



**CIVIL SOCIETY COALITION AGAINST TORTURE AND IMPUNITY IN
TAJKISTAN**

(Activity report for January-June 2020)

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

RT	Republic of Tajikistan
MIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
DMIA	Department of Ministry of Internal Affairs
HRO	Human Rights Ombudsman
MDICP	Main Department of Implementation of Criminal Punishment
PTDF	Pre-Trial Detention Facility (SIZO)
TDF	Temporary Detention Facility (IVS)
LAG	Legal Aid Group
RG	Rehabilitation group for torture survivors and members of their families
DRS	Districts of the Republican subordination
FLA	Free legal assistance
NLA	Normative legal acts
IP	Istanbul Protocol
OSCE	Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe
FE	Forensic examination
CPC	Criminal Procedure Code

1. STRUCTURE OF THE COALITION

The Civil Society Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan (Coalition) was established in September 2011 to consolidate civil society efforts to combat torture and impunity in the Republic of Tajikistan. The Coalition unites human rights organizations and individual experts in joint effort to combat torture and ill treatment. They carry out Coalition's activities on the basis of agreed **Rules and Principles for participation in the Civil Society Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan and Coalition's Strategy**.

As of June 30, 2020, there are 13 public organizations and 9 individual members of the Coalition:

1. Public organization Apeiron
2. Public organization Association of Lawyers of Pamir
3. Association "Public assessors of the Republic of Tajikistan"
4. Public organization "League of women with disabilities "Ishtirok"
5. Public organization "The World of Law"
6. Public Foundation "Najoti kudakon"
7. Public organization Independent Human Rights Center
8. Public Foundation Notabene
9. Public organization Public health and human rights
10. Public organization Office of Civic liberties
11. Public organization "Otifa"
12. Public Foundation Legal initiative
13. Public organization Human Rights Center
14. Abdurahmon Sharipov, lawyer
15. Askar Tursunov, lawyer
16. Ahliddin Salimov, journalist
17. Zoir Razokov, medical expert
18. Nargis Hamrabaeva, journalist
19. Fazliddin Khojaev, journalist
20. Oynihol Bobonazarova, independent expert
21. Umed Niyazov, lawyer
22. Shuhrat Saidov, lawyer

Working groups and managing bodies:

As of 31 March 2020, the Coalition has the following working groups and programs:

The Council of the Coalition includes all active members and partners of the Coalition.

Coordinator of the Coalition – Nurmahmad Khalilov, NGO Human Rights Center.

Analytical Center – Nigina Bakhrieva, Public Foundation Notabene

Monitoring Group of Closed Detention Facilities Farhod Boboev NGO “Human Rights Centre” and Parvina Giyasova NGO “Apeyron”, (acts on the basis of the Strategy).

Legal Aid Group (LAG) –Gulchehra Kholmatova, NGO “The World of Law”, (acts on the basis of the Strategy).

Rehabilitation Group – Gulchehra Rahmanova, NGO Legal initiative (acts on the basis of the Strategy).

Media group - Shoirav Davlatova, NGO Independent Center on Human Rights (acts on the basis of the Strategy).

The Coalition has a web page www.notorture.tj as well as active social media accounts:

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

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

Telegram t.me/notortureTj

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

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

Instagram: notorture.tj

2. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COALITION FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2020

Coalition members **documented 25 new cases** of alleged torture and ill-treatment and conducted more than **108 consultations**. Legal aid was provided in 17 new cases of torture and ill-treatment, as well as in 11 cases registered by the Coalition over the past few years. In cases concerning the protection of the rights of conscripts and members of the armed forces, the Coalition's member, NGO "Civil Liberties Office", provided **208 consultations to conscripts, members of the armed forces and their families**, and in 7 cases legal assistance was provided.

27 people received **psycho-social assistance (rehabilitation)** (in 18 cases) , including 8 men, 13 women, 2 minor boys and 4 minor girls. Out of this number, 15 persons directly experienced torture and ill-treatment, including one victim of sexual violence (a girl of 12 years old) and the remaining 11 persons were family members of victims of torture.

Media Group published 182 materials, including 82 in Russian language (6 Press Releases, 4 analytical materials, 3 multimedia/video/audio materials, 20 news and informational materials, 4 reposts from other sources, 45 campaign materials); 80 publications in Tajik language (5 Press Releases, 4 analytical materials, 2 multimedia/video/audio materials, 20 news and informational materials, 4 reposts from other sources, 45 campaign materials); and 20 campaign materials in English language.

Preparation of the Coalition's annual report for 2019. The Coalition's 2019 Annual Report was prepared in December 2019 - January 2020. The report is published on the Coalition's website in Russian¹ and English² languages.

Report on follow-up to the recommendations of the UN Committee against Torture on the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in the Republic of Tajikistan³. In its concluding recommendations to the third periodic report of Tajikistan (CAT/C/TJK/CO/3), the Committee against Torture, identified three main priority recommendations, on the implementation of which the State party should report within one year. The Coalition together with the International Partnership for Human Rights (Belgium) and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland) prepared a follow-up report⁴.

A Practical Guide for Judges on Compensation for Victims of Torture "No Justice without Compensation: Fair Judgements - A Pathway to a World without Torture", was developed by the international expert Elena Volochai, and includes the country's international legal obligations and national legislation on compensation, the

¹<https://notorturetj.org/activities/rezultaty-deyatelnosti-koalicii-grazhdanskogo-obshchestva-protiv-pytok-i-beznakazannosti>

² <https://notorturetj.org/en/activities/civil-society-coalition-against-torture-and-impunity-tajikistan-2019-annual-report>

³ https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/TJK/INT_CAT_NGS_TJK_41773_E.pdf

⁴ The document was prepared with financial assistance from the Delegation of the European Union in Tajikistan

psychological aspects of the consequences of torture for victims, as well as a review of the practice of international human rights bodies (http://notabene.tj/Doc/Taj/Compensation%20manual_2020.pdf)⁶.

