

Questionnaire to assist in submitting information to the UN on alleged reprisals or intimidation

This questionnaire has been designed by ISHR to assist victims, relatives or representatives to submit information to the UN on alleged reprisals or intimidation suffered as a result of cooperation with the UN human rights system. If you consent, the information submitted will be included in a public report.

The questionnaire is not an official UN document. It has been designed to help ensure that victims, relatives or representatives submit the required information.

Key info:

- **What** – You are invited to provide first-hand information about cases of reprisals or intimidation for cooperating or attempting to cooperate with the UN human rights mechanisms.
- **When** – the deadline for submissions is 15 June 2013.
- **Where** – send submissions to reprisals@ohchr.org.

NOTE: the process established under resolution 12/2 is an annual reporting process and will not provide direct protection. If you are concerned about further reprisals or an escalation of the reprisal please contact one of the following:

Frontline – at <http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/contactus>

UN Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders at defenders@ohchr.org or urgent-action@ohchr.org

Background

Every year the UN publishes a report on alleged reprisals or intimidation* against persons cooperating with or attempting to cooperate with UN human rights mechanisms or representatives. This includes the Human Rights Council, Special Rapporteurs, Treaty Bodies, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, its field presences and human rights advisers, United Nations Country Teams, the human rights components of peacekeeping missions, etc.

*‘Reprisals or intimidation’ include any attacks, threats, harassment, victimization, vilification, discrimination and detriments.

You are invited to provide information about new cases of reprisals that occurred between 15 June 2012 and 15 June 2013.

You are also invited to submit follow up information on older cases included in the 2011 and 2012 reports. This could include, for example, information on whether additional reprisals took place or whether steps were taken by the State to investigate etc. The previous reports referred to cases in Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, China, Colombia, Guatemala, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Mauritania, Myanmar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Uzbekistan, Venezuela and Yemen.

Model questionnaire

Important note re disclosure/confidentiality: Please pay attention to the security needs of the persons concerned and the related requirements for disclosure. Unless the case is accompanied with a specific indication that those affected, or the family of the person(s) affected, have agreed to have the case included in the report, and have been informed accordingly, it will not be published.

Has the victim or the victim’s family agreed to the case being included in the public report? YES NO

Is this follow-up information on a case included in a previous report? YES NO If YES, please provide the applicable paragraph and report number in which the case is referenced _____
(previous reports are available here for the [2011 report](#) and the [2012 report](#))

Name and organization	
Identification of the alleged victim. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These details will be used to ensure the validity and reliability of the information received, e.g. name, age, gender, nationality, contact details - If the victim is an organization, indicate name, location, and contact information. 	
Identification of the alleged perpetrator of the violation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give any available information concerning the alleged perpetrator (name, affiliation, rank, uniform, number of alleged perpetrators, title or any other form of identification). - Indicate if the alleged perpetrator is believed to have been acting on behalf of the government, on behalf of an organization or institution, or as an independent actor. 	
Date(s), time(s) and place(s) of the violation(s)/incident(s)	
Detailed description of the circumstances of the alleged reprisal or intimidation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indicate, in as detailed an account as possible, what happened (chronology of the events). - Indicate if there were any witnesses. Provide witness statement(s) if possible. - Indicate if any third parties were involved during the incident(s) (role or presence of family members, colleagues, others) - If the victim has been arrested, give details concerning allegations and current status of investigations (if any). - If the victim is in detention, give 	

<p>all known information concerning location, conditions of detention, charges, access to lawyers, etc.</p>	
<p>Link between the reprisal and the victim's cooperation with the UN. Indicate why it is believed that the reprisal or intimidation was a result of the victim's cooperation with the UN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indicate what UN entity or which UN representative the victim was in contact with. - Indicate the nature of the contact between the victim and the UN entity or representative (e.g. meetings, interviews, oral statements, written submissions, participation in UN related events) 	
<p>Indicate what you believe to be the motivation behind the alleged reprisal or intimidation</p>	
<p>Indicate what, if any, actions have been undertaken in response to the alleged reprisal or intimidation by the victim or others (e.g. police reports, court proceedings, complaint to national human rights institution etc.)</p>	
<p>Indicate what, if any, actions have been undertaken in response to the allegations by the appropriate authorities (e.g. investigations, arrests, prosecution, dismissals, redress, granting of protection measures, etc) and the outcome of those actions.</p>	
<p>Indicate if the alleged reprisal or intimidation has been referred to in any UN documents or has already been reported to the UN in any way.</p>	