship International for over 13 years. He has travelled extensively in Africa to investigate prison conditions; to promote civil participation in the rehabilitation of prisoners; and to promote the use of non-custodial sentences for minor and non-violent offenders. Mr Karambamucho was instrumental in the introduction and establishment of a sentencing option commonly referred to as the 'Community Service Scheme' in Zimbabwe. This option has now been adopted in many countries in Africa. He has worked very closely with the African Commission on Human and People's rights in the area of penal reform and has presented many papers in this area. Mr Karambamucho is a Penal Reform Consultant with Penal Reform International; the Commonwealth Secretariat; and the United Nations Crime Branch based in Geneva. Mr Karambamucho is currently the International Field Representative, Sub-Sahara Africa with Samaritan Purse, an international relief organisation.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: All Sub-Sahara countries

Last known visit at date of publication:

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The Youth Association for Angolan Community Development (AJUDECA) was founded in the 1990s by members of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Angola. Its mission is to provide education and to defend the rights of young people and women. It establishes education and community projects for young people in need of support – such as children affected by war. It has also set up training projects for NGOs on good management practice

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Angola

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Visits are conducted 3 times a month.

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Benin, Zimbabwe, Mali, Mozambique, The Gambia, Central African Republic, Madagascar, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Seychelles and Rwanda

Last known visit at date of publication:
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Mr Fodé has been a trained magistrate for nine years and as such has had regular access to prisons. He currently works as a child protection officer for UNICEF. His section supports women and children in 4 prisons. In the last academic year he presented research at the University of Nantes on conditions facing women and children in detention and the problems of their social reintegration in Burkina Faso. He also works as a trainer for prison guards at the National School of Police. Prior to joining UNICEF he worked for two years at the Ministry of Justice as assistant director of prison administration.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Burkina Faso

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Visits detention facilities at least once a year

BURUNDI

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The organisation also has offices in Goma and Kinshasa and is affiliated to the National Network of Associations for Defence Prisoners' Rights (Reseau National des Associations de Defense des Droit des Prisonniers).

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo-Brazzaville and Rwanda

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

In countries where the organisation has offices, monitoring teams in all provinces visit prisons and places of detention three times per week and publish monthly reports.

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Mr Luanda Shandwe became President of CODHO in 1997 and has been Executive Director since early 2004. In his role at CODHO he has published many reports on conditions in detention in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has also produced reports on many other topics including victims of summary execution and extra-judicial killings in 2000, reports on disappearances, torture, forced exile, unfair trials and the massacres of refugees in 1999. He has published reports on conditions in detention as well as on illegal extraditions from Congo-Brazzaville to Kinshasa in 2002 and treatment of refugees in Rwanda. Mr. Luanda Shandwe also worked on a 2004 CODHO dossier on Congolese child victims of torture in Burundi.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Congo-Brazzaville,

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Visits have been ongoing since the programme began in 1997. CODHO made 350 visits to detention facilities in 2003 and Mr Luanda Shandwe made 99 visits personally.

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Ms Mutamuriza has a background in working with detainees. Before becoming president of ACAT in 2003 she was responsible for a project to assist women and girls in the central prison in Mpimba, Bujumbura and in detention at police stations. The project not only involved giving legal advice but also allowed enquiry into prison conditions. This project was carried out by the Association for the Promotion of Girls in Burundi (l'Association pour la promotion de la Fille Burundaise) with the American NGO International Human Rights Law Group and resulted in the release of many detainees. Ms Mutamuriza has particular expertise on women in detention.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Burundi

Last known visit at date of publication:

Conducts regular visits, most recently to Rumonge prison – 25th June 2004

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Association pour la Protection des Droits Humains et des Personnes Détenues (APRODH) is an NGO founded in 2001 by Pierre-Claver Mbonimpa. Its objectives are: the protection of human rights ; to provide assistance to torture victims ; and human rights education. Their activities include: organising seminars and meetings; enhancing dialogue between institutions and NGO representatives; and regular prison visits and human rights monitoring. The services that APRODH provide are: aid to prisoners and asylum seekers, fact-finding, advocacy, aid to victims, and legal education.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Burundi

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

The organisation makes daily visits to prisons and places of detention. Every prison is visited twice per week and every place of detention at least once a month.

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Volunteers for Prison Inmates (VPI) was established in 1997, with the aim of promoting humane treatment of prisoners and other persons under any form of detention as contained in international instruments. VPI promotes the need for prisoners to have basic health care, food, clothing, and a clean environment, all required to sustain life. They support all activities which may contribute to the prevention and abolition of torture. VPI also promote the need for effective training of prison staff.

VPI undertake regular visits to prisons in Cameroon and other detention centres, and have been training prison staff since 1999 on International Minimum Standards of Detention.

Mukete Tahle Itoe is the Programmes Co-ordinator of VPI and a Magistrate. He has conducted over 200 visits of detention facilities. Each week from 1995 to 1998 he visited the Mbengwi Principal Prison in the North West Province of Cameroon and the police and gendarme detention centres of Mbengwi, Njikwa and Ngie in his capacity as the Deputy State Counsel (District Attorney) of the Mbengwi Judicial Division. From October 1998 to date, he has visited many prisons and detention centres on numerous occasions in his role as a judicial officer, his involvement with Amnesty International Cameroon and as the Programmes Co-ordinator of VPI.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Cameroon

Last known visit at date of publication:

Conducts regular visits
Most recent visit was 26th June 2004

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Central African Republic, Zimbabwe, Mali, Mozambique, The Gambia, Madagascar, Benin, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Seychelles and Rwanda

Last known visit at date of publication:
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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Congo-Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Visits have been ongoing since the programme began in 1997. CODHO made 350 visits to detention facilities in 2003 and Mr Luanda Shandwe made 99 visits personally.

