

2012: Actions to impact

Guinea-Conakry

Two ministers indicted for their role in the 28 September 2009 massacre

Over 150 people killed, dozens of women raped, and a hundred people disappeared – all as part of the planned repression of a demonstration.



FIDH assists 350 victims before national jurisdiction, bringing about the indictment of two ministers responsible – an unprecedented event in Guinea-Conakry.

Mali

The United Nations Security Council adopts provisions for human rights protection in Mali resolution.

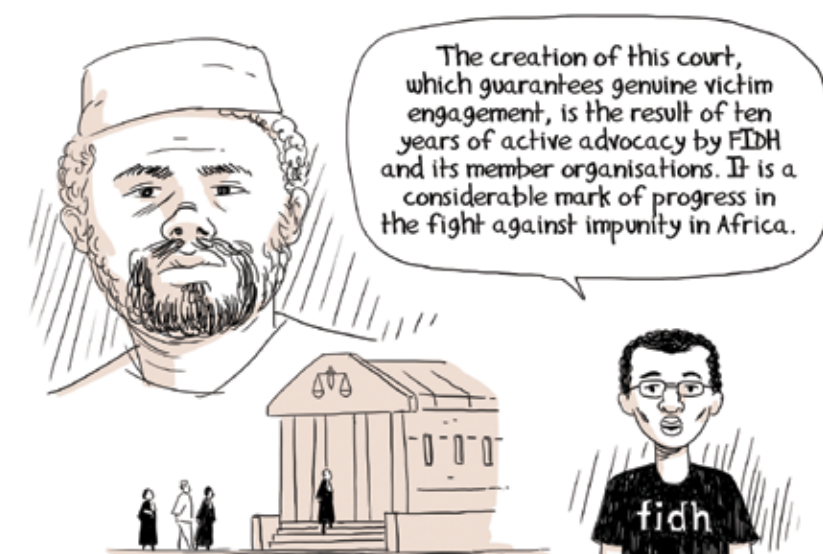


Advocacy by FIDH and its Malian member organisation before the Security Council bears fruit: the Council's resolution provides, amongst other things, for human rights training for the Malian army.

Chad

Chadian ex-dictator Hissène Habré to appear before a Senegalese court on charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and acts of torture

The creation of this court, which guarantees genuine victim engagement, is the result of ten years of active advocacy by FIDH and its member organisations. It is a considerable mark of progress in the fight against impunity in Africa.



Burma

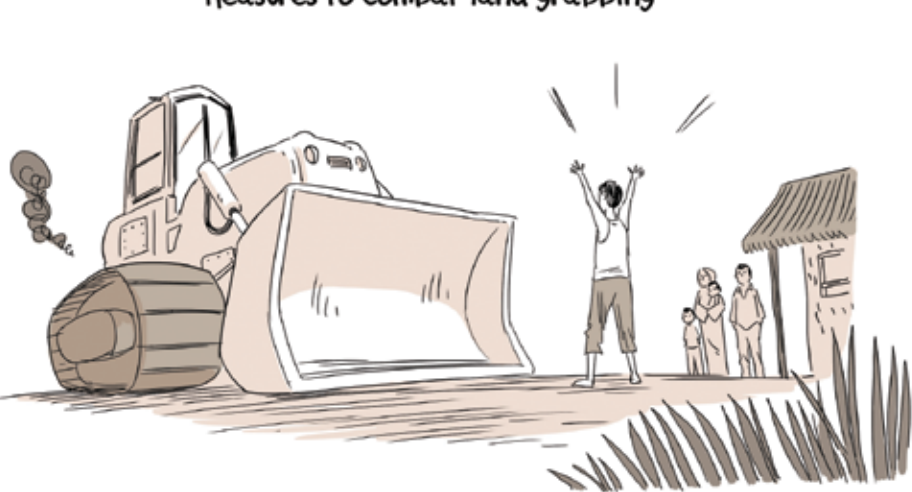
Aung San Suu Kyi meets with human rights associations in Paris



At this meeting, organised by FIDH, Aung San Suu Kyi specifically appeals to companies investing in Burma to work in a transparent manner.