Information brochure "Rights of persons in social institutions (orphanages, boarding schools and Residential Homes for the Elderly)" has been developed by Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law in cooperation with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and includes practical recommendations on Q&A on human rights issues in social institutions. The brochure was translated into Tajik and is available at (<https://notorturetj.org/library/prava-lic-nahodyashchihsya-v-socialnyh-uchrezhdeniyah-detskih-domah-shkolah-internatah-domah>)⁷

Information brochure "Rights of persons in psychiatric institutions, institutions for drug addicts; rights and duties of the staff of these institutions" was developed by the Bureau of Human Rights and Rule of Law in cooperation with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and includes practical recommendations on Q&A concerning the human rights of persons held in psychiatric institutions. The brochure was translated into Tajik and is available at (<https://notorturetj.org/library/prava-lic-nahodyashchihsya-v-psihiatricheskih-uchrezhdeniyah-uchrezhdeniyah-dlya>)⁸

The Group for Monitoring Places of Deprivation of Liberty has completely revised its strategy. In 2019, the Coalition in cooperation with the Human Rights Ombudsman Office held series of consultations of the revision of group's activities. A working meeting of the Experts from the HFHR was held in Warsaw from 29 January to 1 February 2019 to develop a new strategy for the Coalition's Monitoring group⁹. The strategy and Action plan were developed and adopted in June 2020. During the reporting period, the Coalition negotiated with the Human Rights Ombudsman Office over the joint actions on conducting monitoring in the places of deprivation of liberty. As a result, the sides agreed on the scope of activities, visits schedules, as well as the list of members of the Monitoring group. Due to the situation with COVID-19 pandemic, planned activities have been postponed indefinitely.

The NGO **"Human Rights Centre"** in cooperation with the Main Department of Implementation of Criminal Punishment of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan, with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Dushanbe, **"Justice System reform" component, launched a new project "Assisting in the effective management**

⁵ The document was prepared with the financial assistance of the Delegation of the European Union in Tajikistan and the Zigrid Rauzing Trust

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of persons convicted for the crimes related to terrorism and extremism". The project aims to develop a methodology and questionnaires for the system of classification and risk assessment among convicted persons; a draft comprehensive rehabilitation and resocialization program, including the development of an individual rehabilitation plan for convicts; collaboration with the Institute for Advanced Studies of Employees under the Tajik Ministry of Justice to analyze existing training modules and training programs for employees of the Tajik penal system. The project will be implemented by the Working Group composed of representatives of civil society, national and international experts, as well as officials of relevant State bodies, with the direct participation Main Department of Implementation of Criminal Punishment of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan.

2.1.ACTIVITIES OF THE COALITION AND MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Coalition attaches great importance to the safety of its members, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. After the official recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, many member organizations of the Coalition moved to remote work. However, organizations providing services to alleged victims of torture and ill-treatment continued to operate according to their regular schedule. Under the Zigrid Rauzing Trust project, the Coalition provided its members with personal protective equipment (medical masks, antiseptics, gloves) and essential medical supplies. Similar assistance has been provided under other projects of member organizations of the Coalition.

“COVID-19 and its impact on prison monitoring and freedom of expression– a compilation of useful guidelines/resources” was prepared by the International Partnership for Human Rights in cooperation with the Public Foundation “Notabene” and NGO “Khoma”.¹⁰ On 24 April 2020, the Civil Society Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan sent letters to State institutions on the observance of human rights, including with regard to persons deprived of liberty, in the context of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, including the following: the General Prosecutor’s Office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the Main Department of Implementation of Criminal Punishment, the Supreme Court, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, the State Committee for National Security, Drug Control Agency, and the State Financial Control and Anti-corruption Agency. The authors also enclosed the document “COVID-19 and its impact on prison monitoring and freedom of expression – a compilation of useful guidelines/resources”, in order to remind the state bodies about their obligations to ensure respect for human rights in the process of adopting measures to prevent the risk of COVID-19 pandemic spread. The document provides an overview of some of the key human rights standards and guidelines in relation to states’ Covid-19 responses, with a particular focus on prisons and other places of detention and the fundamental freedoms of information and expression.

In cooperation with other civil society organizations, the Coalition has prepared the following appeals and statements:

and the Network of Women with Disabilities in Tajikistan expressed readiness to cooperate with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Tajik Civil society organizations offers the Ministry of Health to joint their efforts in combating COVID-19.¹¹ **Representatives of the Civil Society Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan in cooperation with the Network of Women with**

¹⁰<https://notorture.tj.org/library/covid-19-i-ego-vliyanie-na-situaciyu-s-monitoringom-penitencijnyh-uchrezhdeniy-i-svobodoy>

¹¹<https://notorture.tj.org/news/grazhdanskoe-obshchestvo-tadzhikistana-predlagaet-minzdravu-sotrudnichestvo-v-borbe-s-covid-19>

Disabilities in Tajikistan expressed their willingness to cooperate with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection in order to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the country.

The Coalition against Torture calls for respect for the rights of persons deprived from liberty in the context of restrictions in the fight against COVID-19¹² The Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan calls for respect for the rights of persons deprived of their liberty under the restrictions imposed by the authorities to combat the threat of coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has responded to the Coalition's request: the epidemiological situation in the country is relatively calm.¹³ The Ministry of Health responded to the Coalition's request: the epidemiological situation in the country is relatively calm. The Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Tajikistan responded to a request from the Coalition of Civil Society against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan regarding the situation with the spread of coronavirus in the country, as well as measures taken to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection.

Civil society in Tajikistan has requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to assist Tajik migrants who remained outside the country during the COVID-19 pandemic¹⁴. Civil society organizations in Tajikistan are concerned about the situation of Tajik migrant workers who remained outside the country during the COVID-19 pandemic and have requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan to assist their compatriots.

Civil society organizations approach WHO¹⁵. Tajik civil society organizations contacted the World Health Organization (WHO) office in Tajikistan in response to the population's concerns about the epidemiological situation in the country and requested to take their recommendations into account.

Coalition member organizations were active during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the support of international organizations and charitable activities, the Coalition's member organizations procured and distributed medical supplies, personal protective equipment and food supplies for law enforcement officials, health-care institutions and low-income families; conducted information and awareness-raising activities and continued to provide legal and psychological support, both in-person and through hotlines.

¹²<https://notorturefj.org/news/koaliciya-protiv-pytok-prizyvaet-k-soblyudeniyu-prav-zaklyuchennyh-v-usloviyah-ogranicheniy-v>

¹³ <https://notorturefj.org/news/minzdrav-otvetil-na-zapros-koalicii-epidemiologicheskaya-situaciya-v-strane-otnositelno>

¹⁴<http://ihrptj.org/ru/blog/grazhdanskoe-obshchestvo-tadzhikistana-prizvalo-mid-pomoch-tadzhikskim-migrantam-okazavshimsya>

¹⁵ <https://notorturefj.org/news/obrashchenie-organizatsiy-grazhdanskogo-obshchestva-k-voz>

The NGO **“Lawyers Association of Pamir”**, with the financial support of international organizations¹⁶, assisted the population of GBAO for a total amount of **78,178.41 somoni** in the prevention and control of the pandemic. The financial assistance was used to procure personal protective equipment (medical masks, protective suits), antiseptics, disinfectants and medical supplies, which was distributed among the officers of the Department of Internal Affairs in GBAO, health-care facilities and the local population.