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The organisation also has offices in Goma and Kinshasa and is affiliated to the National Network of Associations for Defence Prisoners' Rights (Reseau National des Associations de Defense des Droit des Prisonniers).

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Congo-Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

In countries where the organisation has offices, monitoring teams in all provinces visit prisons and places of detention three times per week and publish monthly reports.

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Centre d'Alphabétisation professionnelle Normalisée pour l'Autopromotion des populations les plus Vulnérables (CANAV) was founded in 1997 and is a development NGO committed to the struggle against poverty by working on food security, health and education. The organisation especially focuses on participation and empowering vulnerable people for self-help. They are members of the National Council of Development NGOs.

Since the outbreak of wars in the Great Lakes region the organisation has evolved to focus on gathering information and defending the human rights of oppressed people and defending civil liberties. They often visit prisons as part of this work and have made over 100 recent visits to prisons in the Kisangani area and more than 10 recent visits in Kinshasa. They are also in contact with the various authorities in the area.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Visits in and around Kisangani every three days and in Kinshasa visits once every three months

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo-Brazzaville, Rwanda and Burundi

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

In countries where the organisation has offices, monitoring teams in all provinces visit prisons and places of detention three times per week and publish monthly reports.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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Centre National d'Appui au Développement et à la Participation Populaire (CENADEP) is an NGO founded in 2000. It works to enable better integration of the most disadvantaged people, living in rural and urban areas, into civil society. The organisation promotes the idea of grassroots development and aims to promote better governance and respect for human rights and to create a political, social and economic environment favourable to development.

The organisation has offices all over the Democratic Republic of Congo in Bukavu, Mbandaka, Lubumbashi, Mbuji Mayi, Bandundu, the Eastern Province, Lower Congo, Kanaga and Kindu.

Mr Albert Kabuya Muyeba has been working since 1989 in the field of human rights protection initially as the delegated assistant for citizens' rights and liberties for the province of Katanga. In 1991 he became Deputy for the court at Kinshasa Matete and was afterward made a judge of the 'Tribunal de Grande Instance' at Kinshasa Kalamu. He has worked for CENADEP since 1994 and his areas of expertise are human rights, democracy and peace-making.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Democratic Republic of Congo

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

On average Mr Kabuya Muyeba visits prisons twice per week.

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Amis de la Prison is a Catholic Church organisation which, as part of their human rights service, assists prisoners in a variety of matters: legal, spiritual, social, psychological, health and nutritional. The aim of the *Amis de la Prison* is to provide support to detainees and to work for the improvement of conditions in detention on all levels especially regarding health and nutrition. Amis de la Prison works to inform those in power of the situation in detention and demand intervention and change. Recently the organisation, with other NGOs, has particularly concentrated on the central prison in Kinshasa.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Democratic Republic of Congo

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Visits detention facilities every week all over Democratic Republic of Congo, especially in Kinshasa, Kananga, Mbandaka and Budjala.

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Action des Chretiens pour l'Abolition de la Torture (ACAT)'s aim is to work, as Christians, towards the abolition of torture worldwide. They seek to increase awareness in the churches and among Christians of the widespread and evil use of torture and the need to campaign for its abolition. The organisation has both members who are lawyers and members who are medical professionals. These members assist detainees in their field of expertise; advocates monitor the situation in detention and give legal advice, as well as alerting doctors and nurses to the needs of torture victims.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Democratic Republic of Congo

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

ACAT makes visits on Mondays and Fridays every week to the Central prison in Kisangani and other places of detention.

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Comite Des Observateurs Des Droits De L'Homme (CODHO) is an organisation working in the Democratic Republic of Congo to promote and defend fundamental freedoms and human rights. They regularly publish the Human Rights bulletin 'Les Dépêches des Droits de l'Homme'.

Mr Luanda Shandwe became President of CODHO in 1997 and has been Executive Director since early 2004. In his role at CODHO he has published many reports on conditions in detention in the DRC. He has also produced reports on many other topics including victims of summary execution and extra-judicial killings in 2000, reports on disappearances, torture, forced exile, unfair trials and the massacres of refugees in 1999. He has published reports on conditions in detention as well as on illegal extraditions from Congo-Brazzaville to Kinshasa in 2002 and treatment of refugees in Rwanda. Mr. Luanda Shandwe also worked on a 2004 CODHO dossier on Congolese child victims of torture in Burundi.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Democratic Republic of Congo
Rwanda, Congo-Brazzaville, Burundi

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Visits have been ongoing since the programme began in 1997. CODHO made 350 visits to detention facilities in 2003 and Mr Luanda Shandwe made 99 visits personally.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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Association Des Medecins Congolais Pour La Paix (AMCP) was founded in 2000. The association is a group of doctors, medical students and others concerned with the problems of health, human rights, the environment and sustainable development. The mission of the organisation is to campaign against all forms of violence which degrade quality of life, be this arms or weapons, torture, pollution, illness or poverty. To this end AMCP is affiliated to many international organisations notably the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW).