Cambodia

Measures to combat land grabbing



The government suspends land concessions and punishes companies guilty of violations. FIDH denounces the concession system and the intimidation of its opponents.

Iran

FIDH supports Masrin Sotoudeh for the Sakharov prize



Karim Lahidji, FIDH Vice President

Arab States

FIDH presents its "20 measures for equality"



FIDH's "20 measures for equality", puts forward the demands of women who have been extremely active in the Arab uprisings. These measures are used to address women's rights and equality in the Arab region.

Syria

FIDH supports the civilian victims in Syria

Syriant and FIDH bring together 60 artists from the Arab world who donate their works to collect funds for civilian victims in Syria.



Mahj Binebine, Untitled

Bahrain

Mobilisation for the release of Nabeel Rajab



The President of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights, Nabeel Rajab, is sentenced to two years in prison. Several FIDH judicial observation missions reveal irregularities in his trial and mobilise the United Nations and the European Union, which appeal for his release.

Belgium

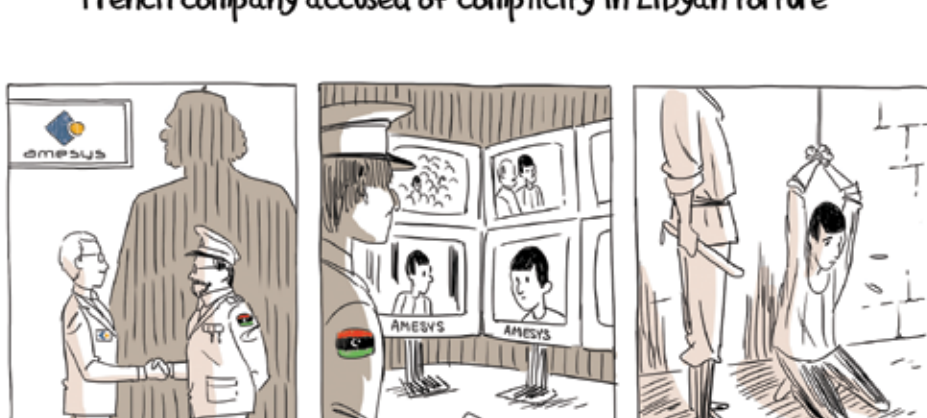
FIDH mobilises against Roma People members' rights violations



The European Committee of Social Rights finds that Belgium has violated the rights of Roma People members to social, legal and economic protection, including housing, and to protection against social exclusion and discrimination.

France / Libya

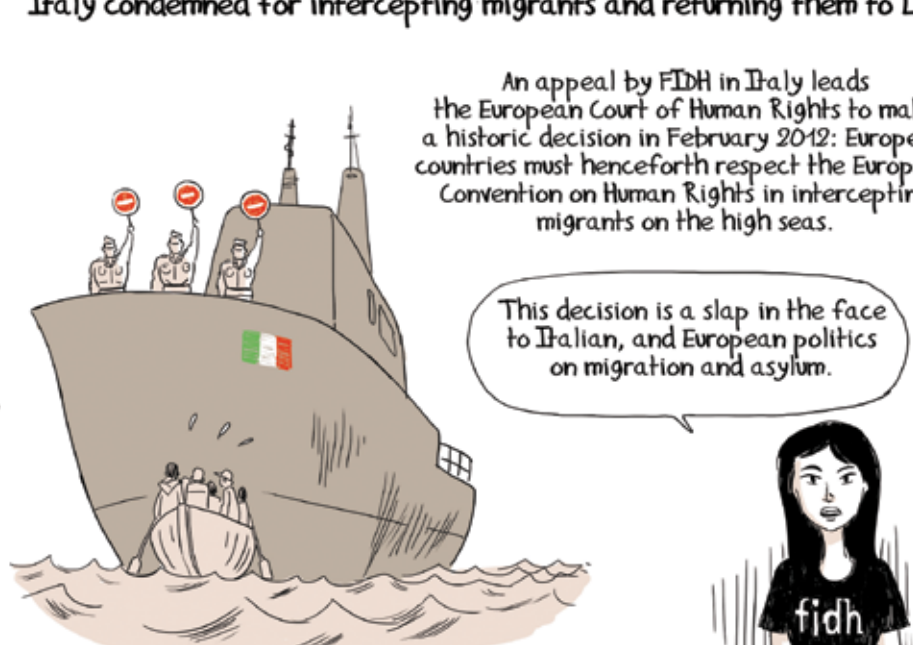
French company accused of complicity in Libyan torture