“The Association of People’s Assessors of the Republic of Tajikistan”¹⁷ has set up a hotline at (+992) 92 7703769 to provide legal advice to both patients and health care workers. Every month, the hotline receives up to 20 calls from beneficiaries. Information workshops were held in three cities in Sughd province - Isfara (11 March 2020), Khujand (13 March 2020) and Penjikent (27 March 2020) - to raise legal awareness of the mechanisms for protecting one's rights in the provision of health services, including information on new coronavirus infections. The sessions were attended by 300 participants.

In June 2020, a talk show was filmed within the framework of the project "Media Freedom – Guarantee of Transparency" with the participation of proactive representatives of the media to discuss the role of the media in the development of a democratic society; Dissemination of reliable information during pandemics, both inside and outside Tajikistan. The panelists stressed the need for free access of the media to reliable sources of information on the pandemic and the importance of interaction between the media and public authorities on the issue. The talk show was broadcast by "Asia" on 22 June 2020 (21:30) and 23 June 2020 (12:00).

In May-June 2020, the NGO **"Office of Civil Liberties"** purchased 90 sets of personal protective equipment for activists in the Khatlon and Sogd regions (medical masks, respirators, antiseptics, shields, gloves, vitamins)¹⁸. COVID-19 prevention information sheets were developed and printed in three languages (Russian, Uzbek and Tajik) in a circulation of 1000 copies. The leaflets were distributed to the population in remote regions of the country together with basic products (rice, flour, oil, lentils, macaroni, hygiene articles and personal protective equipment) as part of the OCL's charitable activities. Assistance was provided for more than 400 families, including the residents of a nursing home for old people and people with disabilities in Degmai, Sughd province¹⁹.

¹⁶ Assistance was provided in the framework of the project **“Cooperation of the Militia and the Society”** in partnership with the International Organization Saferworld in Tajikistan in the amount of 51,228.41 somoni and the International Partnership for Human Rights in the amount of 26,950 somoni

¹⁷ The activity is carried out within the framework of the partnership national project «Right to health - important value of a person» with financial support of OSIAF-Tajikistan

¹⁸ With the financial support of URGENT Fund and the Institute «Open Society» Foundation of Agriculture-Tajikistan.

¹⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/officeofcivil/posts/2536606463258073>
<https://www.facebook.com/officeofcivil/posts/2520314751553911>
<https://www.facebook.com/officeofcivil/posts/2495403480711705>

The OCL experts prepared appeals to the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Tajikistan, The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Tajikistan with the request to study thoroughly reports from the mass media on cases of illness in the country and to take preventive measures, with a special attention to the health of military personnel in order to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the armed forces, to conduct a thorough medical examination of conscripts, to provide X-ray examinations and to take other necessary measures. The organization also held a webinar for lawyers and activists on the COVID 19 pandemic and human rights, which was attended by 40 participants.²⁰

Since the official announcement of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Republic of Tajikistan, specialists from the NGO “Najoti Kudakon” have joined the Mobile Group (MG) and conducted a series of information campaigns in remote districts and jamoats in Khatlon region (Hamadoni, Farkhor, Shamsiddin Shokhin, Muminabad, Vose) as part of the "From Home to Home" program. Brochures (1600 copies) were distributed during the information meetings. Legal and psychological consultations were conducted with women whose children and husbands are in migration in the Russian Federation. Between May and July 2020²¹, the organisation's staff provided food supplies 75 poor families for the total amount of 7,000 somonis.

In cooperation with the public organizations "Nazari Digar", "Office of Civil Liberties", the organization provided food and anti-viral drugs to 19 families with Down syndrome children; in addition, personal protective equipment was procured for 16 medical and obstetric clinics in 16 jamoats in the region²². There is now a 24-hour hotline for legal, psychological and medical counselling. According to an analysis conducted by the organization, during the pandemic there was an increase in cases of domestic violence and in public places. With the support of the International Partnership for Human Rights, the organization provides assistance to women victims of violence, including their placement in the "Shelter". The organization's staff is provided with personal protective equipment and is ready to assist the citizens.

The NGO “**Human Rights Center**” operates a counselling hotline that provides migrant workers and their families with operational information and legal advice on various issues related to the effects of the pandemic. The organization assists citizens in difficult situations to establish contacts with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on their return from the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan. With the support of the Consulate General in Ufa, the NGO “Human Rights Center” is currently repatriating three unaccompanied minors from the Russian Federation.

²⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/officeofcivil/photos/a.1839768972941829/2524749524443767/?type=3&theater>

²¹ With the financial support from the Tajik branch of the Institute of Open Society

²² With the financial support from the Tajik branch of the Institute of Open Society

The NGO “Independent Centre for the Human Rights Protection” is the coordinator of the Central Asian Network on the Right to Adequate Housing. As part of the activities of the network, a report “COVID-19 and the right to housing” was prepared, providing information on the measures taken by the Governments and non-governmental organizations of these countries in the field of the right to adequate housing, housing rights and related areas to address the COVID-19 pandemic. The document was sent to the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Balakrishnan Rajagopal.²³

In addition, the following publications have been prepared:

- The CA Network on the Right to Adequate Housing demands the right to adequate housing in Central Asian countries during the COVID - 2019 pandemic.²⁴
- Leilani Farha: “Evictions are not only inconsistent with the “stay home”²⁵ policy, but forced evictions are a violation of international human rights law, including the right to housing, as are any evictions that result in homelessness. In the face of this pandemic, being evicted from your home is a potential death sentence”.

The Public Foundation “Tashabbushi Hukuki” has provided assistance to children serving their sentence in the juvenile detention centre of the Ministry of Justice of Tajikistan, its staff, as well as the victims of torture and their families. Hygienic products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes) and personal protective equipment (masks, antiseptics) as well as thermometers, medicines and vitamins were purchased at the expense of the organization and the CJSC's MDO “Humo” and handed over to the children serving their sentence and the staff of this institution. Personal protective equipment (masks, antiseptics) and medicines and vitamins were purchased and distributed to torture survivors and/or members of their families. Dried soup mixes were distributed to survivors and/or family members as well as to children serving their sentences in the J/S 3/12 juvenile detention centre of the GUIUN Ministry of Justice RT in an amount of 14 boxes (each box contains 8 packs of soup kit). This aid was provided by the NGO “Avesta” within the USAID program “Feed the Future” in Tajikistan.

²³ <http://ichrptj.org/ru/blog/centralnaya-aziya-covid-19-i-pravo-na-zhilishche>

²⁴ <http://ichrptj.org/ru/blog/set-ca-po-pravu-na-dostatochnoe-zhilishche-prizyvaet-k-soblyudeniyu-prava-na-dostatochnoe>

²⁵ <http://ichrptj.org/ru/blog/leilani-farha-vyselenie-ne-sootvetstvuet-rekomendacii-ostavaytes-doma>

2.2.INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM FOR REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

The aim of Coalition's Rehabilitation Group for the Victims of Torture and Members of their Families (RG) provides holistic assistance services to victims of torture and to their relatives and restore their independence and ability to carry on with their physical, psychological, social and professional activities, and fully participate in all aspects of social life.

