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ABOUT THE CENTER

FUNDAMENTALS AND PRIORITIES

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS) is an independent non-governmental Think Tank center advocating for the enhancement of democracy and human rights in Jordan and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The Center's seven priorities are:



THE RIGHT TO LIFE
THE RIGHT TO SPEAK
THE RIGHT TO THINK
THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE
WOMEN'S RIGHTS
THE RIGHT TO SOCIAL PROTECTION
YOUTH RIGHTS

The Center works to achieve its goals by lobbying; spreading awareness via conferences and symposiums; writing official statements, declarations, reports, articles, and booklets; and establishing and maintaining relations with international organisations and embassies.

Furthermore, ACHRS has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Disseminating human rights and spreading knowledge about international human rights and humanitarian law in Jordan and the Arab region;
- Contributing to a more democratic society and enhancing the rule of law in a way that respects human rights;
- Providing a free platform for dialogue for coordinating efforts undertaken by governmental and non-governmental organisations that are active in human rights;
- Aiding governmental and non-governmental organisations in monitoring, documenting, and following up on human rights, as a step towards enforcing these rights on all legislative and executive levels;
- Participating in the revision of local laws and regulations in order to support and uphold human rights;
- Dedicating attention to those segments of society in need of special protection.

INTERNSHIPS AT THE CENTER

COORDINATORS OF THE IR UNIT

The ACHRS has since the summer had two Co-Coordinators for the International Relations Unit, sharing the responsibilities of managing the growing interns team.

Filipe Dias Kalgaard, part Norwegian and Portuguese, is a Coordinator for the International Relations Unit at the ACHRS, responsible for operations, communications and managing the Center. As a researcher, he is deeply passionate about development history and human rights, holding a master's degree in Development Studies from SOAS University of London. His research at ACHRS has focused on academic freedom in the MENA region, labour rights, refugee rights, and media narratives on human rights abuses in the occupied Palestinian Territories. He frequently represents the ACHRS at the United Nations Human Rights Council. Beyond his work for the Center, Filipe is an avid cook, photographer and writer who enjoys blending together diverse flavours, images and expressions from everywhere he goes.



Victoria Rebok is from Argentina, although she has spent most of her life in the United Kingdom. She completed her BSc in International Relations (with French) at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), before pursuing an MA in International Conflict Studies at King's College London. Throughout her studies, she maintained a strong focus on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), writing her dissertation on the Yemen conflict and undertaking Arabic language studies. Following her graduation in January 2026, she decided to join the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS) as an intern, with the aim of deepening her understanding of the region and international human rights mechanisms, while further developing her Arabic language skills.



CURRENT INTERNS

The ACHRS Has welcomed its new autumn batch of highly skilled and motivated interns. Our interns this season are from the following countries, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Jordan, Scotland, Slovakia & Sweden.

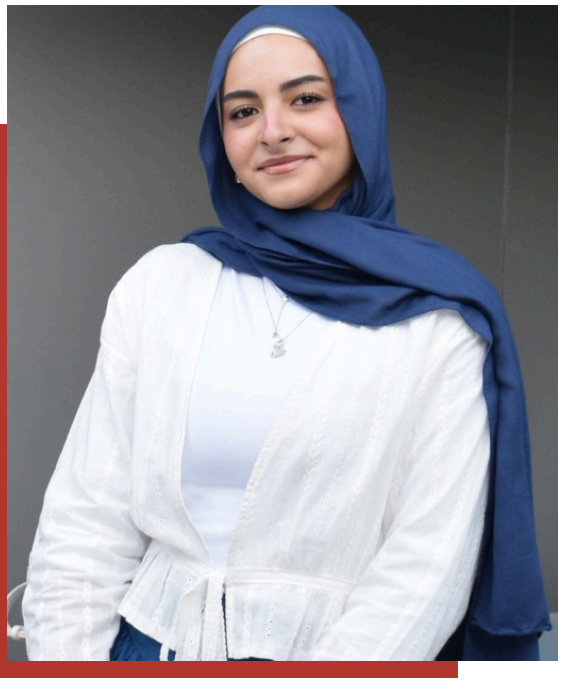
Hi, I'm **Mohammed Al-Asadi**, I'm a 26 year old Swede of Syrian-Iraqi origin. After completing my Master's Degree in Middle Eastern Studies (following a BA in International Relations), I sought the internship at ACHRS as my first step into my career. It was something I considered well before graduating and had my eye on, as it aligned with my personal focus area, where I could see myself in my career, and it appeared to be a perfect learning opportunity. I have over a decade long experience in civil society organisations, including Save the Children Youth in Sweden with local and national leadership roles, judicial experience as a lay judge, and a history with non-profit humanitarian initiatives in Syria in particular. My general interest areas include the right to participate, civil peace and minority rights, youth empowerment, and transitional justice, with a particular focus on the Levant.