Their expertise in prison conditions comes from the medical, psychological and social assistance their members render to prisoners, and their campaign to improve conditions in detention. They are operational above all in the Eastern Province where they have a particular authorisation to intervene in places of detention.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Democratic Republic of Congo

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Members of the organisation visit prisoners in different facilities every week as they have been given responsibility for medical help.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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Centre D'études et de Recherche en Droits de L'homme et Démocratie (CERDH) was created by a group of lawyers and Congolese researchers under the leadership of Yav Katshung Joseph. Its objectives are: to ensure that human rights are respected; to teach and to encourage the promotion of human rights; to assist with the publication of reports on the promotion and protection of human rights; to undertake research studies; and to cooperate with other national and international organisations who are interested in promoting the protection of human rights.

Yav Katshung Joseph is the executive director of **CERDH**. He has visited prisons and other detention centres in several roles: firstly as an assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Lubumashi, every year from 1999 until December 2003; secondly as a lawyer at the bar of Lubumashi; thirdly as a lawyer visiting a client; and finally as a human rights representative and within the framework of CERDH's mission, he often visits and inspects prison conditions, to give advice on human rights and give legal help and assistance.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Democratic Republic of Congo

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Kasapa à Lubumbashi prison - 14th and 15th July 2004
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Temesgen Geselassie Chirom is a law graduate (LLB) from Addis Ababa University. He worked at the Ministry of Justice as a junior attorney for three years. He then became a Federal Court Judge for four years, devoting most of his time in the court of first instance, and criminal cases almost all of which involved the rights of detained people. For the past 2 years he has worked as a consultant for the Prison Fellowship and training those involved with prisons such as the police, judges, and prosecutors.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Ethiopia

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Regularly through the legal work and consulting that he undertakes

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Ghana, Zimbabwe, Mali, Mozambique, The Gambia, Central African Republic, Madagascar, Benin, Sudan, Nigeria, Seychelles and Rwanda

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Human Rights & Justice Group International (Justice Group) is a non-governmental and not-for-profit international human rights initiative which was established in May 1999 by Nigerians from different professional, cultural and social background to enhance knowledge, respect and observance of human rights, and to encourage exchange of information and experiences for the betterment of the citizenry through the instrumentality of law, education, enlightenment and humanitarianism. Their programs aim at broadening access of individuals and communities and strengthening their participation in the design and implementation of social and economic policies/programs which affects them. Their vision is to promote, protect and teach human rights with simplicity and understanding so that they may be applied in everyday life in a practical and effective manner.

The Justice Group offers Community Legal Assistance Clinic to the indigent members of the public and disadvantaged groups in prison custody and police detention cells. The majority of the cases they handle is through pro-bono. They have a network of lawyers who undertake this task.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Ghana and Nigeria

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Prisons and police detention facilities are visited every month.
The most recent visit was August 2004

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The Centre for Human Rights Advocacy has entered into an arrangement with the Prisons Department in Uganda which allows them to enter any place of detention at any time un-announced and without any hindrance from the prison wardens. They have established a good working relationship with the Uganda Human Rights Commission, which is a Government Commission, and are often part of their prison inspection team.

Michael Ngabirano, as the Executive Director of Centre for Human Rights Advocacy, accompanies Chief Magistrate of the Kabale Magisterial area whenever he is on a routine prison inspection.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Kenya and Uganda

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Kenya - visits take place every 2 years, the most recent visit was March 2002

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The Independent Medico Legal Unit (IMLU) is a non-governmental organisation based in Kenya whose activities range from advocacy to documentation of torture, as well as rehabilitation of victims and survivors of torture. Suspects in police custody and those serving sentence are eligible to receive medical treatment offered to them by the state, however, in practice most of those in custody never receive adequate medical treatment from referrals issued to them by prison doctors. Usually, due to budgetary and logistic constraints, most prison facilities in Kenya are not adequately equipped with essential medication and are faced with lack of medical personnel. IMLU conducts regular prison visits and medical camps to monitor and investigate prison conditions. They have published a book 'Under the Mask of Democracy' which sheds more light on this situation.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Kenya

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

IMLU endeavours to visit prisons and detention facilities on a weekly basis as part of monitoring and investigation of prisons. They also provide rehabilitative services which include counselling services for the prisoners and thus the need for frequent prison visits.

Some of their more recent visits have been to Kerugoya Prison and Kamiti Maximum Security Prison in June 2004

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Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) is a non-governmental, independent organisation established in 1992 in response to serious human rights abuses by the government of Kenya. Since 1996, the KHRC has been actively involved in monitoring prison conditions and campaigning for reforms. As a first step, the KHRC sought to create awareness, through publications, of the deplorable state of prisons in Kenya. This helped trigger media interest which, through investigative reports, further exposed the inhumane penal regime in Kenya. Gradually, the prison authorities have become more receptive to the work of the KHRC and this has facilitated their work on prison reform. An example of their work is that in early 2002, the KHRC was able to visit the Eldoret Women's Prison and train 55 female and male prison officers, whilst in November 2002 a high profile meeting with senior Commissioners of Prisons was held, and a resolve reached on working collaboratively.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Kenya

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Representatives of the KHRC visit prisons regularly – once every 3 months.
The most recent visit was in July 2004