Due to the rapid spread of the COVID 19 pandemic in Tajikistan and the overcrowding of healthcare facilities, the LAG has reviewed its activities to ensure the safety of torture survivors and/or their families. Since 1 April, medical diagnosis and non-essential assistance has been postponed, psychological assistance is provided online or by telephone, while the work of a social worker has been reinforced. The overall activities of LAG have not been suspended and all work has been carried out remotely until 22 June.

Provision of rehabilitation services for the victims of torture and/or their families.

In the first six months of 2020, 27 persons (18 cases) were admitted for rehabilitation, including 8 men, 13 women, 2 underage boys and 4 underage girls. Of the total number, 15 people directly affected by torture and ill-treatment, one girl (12 years) is a victim of sexual violence and 11 are relatives of victims of torture and/or ill-treatment.

13 persons were subjected to physical violence in the form of beatings with their legs and hands tied, application of electric shocks through their fingernails and groin, beatings in the head, water, beatings on the abdomen, the head and the face, pulling hair, beatings on the face. Two persons were subjected to psychological pressure by law enforcement officials in the form of verbal insults.

Medical care was provided to 17 out of 27 people:

- ✓ outpatient treatment – 11
- ✓ inpatient treatment – 5
- ✓ diagnostics – 17
- ✓ Physiotherapy and massage – 3
- ✓ Pharmaceuticals – 17
- ✓ sanatorium/spa resort treatment – 0 (delayed due to COVID 19 pandemic).

Psychological assistance was provided to 12 victims of torture and/or members of their families:

- ✓ Preliminary assessment – 12
- ✓ Psychological reports – 12
- ✓ Therapy – 12
- ✓ Preparation of pre- and post-rehabilitation psychological reports – 12
- ✓ Providing consultations for the lawyers in conducting expert examinations to determine psychological damage - 1

In the remaining cases, psychological support has been delayed due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

All applicants received social assistance and support: 11 in Khatlon province, 6 in Sughd province, 10 in Dushanbe and the RRS.

Re-Rehabilitation. During the reporting period, three persons - a man, a woman and an underage girl - received follow-up medical care. All were examined, diagnosed and treated on an outpatient basis. Assistance was provided on the basis of a decision of the Council and a recommendation of the doctor.

Guidelines for the social rehabilitation of the victims of torture and/or their families

The guidelines are being developed within the framework of the EU project "Promoting a human rights approach to prison reform in Tajikistan" and include phased measures to provide social assistance and support to victims of torture and/or their families. The guidelines will also include measures relating to social support and case management from the moment of the victim's admission to full rehabilitation.

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Manual for the psychological rehabilitation of the victims of torture and/or their families.

The Handbook is designed for Psychologists to provide psychological support to the victims of torture and/or their families. The document provides a framework for the provision of care and techniques to be used by psychologists in the initial assessment and in the provision of psychological support. This manual will also include case management (registration forms, initial assessment, interim and final assessment, etc.) and the manual for social work.

2.3.LEGAL AID

The activities of Coalition's Legal Aid Group (LAG) aim at promoting the establishment of an effective response system to allegations of torture and ill-treatment, including an independent mechanism for the investigating torture, and adequate provision of legal aid to victims of torture and their relatives.

The main tasks of the LAG are:

- To establish the scope of torture and ill-treatment;
- To document torture and ill-treatment, provide legal assistance to victims of torture and their relatives, conduct strategic litigation;
- To develop rules and procedures for cooperating with lawyers to provide legal assistance to victims of torture and their relatives;
- To coordinate the activities of Coalition members on legal assistance to victims of torture;
- To promote effective mechanisms for responding and investigating torture by state bodies.

The Secretariat of LAG consists of one coordinator, two experts on documenting torture and two assistants. The group also includes one Consultant on medical documentation of torture in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Protocol.

In 2020, the LAG continued its activities aimed at:

- providing legal assistance to victims of torture, strategic litigation, documentation of cases of torture. Documentation of cases of torture and other forms of ill-treatment is a tool for determining the scope of torture in the country, while strategic litigation aims at creating a sustainable practice of complying with relevant legislation in order to protect victims of torture and provide them and their relatives with adequate and fair compensation in line with the international standards;
- preparing submissions for analytical papers and alternative reports to UN bodies, as well as for intergovernmental dialogues on human rights.

2.3.1. Documenting cases of torture and ill treatment

The activities of the Coalition Legal Aid Group are aimed at promoting the establishment of a system for effective response to allegations of torture and ill-treatment and an independent mechanism for the investigation of torture in Tajikistan, as well as coordinating activities to provide practical legal assistance to victims of torture and their relatives.

During the 6 months of 2020, the Legal Aid Group continued its activities to document alleged cases of torture and ill-treatment, provide consultations and legal assistance, as well as monitor trials. In cooperation with the Analytical Group, LAG prepared a number of documents, for the international human rights bodies. In the frame of its cooperation with the Media Group, LAG produced awareness raising and educational materials, as well as communications on individual cases, legislation and situation with torture and ill-treatment in the country.

The Legal Aid Unit continued its activities during the pandemic. However, reports of crimes prepared by LAG staff have not been properly recorded by the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Tajikistan in accordance with the procedural rules in force, as a result of which procedural time limits are rarely observed. Electronic websites are inefficient and do not allow for electronic reporting.

Lawyers are denied access to their clients, and the administration of the pre-trial detention centers requires mandatory written authorization from the investigator or a judge. Due to the epidemiological situation in the country, the Main Department of Implementation of Criminal Punishment of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan banned meetings between lawyers and their clients, even with written permission.

During the reporting period, LAG specialists were confronted with problems such as the refusal of torture victims and their relatives to seek further legal remedies against unlawful acts by law enforcement officers. As a result, the specialists are unable to properly finalize their work, which may have a negative impact on the effectiveness of the indicators in the overall LAG activities.

Documentation of torture and other forms of cruel treatment. Between 1 January and 30 June 2020, the Secretariat of the Legal Aid Group and the Coalition's member organizations documented 25 cases of torture and ill-treatment, 6 of which involve women (including one victim of sexual harassment at work). The Coalition also continues its work in regard of 11 cases that were registered in the previous years.