My name is **Amina Alayout**, I am from France and I'm 24 years old. I work as a refugee lawyer at an American law firm and am also an intern at the ACHRS. I hold a Master's degree in Human Rights Law with an international focus, and I've had the opportunity to study and gain professional experience in France, Mexico the United States and now Amman



My name is **Lara Alseid**, I'm a web intern and Software Engineering student at Princess Sumaya University for Technology (PSUT). I was drawn to ACHRS by its work in human rights, and I believe technology should serve people and the causes that matter to them. I build and design websites for movements and organizations, turning their missions into meaningful digital experiences. I work and continue to learn across the full stack, using React, Node.js, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Astro, and Sanity. At ACHRS, I found the chance to apply my academic knowledge to a good cause, learn more about human rights, and connect with several organizations and movements working toward it.
I hope that every website I create helps deliver a message, raises awareness, and helps people across the world gain the rights they deserve.



My name is **Rania Alsnawi**, and I am a final-year English Language and Literature student at the University of Jordan. I also had the opportunity to study at the University of Cologne in Germany through the Erasmus+ exchange programme, an experience that broadened my perspective on different cultures, societies, and global issues.I have always been passionate about human rights, social justice, and advocating for people whose voices are often overlooked. This interest, along with my desire to make a meaningful contribution to society, is what brought me to the ACHRS.During my time at ACHRS, I have been involved in research and writing on human rights issues, particularly those concerning women, youth, and social justice. This experience has allowed me to connect my academic background with my passion for humanitarian work.I see my internship at ACHRS as an important step toward my long-term goal of working in international human rights and humanitarian organisations.



My name is **Sara Buganova** and I am currently pursuing an LLM in International Human Rights Law, with a particular interest in women's rights, refugee protection, and Indigenous Peoples' rights. Through my experience with the Afghanistan & Central Asia Association (ACAA), I became involved in advocacy related to the rights of Afghan women and minorities, refugee integration, and helping refugees settle into new communities. This experience encouraged me to continue working in human rights and to learn more about how advocacy can make a difference for people affected by conflict and displacement. I chose to join ACHRS because I wanted to gain a better understanding of the human rights challenges in the region and the work being done to address them. I also wanted to step outside my usual academic environment, meet people working in this field, and learn from their experiences.



Michaela Cooney is a current intern with the International Relations Unit at the Amman Center for Human Rights. She has previously worked as a researcher / geospatial and remote sensing analyst in the public, private, and non-profit sectors with projects focused on environmental change and just transition. She completed her bachelors at the University of St Andrews, where she studied International Relations and Geography, with a focus on the relationship between conflict and the environment in the Middle East. Her dissertation used remote sensing techniques to examine the land use change and population displacement effects of foreign direct investment and biodiversity offsetting in the mining sector. Alongside ongoing study in colloquial Arabic, she is volunteering with Squash Dreamers, an Amman-based non-profit empowering refugee and underserved girls through additional academic support, sports, and wellbeing.



My name is **Salma Ismail** and I am from Jordan, I hold a Bachelor's degree in French Literature and am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work, specializing in Immigration and Immigrants, at the German Jordanian University. My academic background and professional experience have shaped my interest in human rights, migration, refugee protection, and social justice. Alongside my studies, I have worked as a freelance Arabic-French interpreter in refugee resettlement interviews in Jordan, an experience that has deepened my understanding of the challenges faced by refugees and the importance of communication and cultural sensitivity in humanitarian settings. I joined the ACHRS as an intern within the Social Communication Unit to gain practical experience in human rights advocacy and communication. Through this opportunity, I aim to further develop my skills, contribute to raising awareness of human rights issues, and gain a deeper understanding of the role civil society organizations play in promoting and protecting human rights.