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John Otieno Ouko is a Programme Associate in Charge of Research for the Kenya Human Rights Commission (see KHRC entry for more information). Mr Ouko is also a part time lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at Kenyatta University in Kenya. He has been accepted to pursue a PhD in Global Ethics (Human Rights) at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. He has been conducting research of prisons since January 2004. He has written a report entitle "Voices of Kenyan Prisoners", which details the state of prisoners rights and prison conditions in Kenya.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Kenya

Last known visit at date of publication:

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Kamiti Maximum Security Prison February - 24th February and 28th May 2004
Naivasha Maximum Security Prison June - 22ⁿ June 2004

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People Against Torture (PAT) is a non-governmental organisation formed in 1997 by individuals who felt strongly about the need to take up the challenge of torture through a vigorous campaign against it. PAT seeks the eradication of torture in Kenya through advocacy, lobbying, research and documentation as well as through litigation. PAT is a membership organisation with a current membership of 30. The mission of PAT is to prevent and combat torture through exposure, advocacy and provision of legal and rehabilitation services to survivors and families of torture. Their objectives are: to advocate against perpetration of torture through awareness creation and activist events in collaboration with like-minded organizations and individuals; to expose incidents of torture through research, documentation and dissemination of information; to provide rapid intervention in occurrences of torture and alleged cases of torture; to enable torture survivors and families to access and obtain justice; and to campaign for the repeal or amendment of laws that encourage torture and enactment of those that discourage torture.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Kenya

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Representatives of PAT make regular monthly visits to detention facilities. They also conduct medical legal clinics in different prisons. The most recent visit was on 28th August 2004.

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Christine Achieng is currently a programmes director with Action Aid Uganda. She is also an active member of Penal Reform International, and has visited detention facilities in the past. Between 1993 and 1999, she visited at least 20 prisons per year. In 2000, she visited 7 prisons during research for a thesis on International Human Rights Law. In 2001, she visited 4 prisons as part of the donor technical group on Access to Justice.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Senegal, Canada, Holland,

Last known visit at date of publication:

Her most recent visit to detention facilities was in 2001

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Resources Oriented Development Initiatives (RODI) put in place the rehabilitation of Prisoners project in 1994 and to date it covers 19 penal institutions. The interest of the organisation in the rehabilitation of prisoners resulted from concern in the high levels of poverty, crime, imprisonment, destruction of inmates, rejection by community after release and re-offending. The three main objectives of RODI are: reducing re-offending; influence rehabilitation policy; and reducing poverty a major cause of crime. In April 2004, as a step towards direct human rights work, RODI organised an international workshop to come up with good rehabilitation practices. RODI has also formed a penal and correction reforms network, made up of leading human rights civil society and government departments to promote good prisoners rehabilitation practice particularly preventing human rights abuse in our penal institutions.

Mr Eliud Ngunjiri was educated in both Kenya and the UK and spent 6 years working for the Kenyan Government for 6 years. He also worked with Oxfam for 14 years. Mr Ngunjiri is the executive director of RODI as well as the trustee of a number of civil society groups.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Kenya

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Prisons are visited regularly as part of the daily work of RODI

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The Prisoners Assistance Program (PAP) is a human rights and prison reform advocacy NGO. Since its registration with the Government of Liberia in 1994, PAP has been promoting, protecting and advocating human rights, especially prisoners' rights, and providing assistance to victims of human rights violations and abuses. In 2000, PAP began to provide and advocate special protection and alternatives to detention for children in conflict with the law. In 2003 PAP began its community outreach programs to improve police/community relations and strengthen human rights among the local people. PAP was established in response to the need to advocate better treatments for inmates and bring to national and international attention the appalling conditions of prisons and jails. PAP's main objectives are: to promote and advocate prisoners/detainees' rights including women, children and refugees; to advocate prison reform within Liberia's criminal justice system; to create and provide the opportunities for prisoners' rehabilitation and alternatives to detention for juveniles; to monitor/investigate and document human rights violations and abuses, including prisoners' rights; and to stimulate civil actions for the promotion and protection of human rights through education and awareness.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Liberia

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Visits to detention facilities are conducted twice a month.

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Mali, Mozambique, The Gambia, Central African Republic, Benin, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Seychelles and Rwanda

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Post Independence Survivors Trust is an organisation which seeks to assist the survivors and victims of the inhuman treatment that has been perpetrated against some citizens/people of Zimbabwe after independence, with particular focus on 1983-1987 survivors, as well as survivors from subsequent years. They aim to: assist the post independence victims/survivors in all manners possible by seeking redress, compensation and financial restitution; to counsel the survivors/victims regarding their traumatic experiences and assist them to adjust socially, emotionally and physically, enabling them to reintegrate into society; to research and find out the possible causes of violence/solutions: and to strive to deepen and foster a human rights culture.

Felix Magalela Sibanda is the founding executive director of PIST. He holds a Bachelor of Education and a Certificate in Paralegal Studies Legal Resource Foundation and Judicial College of Zimbabwe. As well as his position at PIST, Mr Sibanda is the Deputy Chairperson National Constitutional Assembly (NCA), the Founding President of Zimbabwe Teachers Union (ZITU), a member of Amnesty International and a Life Member of the Zimbabwe Prevention of Crime and Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO).

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia

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African Heritage Foundation for Human Development (AHFHD) is a non-governmental, not for profit organization founded in 1999. Its focus is on the promotion of social welfare, culture, research, health, peace, unity and community development. It aims to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of those disadvantaged within the society and to renew interest in societal values, culture, and positive orientation through effective project management, capacity building, advocacy, collaborative works and networking, with a view to sustaining, promoting and strengthening the African Heritage.