	Regions				Total
	Dushanbe	RRS	Khatlon /GBAO	Sughd	
Total reordered	7	2	8	8	25
Lawyer provided	2			3	5
Legal assistance	3	1	7	6	17
Мониторинг работы адвокатов	1			2	3
Legal aid was rejected by the clients	1		4		5
Consultations, documents drafted	108 consultations were provided, and 115 documents were drafted and submitted to the Executive Apparatus of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Interior and Human Rights Ombudsman Office				

The main human rights violations in the process of detention and investigation include: unlawful and arbitrary detention; physical violence in the form of beatings,

electric shocks, threats of rape against the victim and/or family members; and threats of detention.

Torture and ill-treatment have been used to extract confessions, to punish certain acts or as a measure of restraint and humiliation.

The age groups of victims:

under 18 - 2 persons;

19 -32 - 9 persons

33-45 - 9 persons

46-60 - 4 persons

Above 60 - 1 person

The Coalition received complaints against the following **state bodies**:

- Ministry of Internal Affairs - 19,
- the State Committee for National Security - 1,
- the Main Department for execution of criminal penalties of the Ministry of Justice. - 2,
- State Financial Control and Anti-corruption Agency - 1
- Ministry of Defense - 1.
- Victim of sexual harassment at work (private sector) - 1

Legal consultations

There are three hotline phones managed by LAG: in Sughd region (987873333), in Khatlon province (987876666), in Dushanbe and DRS (987087676). Telephone lines are also open outside of working hours, including weekends and holidays.

In total, more than 58 consultations were held during the reporting period, 26 meetings with lawyers were held and 17 escorts were provided to the General Prosecutor's office, Executive Apparatus of the President, the Human Rights Ombudsman Office and the Security Service of the Ministry of Interior.

The Legal Aid Group member-organizations have provided consultations on the issues related to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: the NGO "**Independent Centre for Human Rights Protection**" provided legal assistance in two cases of torture and ill-treatment and 50 consultations, as well drafted 58 legal and procedural documents.

The NGO "**Office of Civil Liberties**" continued to provide legal consultations and representation in state and judicial bodies in cases involving members of the armed forces. Thus, during the reporting period, the organization provided legal consultations to **208 conscripts, soldiers and their family members**. The organization has its own database for registering complaints; therefore, these statistics are kept separately and are not included in the general statistics of the Legal Aid Group.

There are twenty-four-hour hotline numbers available for the victims of human rights violations in the military service: +992 93 333 18 03; +992 93 333 17 03.

The lawyers of the NGO "Office of Civil Liberties" provided legal assistance to military personnel and their family members and participated in 7 cases at the stage of inspection, preliminary investigation, first and second instance court.

During the reporting period, the **Expert on the standards of the Istanbul Protocol** provided assistance on documentation of torture and other ill-treatment in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Protocol. Advisory support was provided in connection with the analysis of medical records, the preparation of petitions for a full investigation and the development of a strategy for the collection of medical evidence at the stage of initial investigation, as well as after the initiation of criminal proceedings relating to the use of torture and other forms of ill-treatment.

The following expert assistance was provided:

1. Together with the documentation specialist the Expert reviewed and finalized 13 registration forms.
2. Development of a work strategy for the documentation specialists - 4.
3. Medical and legal documentation analysis - 8.
4. Preparation of petitions for the appointment of comprehensive forensic expertise and complaints - 5.
5. Review of national legislation on medical examinations in cases of rape of women
6. Expert assistance in drafting an application for accelerated examination of a request to the prosecution bodies for a comprehensive forensic medical examination of cases involving minors.
7. Expert assistance in drafting an application for obtaining medical data (results of a medical examination and treatment) from a medical institution 2.
8. Expert assistance in the drafting of a request to obtain a surveillance video recording and a copy of the duty station log concerning the victim's arrest and the visit of the doctor for examination - 1.
9. Expert assistance to a lawyer in the preparation of a statement for obtaining a copy of medical documents (consent on behalf of an alleged torture victim to obtain medical data from medical institutions by the lawyer, as well as to carry out expert examinations - 1.
10. Expert assistance to the lawyer in substantiating the medical part of the claim for damages. - 1.

The expert, together with a documentation specialist, also prepared an information schedule for the public on the right to health and freedom from torture at the time of detention.

Trial Monitoring

Trial monitoring. In the reporting period, 6 trial monitoring was conducted into 4 cases on torture and ill-treatment.

Analysis of the court cases monitoring indicated the following problems:

- In most cases the court proceedings were significantly delayed. In two cases the court proceedings were delayed for 30 minutes, in four other cases the proceedings were delayed between 1,5 and 2 hours.
- On a number of applications filed by lawyers, judges postponed the decision to the next court session, in violation of procedural law and international standards.
- Observers also noted that the courtrooms lacked basic facilities: courtrooms were not heated during the winter and participants were forced to sit in outdoor clothing.
- Equality of arms during court hearings: the prosecutor, the registrar and the police used their cell phones in the courtroom, while other participants were searched (bags) and forced to hand over mobile phones at the courthouse entrance

Legal aid/court representation

The fee for providing legal assistance to alleged victims of torture and/or their relatives is spent in consultation with the members of the Commission on Allocation of the Honorarium Fund (four persons) and the Coordinator of LAG. During the reporting period, the Coalition Honorarium Fund approved 5 requests for providing legal assistance on new applications.

In cases involving compensation for moral damages (the case of Khojanazarov K.), on 20 March 2020, the Court of Cassation decided to uphold the decision of the Military Court of the Dushanbe garrison and ordered the defendants - the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Committee for National Security - to pay compensation in the amount of 6,000 somoni for moral damage to the victim's relatives. The executive sheet was issued on 20 April 2020 and handed over to the bailiff for enforcement. During the reporting period the amount has not been paid.

A lawsuit is currently being prepared on behalf of H. G. (wife of Khojanazarov K.) to the military court of the garrison of Dushanbe to recover moral damages in the amount of 300,000 somoni from the defendants - the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State National Security Committee.

On 7 May 2020, a lawsuit was filed in the District Court of I. Somoni in the case of S. Kh. for recovering moral damages in the amount of 200,000 somoni against the Ministry of the Interior.

On 10 April, LAG was approached by S.P. a victim of sexual harassment at the workplace. LAG staff have prepared and filed complaints with various State and law enforcement bodies, including the General Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of the Interior, the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman, Executive Office of the President and State Committee for Women and Family Affairs. In response, the defendant filed a counterclaim for moral damages and for the protection of his honor and dignity before the Firdausi District Court. Dushanbe. Both cases are currently pending.