My name is **Elli Klimathianakis**. I'm a creative and adventurous person with a curiosity for the world, and the stories that connect people. I studied International and Middle Eastern Studies at Leiden University and recently graduated with a second Master's in Arts and Cultural Management. Before joining ACHRS, I worked as an EU Affairs Intern at the UNRWA Office in Brussels, where I gained experience in international relations, humanitarian affairs, and advocacy. My interest in the Middle East, human rights, and the role of culture in bringing people together is what drew me to ACHRS. I'm excited to learn from the team, contribute to its work, and gain new perspectives along the way. Outside of work, I usually love hiking or swimming and discovering places on Google Maps that I may or may not ever visit. I also love cooking and sewing my own clothes. I'm always up for discovering something new!!



My name is **Jwana Loqman**, I am 27 years old and currently pursuing a Master's degree in Arab and Islamic Studies at Aarhus University in Denmark. I hold a Bachelor's degree in the same field, with a minor in Museology. Throughout my studies, I have developed a strong interest in human rights, cultural identity, minority rights and the social and political dynamics of the Middle East. Having previously lived and studied in Jordan, I have developed a personal and academic connection to the region. My interest in human rights, particularly the challenges faced by minority and marginalized communities, has also been shaped by my own multicultural background and academic experiences. I joined the ACHRS because I wanted to gain practical experience beyond the academic environment and become more directly involved in human rights research, advocacy and awareness. I see this internship as an opportunity to learn from the organisation's work, contribute my own knowledge and perspective, and gain a better understanding of the role civil society plays in promoting and protecting human rights.



Lisa Tassi is originally from Florence, Italy. She recently graduated with a Master's degree in European and International Studies, where she developed a strong interest in human rights protection, migration, and humanitarian law. Her previous experience at the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva involved supporting multilateral discussions on migration, humanitarian affairs, and global health. Over the past few years, she has been involved in various civil society initiatives aimed at promoting social inclusion and strengthening community engagement. She was drawn to ACHRS by its commitment to raising awareness of the human rights situation in the Arab region, particularly the rights of vulnerable communities. She believes that research plays a fundamental role in promoting a more inclusive and just society and she is excited to contribute her skills to the Center's work.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

The ACHRS organized and participated in various conferences, seminars, and public events aligning with its core human rights priorities. Our team actively engaged with UN and government representatives, as well as international civil society, to ensure that regional perspectives, particularly from Jordan and the Arab world, were represented in global forums. Several events were also conducted in collaboration with ambassadors, human rights experts, and policy-makers, reinforcing the AHCRS' commitment to fostering accountability and inclusive participation in shaping human rights policies.

6 JUNE — YOUTH LEADERSHIP: MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS

ACHRS's Youth Leadership Programme explored how to make informed, fair and effective decisions. Led by Dr. Adnan Mahmoud Al-Toubasi, the session combined practical group exercises with guidance on analysing problems, weighing alternatives and evaluating results. Read more

17 JUNE — DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS IN ERBIL

ACHRS Director Dr. Nizam Assaf joined academics, diplomats and public officials in Erbil for a seminar marking the International Day for Dialogue Among Civilizations. Discussions explored cultural exchange, mutual understanding and cooperation towards a peaceful shared future. Read more



25 JUNE — PROTECTING SUDANESE REFUGEES' RIGHT TO LEGAL IDENTITY

ACHRS, represented by Tshepo Tlhacoane and Bassema Abu Shammaleh participated in an ARDD roundtable examining civil documentation barriers facing Sudanese refugee children in Jordan. The discussion highlighted how differences in naming and registration systems can obstruct access to education, services and recognition of family relationships. Read more



27 JUNE — UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL LIFE AND PARTICIPATION

The eighth training day for participants in the ninth cohort of the Youth Leadership Program at the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies concluded on Saturday, June 27. The training covered "The Origins of Political Life in Our Country: Status, Role, Prospects, and Party Life." The training was facilitated voluntarily by Dr. Ibrahim Hijazin, a researcher in contemporary history, a candidate for the 2016 parliamentary elections in Jordan, and a member of the ACHRS's Scientific Council. Read more



30 JUNE–2 JULY — WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

The ACHRS participated in the Ninth World Congress Against the Death Penalty, organised by ECPM – Together against the death penalty, in Paris, France, from June 30 to July 2. The Center was represented by lawyer Obada Alwardat, coordinator of the Justice and Rule of Law Unit at the Center, in addition to being the Center's representative in the Gender Unit of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

Read more



3–5 JULY — DISABILITY RIGHTS IN DEATH-PENALTY ABOLITION



Following the Ninth World Congress, Obada Alwardat joined the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty's Best Practice Workshop. His contributions focused on disability rights, alongside discussions of inclusive campaigning, research, funding and collecting information about people facing death sentences.