AHFHD has conducted visits to both the Kirikiri and the State Criminal Investigation Department, Pantli detention facilities in Lagos in 2004, and has documented many complaints from individuals awaiting trial while in detention.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Nigeria

Last known visit at date of publication:

AHFHD have conducted a total of 4 visits so far this year:

16th January 2004

18th March 2004

18th May 2004

9th June 2004

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The Civil Liberties Organization (CLO) is a nongovernmental, non-partisan and voluntary Nigerian human rights league. Its purpose is the defence and expansion of civil liberties in Nigeria. This is pursued by the investigation of human rights abuses and the publication of reports on them as well as the use of the law courts to seek redress for persons whose rights have been violated.

CLO has six regional offices - Kaduna, Borno State, Edo State, Plateau State, Enugu State, and Abuja.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Nigeria

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Twice a month.

Last known visit at date of publication was 3rd August 2004

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Civil Rights Protection Centre (CRPC) pays periodic visits to prisons in Nigeria with a particular emphasis on Lagos State prisons and detention centres. They offer a range of services such as: counselling inmates to encourage them to look forward to the time of their release with hope of being accepted back into society; and providing vocational training with a view to making inmates employable after their prison term. Also, CRPC assists inmates with getting in touch with their relations; with securing employment or empowering them to put their vocational training into use to earn a living; and with legal services such as assisting those detained unlawfully or without trial to secure their bail as well as advising them on their rights and defending them in law courts.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Nigeria

Last known visit at date of publication:

Maximum Security Prison, Ikoyi, Lagos	-15th February 2002
Nigeria Police Station, Bar Beach, Victoria island Lagos	- 5th June 2003
Nigeria police station, Pantl, Adekunle, Lagos-	- 4th June 2004
Nigeria police station, Area G, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos	- 20th August 2004

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The Justice Group offers a Community Legal Assistance Clinic to the indigent members of the public and disadvantaged groups in prison custody and police detention cells. Majority of the cases they handle is through pro-bono. They have a network of lawyers who undertake this task.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Nigeria and Ghana

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Prisons and police detention facilities are visited every month.
The most recent visit was August 2004

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Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP) is a non-profit organisation set up in 1997. It engages in the legal protection and promotion of human rights and the rule of law in Nigeria. LEDAP provide free legal representation to poor and vulnerable victims of human rights violations. It undertakes programmes to raise awareness of the legal community in Nigeria of international human rights norms and how they can be integrated into the system of administration of justice in the country. It works with the Directors of Public Prosecutors Forum to improve administration of criminal justice in the country. It also works to promote and protect rights of women under its domestic violence and reproductive health programmes. It promotes rights of children through legal and other support to children in conflict with the law, and seeks to advance the rule of law and good governance through impact litigation and social advocacy. It focuses on improving the legal and human rights framework for economic and social justice through its social security project.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Nigeria

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

At least once a week lawyers and prison workers make routine visits to prisons in Nigeria.

RWANDA

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Centre d'Alphabétisation professionnelle Normalisée pour l'Autopromotion des populations les plus Vulnérables (CANAV) was founded in 1997 and is a development NGO committed to the struggle against poverty by working on food security, health and education. The organisation especially focuses on participation and empowering vulnerable people for self-help. They are members of the National Council of Development NGOs.

Since the outbreak of wars in the Great Lakes region the organisation has evolved to focus on gathering information and defending the human rights of oppressed people and defending civil liberties. They often visit prisons as part of this work and are in contact with the various authorities in the area.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Last known visits at date of publication:
January and May 2004

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Comite Des Observateurs Des Droits De L'Homme (CODHO) is an organisation working in the Democratic Republic of Congo to promote and defend fundamental freedoms and human rights. They regularly publish the Human Rights bulletin 'Les Dépêches des Droits de l'Homme'.

Mr. Luanda Shadwe became President of CODHO in 1997 and has been Executive Director since early 2004. In his role at CODHO he has published many reports on conditions in detention in the DRC. He has also produced reports on many other topics including victims of summary execution and extra-judicial killings in 2000, reports on disappearances, torture, forced exile, unfair trials and the massacres of refugees in 1999. He has published reports on conditions in detention as well as on illegal extraditions from Congo-Brazzaville to Kinshasa in 2002 and treatment of refugees in Rwanda. Mr. Luanda Shadwe also worked on a 2004 CODHO dossier on Congolese child victims of torture in Burundi.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Rwanda, Congo-Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Visits have been ongoing since the programme began in 1997. CODHO made 350 visits to detention facilities in 2003 and Mr Luanda Shandwe made 99 visits personally.

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Association Internationale Pour La Defense Des Droits Des Prisonniers (AIDP) was founded in 2001 in Kinshasa, the organisation works in central Africa with the objective of improving conditions in detention. The organisation acts to defend the fundamental rights and liberties of detained people. Their principle activities are providing human rights training to prison and detention officers, regularly inspecting places of detention in collaboration with other NGOs and members of the judiciary, giving legal advice and assistance to prisoners and educating and alerting the public to conditions of detention.

The organisation also has offices in Goma and Kinshasa and is affiliated to the National Network of Associations for Defence Prisoners' Rights (Reseau National des Associations de Defense des Droit des Prisonniers).