Publications:

The following publications have been prepared and published as part of the LAG activities:

- Practical aspects of interrogation of minors.²⁶

²⁶<http://notorturej.org/news/prakticheskie-aspekty-provedeniya-doprosa-nesovershennoletnih-pri-rassmotrenii-ugolovnyh-del>

- The 68-year-old Istat Kurbanova seeks justice.²⁷
- Ill-treatment and torture of women are things that women prefer to remain silent about.²⁸
- The role of special court rulings in the prevention of torture and ill-treatment.²⁹

²⁷https://notorture.tj.org/news/68-letnyaya-istat-kurbanova-v-poiskah-spravedlivosti?fbclid=IwAR2mpO77Be2mpevo4zcdO4Ez_Un2uSaaKL7itM0CYaD2C4fxW0hb5WZtApE
<http://notorture.tj.org/news/zhestokoe-obrashchenie-i-pytki-v-otnoshenii-zhenshchin-o-chem-zhenshchiny-predpochitayut?fbclid=IwAR10AKnPNyp8fZvLvBXVZnT4lFT-eedwIHfeUCNUn78IZJweB8QRqNulZaM>

²⁹ <https://www.notorture.tj.org/tj/news/nakshi-tainotkhoi-hususii-sudkho-dar-muboriza-bo-shikancha-va-bechazoi>

3.3. INTRODUCTION OF ISTANBUL PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT IN TAJIKISTAN

The project on promoting the Istanbul principles by the Coalition - is coordinated by the NGO Human Rights Center (coordinating person - Parvina Navruzova). The Project Coordinator is also providing consultancies and expert support to the Legal Assistance Group on the issues related to the standards of the Istanbul Protocol

Monitoring, analysis and research

The following reports were developed for the period January to March 2020:

1. "On the Application of the Protocol for the Medical Examination of Detained Persons in Medical Institutions of Tajikistan"³⁰,
2. "On the Results of the Analysis and Evaluation of the Objective State of the Forensic Medical Service of Tajikistan"³¹

Both documents are available on the website of the Coalition against Torture.

Promotion of creation of the institute of non-state expertise. The programme experts conducted an analysis of the legislation and law enforcement practice of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation and Georgia, as well as national legislation on the establishment and functioning of institutions of non-state and state forensic examinations.

The results of the analysis were discussed at a round table on 21 February 2020 with the participation of representatives of the General Prosecutor's Office, the Supreme Court, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Central Penal Correction Department of the Ministry of Justice, the forensic and psychiatry centres of the Ministry of Health, the Republican Centre for Forensic Examination of the Ministry of Justice, a forensic expert of the Ministry of Defence, the Agency for State Financial Control and Combating Corruption, the Drug Control Agency under the President, members of the Coalition against Torture, academics, lawyers, international organizations and international organizations and the international Expert Ms. Mariam Gishkariani³².

Training by Istanbul Protocol standards

A three-day training on the standards of the Istanbul Protocol was held on February 18-20, 2020, that was attended by 31 participants, including 15 persons from Dushanbe, 4 persons from GBAO, 6 persons from Khatlon region and 6 persons from Sughd region.

Mobile application for medical documentation of cases of violence (victims of torture, domestic violence, people living with HIV, military personnel) in accordance with the standards of the Istanbul Protocol.

The app contains recommendations for victims of violence, lawyers, psychologists and doctors, including: their rights and guarantees; mechanisms of legal protection;

³⁰<http://notorture.tj.org/rehab/otchet-po-monitoringu-primeneniya-protokola-meditsinskogo-osvidetelstvovaniya-zaderzhannyh-lic>

³¹<http://notorture.tj.org/rehab/otchet-po-itogam-analiza-sostoyaniya-sudebno-meditsinskoy-ekspertizy-rt>

³²<http://notorture.tj.org/news/kruglyy-stol-posvyashchennyj-prezentacii-analiticheskogo-otcheta-o-sozdanii-i-funkcionirovaniya>

assessment of the physical and psychological consequences of violence; compensation for damages; recommendations for the maintenance of medical records of victims of violence and contacts between State bodies, law enforcement bodies and non-governmental organizations.

The mobile application has been uploaded to the playmarket services and is in testing mode.

3.4. COVERAGE OF TORTURE ISSUES IN MASS MEDIA

During the reporting period, the Media Group published 182 materials, including 82 in Russian language (6 Press Releases, 4 analytical materials, 3 multimedia/video/audio materials, 20 news and informational materials, 4 reposts from other sources, 45 campaign materials); 80 publications in Tajik language (5 Press Releases, 4 analytical materials, 2 multimedia/video/audio materials, 20 news and informational materials, 4 reposts from other sources, 45 campaign materials); and 20 campaign materials in English language.

All materials are published on the website of the Civil Society Coalition against torture and impunity in Tajikistan: www.notorture.tj, which is a primary source of high-quality and objective information for other Tajik media. In particular, leading Tajik media outlets dub or quote information published on the Coalition's website.

All information is duplicated on the social media pages of the Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan:

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

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

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

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

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

Odnoklassniki: <https://ok.ru/group/54476259131498>

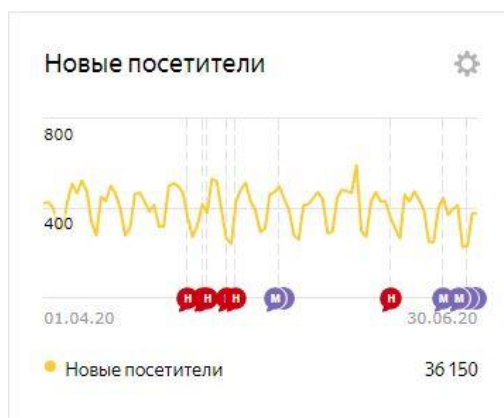
Telegram: <http://t.me/notorturetj>

Instagram: notorture.tj



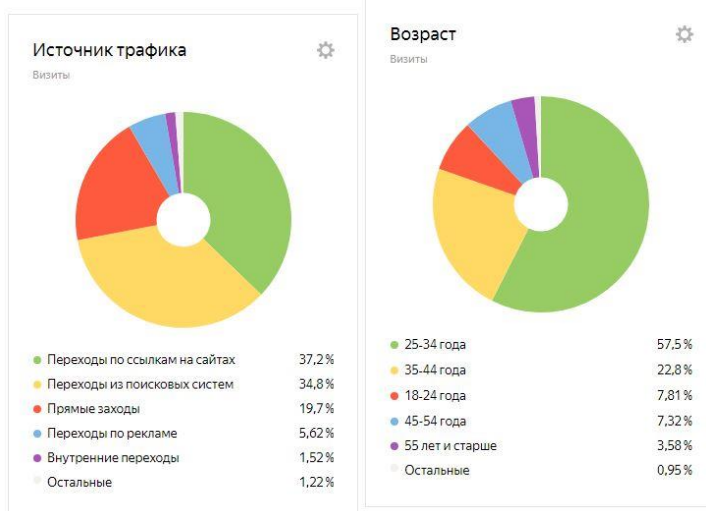
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The largest number of visits to the Coalition website, except for Tajikistan, comes from the following countries: Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Turkey. During the reporting period, the number of new visitors was 36,150.