Read more

11 JULY — BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING



ACHRS's youth leadership training turned to public speaking, persuasion and effective communication. Facilitated by Qamar Al-Nabulsi, the session emphasised active listening, respect for different viewpoints and the role of body language in communicating confidently. Read more

13 JULY — ACADEMIC COOPERATION IN CAIRO

Dr. Nizam Assaf represented ACHRS at an academic meeting of the Arab Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in Cairo. The visit also provided opportunities to exchange perspectives with academic colleagues from Europe, Africa and the Arab region. Read more



1 AUGUST — EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE FOR YOUNG LEADERS

The eleventh training day for participants in the ninth cohort of the Youth Leadership Program, implemented by the ACHRS, was held on Saturday, August 1, 2026. The session focused on "Emotional Intelligence," exploring the different types of intelligence and abilities individuals possess including the capacity for learning, understanding, adaptation, problem-solving, and effective communication and how these abilities vary from person to person. The training was generously delivered on a voluntary basis by trainer Eng. Qamar Al-Nabulsi, a member of ACHRS's Scientific Council. Read more



15 AUGUST — NEGOTIATION, ADVOCACY AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION



On Saturday, August 15, 2026, the twelfth training day was held for participants in the eighth batch of the Youth Leadership Program, implemented by the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies. The topic was "Negotiation Skills, Advocacy, and Conflict Resolution," and the training was voluntarily facilitated by trainer Mohammed Sarsak, to whom we extend our sincere thanks.
Read more

25 AUGUST — DEFENDING HUMAN DIGNITY DURING CRISES

Victoria Rebok represented ACHRS virtually at the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies conference hosted by the University of Hamburg. Discussions highlighted children's experiences of humiliation and trauma, and the importance of accessible mental health care in communities affected by conflict. Read more

29 AUGUST — RECOGNISING MISINFORMATION THROUGH CRITICAL THINKING

ACHRS's youth leadership training addressed misinformation and the importance of questioning media content. Dr. Marcel Jouinat facilitated the session, bringing a media-studies perspective to young people's engagement with information and public debate. Read more

2 SEPTEMBER — RECOGNISING HASHEM MANSOUR NASSAR'S SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTION

ACHRS congratulated Scientific Council member Hashem Mansour Nassar on his eleven-volume philosophical encyclopedia. The Center recognised his intellectual achievement and his continuing contribution to developing and delivering ACHRS programmes.
Read more

5 SEPTEMBER — DIGITAL MEDIA AND PUBLIC OPINION

Dr. Mona Jamal Abu Hammour led an ACHRS youth leadership session examining how digital media and campaigns influence public opinion. Participants explored communication theories and approaches to analysing online content critically and consciously. Read more

7 SEPTEMBER — REGISTRATION ANNOUNCED FOR SOLIDARITY-RIGHTS TRAINING

ACHRS's Geneva association and partner organisations announced an international training course on solidarity rights. The programme invited participants to explore collective rights through a series of online sessions beginning on 18 September.
Read more — Arabic

16 SEPTEMBER — YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT GATHERING IN SPAIN

Mohamed Abuazzoum represented ACHRS at the 25th University on Youth and Development in Mollina, Spain. Participation in the HEY Training of Tutors focused on human rights education, youth empowerment, digital rights and responsible approaches to artificial intelligence. Read more



18 SEPTEMBER — SOLIDARITY-RIGHTS TRAINING OPENS ACROSS 15 COUNTRIES

ACHRS and its partners launched a forty-day online training programme involving more than ninety participants from fifteen countries. Opening discussions explored the development of solidarity rights, including peace, development and a healthy environment, and the challenges of securing stronger international protection Read more .