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo-Brazzaville, and Burundi

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

In countries where the organisation has offices, monitoring teams in all provinces visit prisons and places of detention three times per week and publish monthly reports.

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Senegal, Canada, Holland,

Last known visit at date of publication:

Her most recent visit to detention facilities was in 2001

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Dr. Ismail Jumale Human Rights Organization was established in the memory of late Dr. Ismail Jumale Ossoble – an internationally respected popular Somali politician, lawyer and human rights leader. The mandate of DIJHRO is: to promote universal human rights standards; to conduct investigation, documentation, monitoring and advocacy and to promote behavioural change regarding human rights in Somalia; to stimulate civic education on human rights on non-violence; to counsel and support victims of human rights abuse; and to lobby and establish links with the international human rights movement.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Somalia

Last known visit at date of publication:
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Isha Human Rights Organization (IHRO) was founded following the human rights violations taking place in Bay and Bakol regions of Somalia. It was set up by a group of Somali professionals, women, youth and religious leaders who wanted to work on the promotion and protection of human rights. It was formally launched as a national NGO in Baidoa town of Somalia, on November 1999. IHRO has been voluntarily working with people in the region who mostly face the abuse including women, children and minorities. Its geographical focus is southwest part of Somalia Bay, Bakol, Gedo, both Middle and Lower Shabelle. IHRO is a non-governmental, non-political and non-partisan, peace and development organization committed to human rights and working with all communities in Somalia. The vision of IHRO is to enhance the respect for the human rights of all Somali nationals as defined and declared by international laws, charters and conventions. Additionally, the mission of IHRO is to promote and bring positive changes and respect for human rights through peace and sustainable development including; the rule of law, good governance and community participation in Somalia. IHRO activities include: human rights education and outreach programmes, trainings, community awareness campaigns, open dialogue on human rights issues, investigation and documentation of cases, research on minority issues, monitoring prisons, child protection programmes and women rights issues. They have consolidated information on issues of detention and prisons.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Somalia

Last known visits at date of publication:

Five visits have been conducted so far in 2004, these include:

Baidoa - 22nd July 2004
Hudur - 12th February 2004
Mogadishu - 20th May 2004

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She has written several papers including 'The legal protection of minority rights: a neglected theme in the Somali crisis' and 'Human Rights Legislation in Somalia - paper presented at the 5th Congress of Somali Studies International Association, Worcester, MA USA

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People's Legal Aid Centre is a non-governmental organisation set up in 1998 by a group of lawyers. These lawyers provide legal assistance to internally displaced people in Khartoum and in the South (Wau). They also undertake training on human rights law. Through the aid they provide to prisoners they have regular access to prisons. The director is Riffat Makkawi, a lawyer, who studied human rights law at Essex University.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Sudan

Last known visit at date of publication:

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The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) has established the position of Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Detention Centres in Africa. The holder of this office reports to the Commission on the execution of her/his mandate at each session of the Commission (held twice a year). State Reports (once every two years) are expected to comment on Prisons and Detention Centres. Commissioners on promotional visits are expected to keep an eye on the subject. NGOs specialising in this area and having Observer Status with the Commission are required to report periodically to the Commission on their activities.

Mr Dankwa represented the Commission at the first African Conference on Prisons in Africa held in Kampala ten years ago. He was appointed as the first Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Detention Centres for Africa. In this position he has visited many prisons all over Africa and has had consultations with UN Special Rapporteurs and other similarly placed officials within the Council of Europe. He has also participated in conferences and seminars on the subject of detention.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Sudan, Zimbabwe, Mali, Mozambique, The Gambia, Central African Republic, Madagascar, Benin, Nigeria, Ghana, Seychelles and Rwanda

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Senegal, Canada, Holland,

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: The Gambia, Zimbabwe, Mali, Mozambique, Central African Republic, Madagascar, Benin, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Seychelles and Rwanda

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The Centre for Human Rights Advocacy has entered into an arrangement with the Prisons Department in Uganda which allows them to enter any place of detention at any time un-announced and without any hindrance from the prison wardens. They have established a good working relationship with the Uganda Human Rights Commission, which is a Government Commission, and are often part of their prison inspection team.

Michael Ngabirano, as the Executive Director of Centre for Human Rights Advocacy, accompanies Chief Magistrate of Kabale Magisterial area whenever he is on a routine prison inspection.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Uganda and Kenya

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Uganda - visits take place every 6 months, the most recent visit was May 2004

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Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Uganda

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Post Independence Survivors Trust is an organisation which seeks to assist the survivors and victims of the inhuman treatment that has been perpetrated against some citizens/people of Zimbabwe after independence, with particular focus on 1983-1987 survivors, as well as survivors from subsequent years. They aim to: assist the post independence victims/survivors in all manners possible by seeking redress, compensation and financial restitution; to counsel the survivors/victims regarding their traumatic experiences and assist them to adjust socially, emotionally and physically, enabling them to reintegrate into society; to research and find out the possible causes of violence/solutions: and to strive to deepen and foster a human rights culture.

Felix Magalela Sibanda is the founding executive director of PIST. He holds a Bachelor of Education and a Certificate in Paralegal Studies Legal Resource Foundation and Judicial College of Zimbabwe. As well as his position at PIST, Mr Sibanda is the Deputy Chairperson National Constitutional Assembly (NCA), the Founding President of Zimbabwe Teachers Union (ZITU), a member of Amnesty International and a Life Member of the Zimbabwe Prevention of Crime and Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO).