37.2% website links, 34.8% search engine links, 19.7% direct hits, 5.62% advertising, 1.52% internal connections, and the rest – 1,16%.

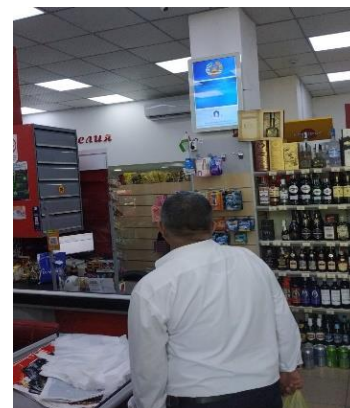
The age of visitors varies: 25-34 years (57.5%), 35-44 years (22.8%), 18-24 years (7.81%), 45-54 years (7.32%), others - 4.57%.



Not all journalists are willing to cooperate in the preparation of material on human rights, in particular on freedom from torture and cruel treatment. Even those who seek legal assistance from the Coalition against Torture and Cruelty refuse to report their case in the media.

Actions and campaigns on the International Day for the Protection of Victims of Torture - 26 June ³³

From 26 May to 26 June 2020, the Coalition conducted a month-long campaign to mark the International Day for the Protection of Torture Victims.



During the month, **videos on freedom from torture** were broadcast on monitors in supermarkets, shopping malls, business centers and other locations throughout the city of Dushanbe.

The Coalition website and its social media pages have published information material on the implementation of each paragraphs of the **National Action Plan (22 in total) to implement the recommendations of the Committee against Torture for 2019-2022.**

For the International Day for the Protection of Victims of Torture, the NGO "Office of Civil Liberties", the Coalition's member-organization, prepared a book entitled "**The Story of 13 Soldiers or the Lost Dreams**", which tells the tragic fate of



³³ All events in connection with the International Day of Support for Victims of Torture were held in the framework of the project «Strengthening of Actions for the Prevention of Torture and Support of Human Rights Organizations in Tajikistan», financed by the European Union.

thirteen soldiers who became victims of torture and "hazing" in the Tajik army.

On June 26, 2020, the specialists from the NGO "Najoti Kudakon", member of the Coalition against Torture and Impunity in Tajikistan, held an information session with residents of the mountain jamoat of Childukhtaron, which was dedicated to the International Day in Support of Torture Victims. During the session, the experts spoke about the history of the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture and answered



numerous questions from participants. A similar session was held with members of the Public Council on Police Reform. At the end of the information sessions, the experts distributed brochures and booklets prepared by human rights organizations in Tajikistan.

Information materials on combating torture and impunity in Tajikistan were produced as part of the campaign

- Torture is a horrible virus and the vaccine against it is publicity. Don't keep silent!³⁴
- Rehabilitation of torture survivors and/or their family members.³⁵
- Statement for the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture³⁶
- Presentation of the book: "The Story of 13 Soldiers, or the Lost Dreams".³⁷
- Official under-reporting or availability of information on torture on government websites³⁸
- Infographics³⁹

³⁴ <http://notorturejtj.org/news/pytki-strashnyy-virus-vakcina-protiv-nego-publichnost-ne-molchi>

³⁵ <http://notorturejtj.org/news/reabilitaciya-lic-perezvivshih-pytki-iili-chlenov-ih-semey>

³⁶ <https://notorturejtj.org/news/prekratit-pytki-v-centralnoy-azii-ne-tolko-na-bumage-no-i-na-praktike>

³⁷ <https://notorturejtj.org/news/istoriya-13-soldat-ili-poteryannye-mechty>

³⁸ <https://notorturejtj.org/news/oficialnaya-nedokazannost-ili-naskolko-dostupna-informaciya-o-pytkah-na-saytah-gosorgano>

³⁹ https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2886151128174663&id=277139982409137



On June 4, 2020, from 11:00 to 12:00, the "Asia Plus" radio station in the frame of its edition "Time to Know!"⁴⁰ aired live on the theme "We provide assistance to victims of torture, their relatives and people seeking justice. And you can also help us!". During the broadcast, Coalition lawyers Abdurahmon Sharipov (NGO

"Independent Centre for Human Rights") and Khushbakhtu Isoev (NGO "Peace of Law") were able to answer questions about freedom from torture raised by the audience of the radio station. The radio program was aired in Dushanbe, RRS, Bokhtar, Levakanda (Sarbanda), Kushoniyon, Rumi and Vakhsh of Khatlon Oblast - on a wave of 107.0 FM, in Khujand of Soghd Oblast - on a wave of 104.4 FM, as well as on www.radioasiaplus.tj, www.asiaplustj and AP podcasts.

What day is 26 June?⁴¹

The Youth Initiative Group "Sustainable Development Goals", created under the auspices of the NGO "Independent Centre for Human Rights Protection", a member of the Coalition, organized a quiz among the country's youth to commemorate the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. The event was attended by 31 people, who received memorable gifts, participants also noted that the quiz enabled them to receive new information.



ATTACHMENTS

PRESS-RELEASES AND PRESS-REVIEWS:

1. Tajik civil society organizations called for a thorough investigation of the attack on the journalist, in Russian language 02.06.2020. <https://notorture.tj.org/news/organizacii-grazhdanskogo-obshchestva-tadzhikistana-prizvali-k-tshchatelnomu-rassledovaniyu>
2. Tajik civil society organizations called for a thorough investigation of the attack on the journalist, in Tajik language 02.06.2020 <https://notorture.tj.org/tj/news/tashkilotkhoi-chomeai-shakhrvandii-tochikiston-baftishi-chiddii-khamla-ba-ruzmanigor-davat>

⁴⁰ <https://notorture.tj.org/news/radio-aziya-plyus-v-ocherednom-vypuske-peredachi-vremya-znat>