A judicial inquiry is opened against the company Amesys, after FIDH collects the testimony of Libyan torture victims. The victims initiate civil proceedings.

Italy

Italy condemned for intercepting migrants and returning them to Libya



This decision is a slap in the face to Italian, and European politics on migration and asylum.

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Belarus

A United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights



The arrest of FIDH vice-president, Ales Bialiatzki in July 2011, sees FIDH mobilise the international community

The UN Human Rights Council appoints a Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Belarus and the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention recognises Ales Bialiatzki's arrest as arbitrary.

Georgia

Freedom for 190 political prisoners

FIDH advocacy since 2009 leads the Georgian state to recognise the existence of political prisoners in Georgia and release 190 of them.



FIDH also contributes to the Council of Europe's adoption of a resolution on criteria for identifying a "political prisoner".

Uzbekistan

Alisher Karamatov and Khabibulla Okpulatov released



Alisher Karamatov and Khabibulla Okpulatov, leaders of the Human Rights Society of Uzbekistan (HRSU) were tortured and sentenced to nine years in prison.

Both are released after six years thanks to an active campaign led by FIDH.

Colombia

Crimes against humanity finally recognised



ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, recognises, for the first time, the crimes against humanity committed by guerrilla groups, paramilitaries and state representatives in Colombia, highlighting the need to fight impunity for these crimes. This recognition is based especially on an FIDH report referring to 3345 extra-judicial executions between 2002 and 2008.

Mexico

Maximino Garcia Catarino released

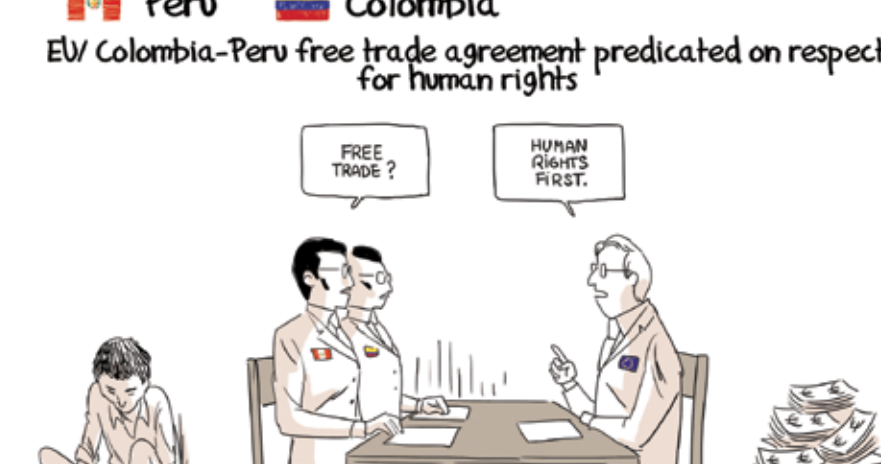


Maximino Garcia Catarino, member of the Organization for the Future of the Mixtec People (OFPM), is arrested and tortured. FIDH mobilises the international community to secure his release two months later

Peru

Colombia

EU/ Colombia-Peru free trade agreement predicated on respect for human rights



Following several hearings and the publication of a report, FIDH convinces the European Parliament to adopt a resolution that bases its free trade agreement with Peru and Colombia on respect for human rights.