26 SEPTEMBER — UNDERSTANDING CYBERCRIME IN THE AGE OF AI

Dr. Samar Maknayi led an ACHRS youth leadership session on cyber-extortion, impersonation, deepfakes and digital fraud. The training emphasised verifying information, protecting personal data and using artificial intelligence safely and responsibly. Read more



3 OCTOBER — TRAINING: LECTURE ON RELIGION AND STATE – 19TH TRAINING DAY

MAY 2026

Our Youth Leadership Programme's ninth cohort explored freedom of belief, identity and the relationship between religion and the state. Dr. Riad Al-Subh discussed the dangers of hate speech, the value of diversity and the importance of preventing the political exploitation of religion. Read more

6 OCTOBER — MEETING: IN THE PRESENCE OF LOVE AND HUMILITY: A MEETING WITH HIS HOLINESS POPE TAWADROS II

Dr. Nizam Assaf, Director of the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies, had the honor of meeting His Holiness Pope Tawadros II—Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark—at the Papal Residence. The meeting took place on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, alongside a distinguished group of researchers and thinkers participating in the regional Conference, held in Cairo from 4 to 6 October 2026, under the title: "Countering Hate Speech to Promote Human Dignity and Coexistence." His Holiness entered with a smile and shook hands with each of us individually, enveloping us in his love and humility.

He spoke to us about love as the fundamental state of human life, with hatred being the exception—illustrating this profound human concept by comparing it to health as the norm and illness as the exception.



His Holiness called upon us to sow the seeds of love across five spheres and to continue nurturing them until they bear fruit. He identified these seeds as: love for God, love for creation, love for the fellow human being, love for the homeland, and love for heaven. He also highlighted the importance of diversity—a diversity that fosters cooperation, mutual support, and complementarity in the service of life and humanity—drawing an analogy to the varied fingers of a single hand working together to accomplish a task. Read more

20 OCTOBER — ANNOUNCEMENT: ACHRS WELCOMES ITS NEW BATCH OF INTERNS



We welcomed our autumn and winter 2026 interns, bringing together participants from the ten following countries, Argentina, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Jordan, France, Norway, Scotland, Slovakia, and Sweden. Their commitment to human rights adds new perspectives and energy to our work, and we look forward to supporting their contributions and learning throughout their placements. Read more

25 OCTOBER — PARTNERSHIP: AN ALLIANCE IS FORMED FOR NONVIOLENCE, HUMAN RIGHTS, PEACE, THE RULE OF LAW, AND THE RIGHT TO LIFE.

Together with Hands Off Cain, we strengthened our shared commitment to justice grounded in nonviolence and human dignity. We called on Jordan to support the UN moratorium on capital punishment and outlined further cooperation towards abolition and protection of the right to life. Read more



STATEMENTS

The ACHRS published 17 statements between June and October 2026, raising awareness on human rights issues across the MENA region. Through these statements, ACHRS condemned various human rights violations and stood up for women and vulnerable populations.

10 JUNE — INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

ACHRS called for dialogue, cultural understanding and peaceful cooperation to resolve international disputes. Its statement urged greater investment in education, health and sustainable development, alongside initiatives that help young people reject intolerance and respect diversity. Read the statement



11 JUNE — WORLD REFUGEE DAY STATEMENT



Written by Tshepo Tlhacoane ahead of World Refugee Day, our statement affirmed the dignity and right to safety of people displaced by conflict and persecution. We called for stronger protection, opposition to forced returns to danger and efforts to challenge harmful narratives about refugees. Read the statement

12 AUGUST — ACHRS STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

In our International Youth Day statement, written by Victoria Rebok, we urged Arab states to expand access to quality higher education, employment and meaningful political participation. Recognising young people's potential must be matched by opportunities to shape their societies. Read the statement



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25 AUGUST — JOINT STATEMENT: ACHRS, ACADP AND JCADP WELCOMES THE LEBANESE PARLIAMENT'S DECISION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY CALLS ON ARAB STATES TO FOLLOW LEBANON'S LEAD

ACHRS, the Arab Coalition against the Death Penalty and the Jordan Coalition against the Death Penalty welcomed Lebanon's parliamentary move towards abolition, while noting that enactment remained pending. Their statement urged Arab states to halt executions and pursue full legal abolition.