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi

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The most recent visit was on 29 April 2004

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Information

The Solidarity Peace Trust is a newly formed non-governmental organisation, which was registered in South Africa in April 2003. The Trustees of the Solidarity Peace Trust are church leaders of Southern Africa, who are all committed to human rights, freedom and democracy in their region. The objectives of the Trust are to assist individuals, organisations, churches and affiliated organisations in Southern Africa, and to build solidarity in the pursuit of justice, peace and social equality and equity in Zimbabwe. It is the special concern of the Trust to assist victims of human rights abuses in their efforts to correct and end their situation of oppression.

Mr Selvan Chetty is regarded as a leading human rights activist in Southern Africa and has more than 20 years of experience of human rights work in South and Southern Africa. He has received local and international awards for his Human rights and peace work. He has worked/cooperated with national and international organisations on human rights issues such as Amnesty International, Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims, Network of Independent Monitors, Oxfam Canada, Diakonia Sweden, and African National Congress.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Zimbabwe

Last known visit at date of publication:

The Political situation in Zimbabwe does not allow the Solidarity Peace Trust to carry out inspections-in-loco but their network of Pastors, Bishops and activists report to them directly of the situation inside the detention centres. They conduct regular surveys, and their last report from inside the detention centre was received on 4 August 2004.

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Information

Post Independence Survivors Trust is an organisation which seeks to assist the survivors and victims of the inhuman treatment that has been perpetrated against some citizens/people of Zimbabwe after independence, with particular focus on 1983-1987 survivors, as well as survivors from subsequent years. They aim to: assist the post independence victims/survivors in all manners possible by seeking redress, compensation and financial restitution; to counsel the survivors/victims regarding their traumatic experiences and assist them to adjust socially, emotionally and physically, enabling them to reintegrate into society; to research and find out the possible causes of violence/solutions: and to strive to deepen and foster a human rights culture.

Felix Magalela Sibanda is the founding executive director of PIST. He holds a Bachelor of Education and a Certificate in Paralegal Studies Legal Resource Foundation and Judicial College of Zimbabwe. As well as his position at PIST, Mr Sibanda is the Deputy Chairperson National Constitutional Assembly (NCA), the Founding President of Zimbabwe Teachers Union (ZITU), a member of Amnesty International and a Life Member of the Zimbabwe Prevention of Crime and Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO).

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi

Last known visit at date of publication:
The most recent visit was on 29 April 2004

ZIMBABWE

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Information

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) has established the position of Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Detention Centres in Africa. The holder of this office reports to the Commission on the execution of her/his mandate at each session of the Commission (held twice a year). State Reports (once every two years) are expected to comment on Prisons and Detention Centres. Commissioners on promotional visits are expected to keep an eye on the subject. NGOs specialising in this area and having Observer Status with the Commission are required to report periodically to the Commission on their activities.

Mr Dankwa represented the Commission at the first African Conference on Prisons in Africa held in Kampala ten years ago. He was appointed as the first Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Detention Centres for Africa. In this position he has visited many prisons all over Africa and has had consultations with UN Special Rapporteurs and other similarly placed officials within the Council of Europe. He has also participated in conferences and seminars on the subject of detention.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Zimbabwe, Mali, Mozambique, The Gambia, Central African Republic, Madagascar, Benin, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Seychelles and Rwanda

Last known visit at date of publication:
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**OTHER
COUNTRIES**



JAMAICA

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Information

The Independent Jamaica Council for Human Rights (1998) Limited (IJCHR) (formerly known as the Jamaica Council for Human Rights) is the oldest human rights non-governmental organization in the Caribbean, having been formed in 1968 on the 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. IJCHR is non-partisan and non-sectarian. Its membership is open to all persons who subscribe to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and support the aims and objectives of the IJCHR. IJCHR's objectives include the following: to provide information about and to promote the observances of Human Rights generally in Jamaica; to perform all acts and duties which the IJCHR may by any regulation or Order of Court be directed or authorized to perform; to consider all questions affecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and to initiate and watch over general measures affecting such issues and, if necessary, to petition the Government and Legislature of Jamaica, the judges and other persons and bodies in or out of Jamaica; to encourage the study of human rights and all related matters; to promote the development of national consciousness and the recognition of human rights and civil liberties, and to build a national movement for the purpose of establishing and defending human rights and civil liberties throughout Jamaica; to uphold and encourage support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the accession and adherence of Jamaica to international and regional human rights conventions; constantly to campaign against any denial of human rights and civil liberties in Jamaica and to undertake or sponsor all actions necessary and possible to secure redress and public disapproval for all infringements of these rights.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Jamaica

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Visits to detention facilities are conducted four times a week by interns and law students working with IJCHR. The Legal Officer also visits Prisons, Police Stations and Lock-ups on a regular basis. Personnel from IJCHR visit prisons, two or three times per week and police lock-ups once or twice per month.

JAMAICA

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Information

Families Against State Terrorism (FAST) was founded in January 2001 by Barrington Fox and Yvonne McCalla Sobers. Its mission is to bring about systemic changes to enable security forces to be held accountable for upholding human rights and to provide emotional, psychological, social, practical and legal support to family members bereaved through acts of violence by the Jamaica Constabulary Force or Jamaica Defence Force. They operate through shared, participative, self-help; providing members with a space where they can articulate concerns and share strategies for finding justice for bereaved families. Their activities are: research; support of bereaved families; intervention to assist families to interface with justice/security systems; internal and external education (flyers, media appearances, street activities); and networking locally and internationally

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Jamaica

Last known visit at date of publication:

As FAST are not permitted to visit detention facilities, lawyers act as their intermediaries and provide reports and information.