⁴¹ <https://notorture.tj.org/news/kakoy-den-otmechaetsya-26-iyunya>

3. A new project of the Coalition against Torture aims to combat torture and support human rights initiatives, 05.05.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/press-reliz-1>
4. Information sheet, in Tajik language 05.05.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/tj/news/varakai-ittilooti-1>
5. Civil society in Tajikistan has requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to assist Tajik migrants who remained outside the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, 05.05.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/grazhdanskoe-obshchestvo-tadzhikistana-prizvalo-mid-pomoch-tadzhikskim-migrantam-okaza.vshimsya>
6. Civil society in Tajikistan has requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to assist Tajik migrants who remained outside the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, in Tajik language 05.05.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/tj/news/chomeai-shakhrvandii-tochikiston-az-vkh-host-ba-mukhochironi-tochiki-dar-zamoni-pandemiya-berun>
7. Civil society organizations appeal to WHO, 01.05.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/obrashchenie-organizacij-grazhdanskogo-obshchestva-k-voz>
8. Civil society organizations appeal to WHO, in Tajik language 01.05.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/tj/news/murochiati-tashkilotkhai-chomeai-shakhrvandi-ba-sut>
9. Tajikistan: Civil society groups calling for release of convicted journalist Daler Sharipov, 17.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/tadzhikistan-grazhdanskoe-obshchestvo-prizyvaet-vlasti-osvobodit-osuzhdennogo-zhurnalista>
10. Civil society organizations request their inclusion in the process of drafting amendments to the Tax Code, 03.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/organizacii-grazhdanskogo-obshchestva-prosyat-vklyuchit-ih-v-process-razrabotki-popravok-v>
11. Civil society organizations request their inclusion in the process of drafting amendments to the Tax Code, in Tajik language 03.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/tj/news/tashkilotkhai-chomeai-shakhrvandi-mehokhand-ki-onkhoroba-ravandi-takhiyai-tagyirot-ba-kodeksi>

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1. Official under-reporting or availability of information on torture on government websites, in Tajik language 26.06.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/tj/news/khisobotdikhii-nopurra-dar-satkhi-rasmi-yo-malumot-dar-borai-shikancha-dar-somonakhoi-rasmii>
2. Official under-reporting or availability of information on torture on government websites, 26.06.2020

- <https://notorturetj.org/news/oficialnaya-nedoskazannost-ili-naskolko-dostupna-informaciya-o-pytkah-na-saytah-gosorgano>
3. Stop Torture in Central Asia: Not just on paper, but in practice, in Tajik language 26.06.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/tj/news/kat-namudani-shikancha-dar-osiyoi-markazi-na-tankho-dar-kogaz-balki-dar-amal>
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 4. A sad but encouraging letter from the United Nations to an unfortunate Tajik mother, 01.06.2020
<http://notorturetj.org/tj/news/nomai-gamangez-vale-umedvorkunandai-sozmonimilal-ba-yak-modari-alamdori-tochik>
 5. The UN Human Rights Committee called on Dushanbe to reopen the investigation into the death of Khurshed Bobokalonov, 01.06.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/komitet-oon-prizval-dushanbe-vozobnovit-rassledovanie-obstoyatelstv-smerti-hursheda>
 6. The role of special court rulings in the prevention of torture and ill-treatment, 27.04.2020
<http://notorturetj.org/tj/news/nakshi-tainotkhai-hususii-sudkho-dar-muboriza-bo-shikancha-va-bechazoi>
 7. Case of Afzal Dodomatov, resident of Dushanbe, beaten by law enforcement officers, referred to the court, 07.04.2020
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1. The death of a Tajik soldier. From a fellow shooter or while cleaning his weapon? VIDEO, 23.06.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/tj/news/khalokati-sarbozi-tochik-az-tiri-khamhidmat-yo-khangomi-pok-kardani-silokh-video>
2. Emergency at the outpost: Conscript soldier killed while cleaning his weapon or from a fellow soldier? 23.06.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/chp-na-zastave-soldat-srochnik-pogib-vo-vremya-chistki-oruzhiya-ili-ot-puli-sosluzhivca>
3. Torture in Tajikistan, 18.05.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/pytki-v-tadzhikistane-0>
4. Radio Asia-Plus in another edition of "Time to Know!", 04.06.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/radio-aziya-plyus-v-ocherednom-vypuske-peredachi-vremya-znat>
5. Radio Asia-Plus in another edition of "Time to Know!" in Tajik language 04.06.2020
<http://notorturetj.org/tj/news/radioi-aziya-plyus-dar-barnomai-navbatii-vakti-donistan-ast>

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1. The lawyer obtained access to the defendant who complained of torture and participated in the criminal case, 02.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/advokat-dobilsya-dopuska-k-podzashchitnomu-pozhalovshemusya-na-pytki-i-uchastiya-v-ugolovnom>
2. The lawyer: My client denied the torture but complained of ill-treatment, 03.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/advokat-moy-podzashchitnyy-oproverg-fakty-pytok-no-posetoval-o-zhestokom-obrashchenii>
3. During the first quarter of 2020, the Rehabilitation Unit provided assistance to 16 victims of torture and ill-treatment, 09.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/v-pervom-kvartale-2020-gruppa-po-reabilitacii-predostavila-pomoshch-16-licam-postradavshim-ot>
4. Activities of the Legal Aid Group for the first quarter of 2020: 13 cases of torture and ill-treatment documented 10.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/gpp-za-pervyy-kvartal-2020-dokumentirovano-13-obrashcheniy-svyazannyh-s-pytkami-i-zhestokim>
5. The Istanbul Protocol project promotes the establishment of a non-state expertise institute, 13.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/proekt-po-stambulskomu-protokolu-prodligaet-sozdanie-instituta-negosudarstvennoy-ekspertizy>
6. Адвокат: «Суд не принял меры по заявлению о пытках», 22.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/obvinyaemyy-prosit-izmenit-meru-presecheniya-v-svyazi-s-boleznyu>
7. The lawyer: “The Court did not take action on the torture complaint”, 24.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/advokat-sud-ne-prinyal-mery-po-zayavleniyu-o-pytkah>
8. The Ministry of Health responded to the Coalition’s request: the epidemiological situation in the country is relatively calm, 24.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/minzdrav-otvetil-na-zapros-koalicii-epidemiologicheskaya-situaciya-v-strane-otnositelno>
9. The Coalition Against Torture calls for the rights of prisoners to be respected in the context of restrictions in the fight against COVID-19, 25.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/koaliciya-protiv-pytok-prizyvaet-k-soblyudeniyu-prav-zaklyuchennyh-v-usloviyah-ogranicheniy-v>
10. Tajik Civil society organizations offers the Ministry of Health to joint their efforts in combating COVID-19, 26.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/grazhdanskoe-obshchestvo-tadzhikistana-predlagaet-minzdravu-sotrudnichestvo-v-borbe-s-covid-19>
11. Ministry of Finance: We are ready to discuss the draft Tax Code with civil society, 28.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/minfin-my-gotovy-obsudit-proekt-nalogovogo-kodeksa-s-grazhdanskim-obshchestvom>

12. Father of Tajik journalist Daler Sharipov addressed the Human Rights Ombudsman, 28.04.2020
<https://notorturetj.org/news/otec-tadzhikskogo-zhurnalista-dalera-sharipova-obratilsya-k-upolnomochennomu-po-pravam>
13. The Court extended the detention of the accused with diabetes, 06.05.2020
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