The most recent visit was May 2004

KURDISH REGIONS

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Kurdish Human Rights Project is an independent, non-political human rights organisation founded in London in 1992. KHRP is dedicated to the promotion and protection of the human rights of all persons in the Kurdish regions of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Syria and elsewhere, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender, political persuasion or other belief or opinion. It has represented more than 500 applicants in cases before the European Court of Human Rights and submits complaints to UN mechanisms.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Syria

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

In place of visits to prison facilities, KHRP conducts interviews with governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations in addition to victims of human rights violations, academics, institutes etc.

In 2003 KHRP sent five fact-finding missions and four trial observation missions to the regions including Turkey, Iraq and Iran.

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Information

Yakup Levent Korkut was a local expert in the British Council and Kings College Project "Prison Management in Turkish Prison System" between 2000-2002. Yakup Levent Korkut was also a local expert and member of implementation team in the EU, Council of Europe and Turkish Government joint Project "Promoting Awareness About Human Rights and Democratic Principles" (management, development and research). He is also a member of Prime Ministry Human Rights Advisory Board since 2002, and a member of Steering Committee of EU-Council of Europe Project "Judicial Modernisation in Turkey" since 2004.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Turkey

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:

Between 2000 and 2002 10 visits were conducted

In 2003 and 2004 Yakup Levent Korkut was involved in meetings to review problems of detention with the other experts who visited them.

TURKEY

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The Human Rights Association (HRA) was established in 1986 by 98 human rights defenders. Its purpose was to investigate, identify and make known to individuals, to the public and to the relevant authorities human rights practices in Turkey; to conduct or commission scientific research studies and surveys in connection with human rights and make known to the public developments in this field; to organize public debates, conferences, seminars, panel discussions, symposia, meetings, demonstrations, exhibitions and competitions; to publish information; to award prizes; to carry out investigations and make observations in order to ensure that convicted prisoners, persons under arrest and detainees, regardless of their race, colour, sex, language, religion, political opinion, are treated in a manner respectful of human dignity and to keep the public informed about these matters.

The HRA has dealt extensively with the problems of prisons since its inception. Committees have been set up to monitor and investigate the situation in prisons. Relatives of the prisoners (those convicted and under arrest) have been supported with solidarity. The HRA also concentrates its efforts on torture and has dealt with individuals who have been taken into police custody and suffered torture.

As a lawyer for 7 years, Reyhan Yalcindag has conducted over 80 visits to detention facilities.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Turkey

Last known visit at date of publication:
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SOUTH AMERICA

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Information

Confraternidad Carcelaria del Ecuador (CCE) is a regional association of the Prison Fellowship International which is a global association of national Prison Fellowship organisations with a mission to mobilise and assist the Christian community in its ministry to prisoners, ex-prisoners, victims, and their families. CCE has legal permission from the National Ecuadorian Directorate of Social Responsibility (DNRS), and organises groups of Catholic volunteers to work in 14 provinces, and 22 of the 33 Ecuadorian prisons. CCE provides assistance in the following areas: legal, medical, educational, employment, family, recreation, and sport. CCE has denounced the use of torture and has organised a petition which resulted in the release of 2000 remand prisoners, and was instrumental in changing the law relating to preventive detention. CCE's principal objectives are: the integral rehabilitation of detainees; supporting the church within the prisons; promoting Biblical justice in the penal system; the social rehabilitation of liberated detainees; the promotion of lasting and humane reforms within the prison environment and post-release assistance to enable the re-integration of ex-detainees within society.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Chile

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Several visits have been conducted each month since 1984

COLOMBIA

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Information

Fundación Horizontes de Libertad was founded in 1999 with a group of forty-two prisoners, former prisoners, and family members of inmates. Its first initiative was to create "Peace Laboratories" in prisons that prepare inmates for life outside, coupled with businesses that provide work opportunities and positive contact with society. There is a particular focus on development of work skills: volunteers teach inmates accounting and how to start small businesses. The aim is to break the cycle of violence, incarceration, continued violence, and recidivism in Colombia. The Peace Laboratory project was recognized as one of Colombia's top five peace-making initiatives by El Tiempo newspaper, La Semana magazine and Redepaz, a civil society peace organization. The Fundación Horizontes de Libertad has set up businesses, also chosen according to the needs and skills of the prisoners – such as postal and telecommunications services. They have begun to set up a farm on land that they are going to buy at a discount from a landowner who wants to support the initiative. They have also budgeted for the creation of a furniture company, taking advantage of the manual abilities of the prisoners. The organisation constantly lobbies to promote prison reform and to provide opportunities outside of jail for non-violent criminals.

José David Toro Vanegas is a former inmate and, during his seven years in prison, José David participated in the prison human rights committee. He began to develop the idea for "Peace Laboratories" while in La Modelo prison in 1995. Eventually he founded the Horizons of Freedom Foundation in 1998 to promote the rights of prisoners within and outside of prisons and to create real economic opportunities for them upon their release. José David is president of the board of directors of the Foundation.

Countries of expertise on conditions in detention: Especially Colombia, and a general knowledge of the Latin-American countries

Frequency of visits to detention facilities:
Unknow