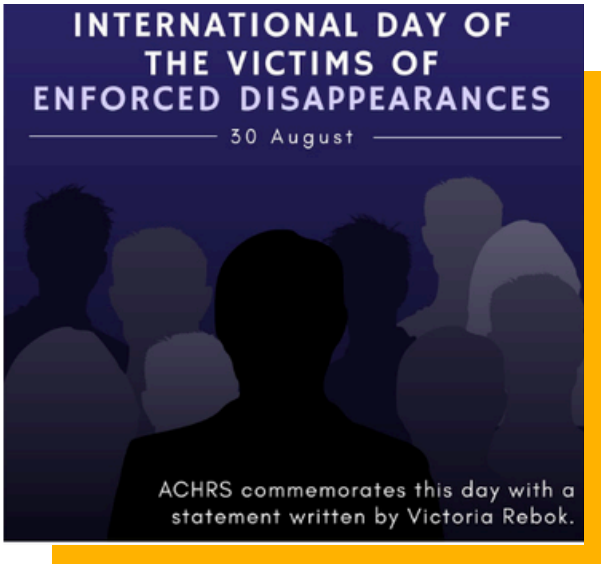


25 AUGUST — JOINT STATEMENT: 45 HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORKS AND ORGANIZATIONS FROM 30 COUNTRIES CONDEMN NEW US SANCTIONS ON ICC STAFF

ACHRS joined a statement by forty-five human rights networks and organisations from thirty countries condemning new US sanctions against International Criminal Court personnel. The signatories called for protection of judicial independence and continued access to justice for victims. Read the statement

30 AUGUST — STATEMENT: COMMEMORATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE VICTIMS OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

In a statement by Victoria Rebok, we called for stronger international coordination to help families discover the fate of missing and disappeared relatives. We urged practical cooperation among search mechanisms and greater state accountability, stressing that expressions of solidarity must lead to action. Read the statement



11 SEPTEMBER — STATEMENT: JOINT STATEMENT BY THE ACHRS AND ASAF ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY TO PROTECT EDUCATION FROM ATTACK

Prepared by Victoria Rebok for ACHRS and the Arab Society for Academic Freedom, this joint statement called for stronger protection of students, educators and academic institutions during conflict. It urged accountability for the systematic destruction of education and support for rebuilding academic communities. Read the statement

26 SEPTEMBER — STATEMENT: ACHRS' STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Written by Amina Alayout, our statement urged verifiable nuclear disarmament and the redirection of military resources towards health, education and development. We proposed a timetable for dismantling nuclear arsenals and called for meaningful human control over decisions involving nuclear weapons. Read the statement



6 OCTOBER — STATEMENT: FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND LIVING TOGETHER FINAL STATEMENT OF THE CAIRO CHARTER FOR COUNTERING HATE SPEECH AND PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY

Following our participation in the 4–6 October Cairo conference, ACHRS published the conference's collective final statement on countering hate speech. The charter calls for education, responsible media and digital platforms, protection of targeted communities and coordinated action that safeguards freedom of expression. Read more



7 OCTOBER — STATEMENT: ACHRS WELCOMES THE MEDITERRANEAN PAVILION AT COP31 AND CALLS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TO BE PLACED AT THE HEART OF CLIMATE ACTION IN JORDAN

In our statement written by Amina Alayout, we welcomed the Mediterranean Pavilion at COP31 and urged Jordan to place human rights at the centre of climate policy. We called for renewable energy, sustainable transport, support for farmers, water protection and early warning systems that reach the most vulnerable communities. Read more

10 OCTOBER — JOINT STATEMENT ON THE WORLD DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

Prepared by Amina Alayout for ACHRS and the Jordanian and Arab coalitions against the death penalty, this joint statement reaffirmed our opposition to capital punishment in all circumstances. We called for commutation of existing death sentences, an end to plans to expand capital offences, and moratoriums leading towards abolition.

12 OCTOBER — STATEMENT ON CHILD PROTECTION AND LEGAL RIGHTS FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN JORDAN

Prepared by Jwana Loqman following our participation in an ARDD and Terre des Hommes Italy roundtable on 8 October, our statement called for stronger protection for vulnerable children in Jordan. Priorities include accessible civil registration, safe and inclusive education, legal aid, psychosocial care and sustained funding for essential services.



17 OCTOBER — INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

Written by Victoria Rebok to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, our statement highlighted the links between conflict, inequality, insecure housing and exclusion. We called for an end to armed conflicts, fairer wealth distribution, stronger labour protections and expanded social protection across the Arab world.

Read more

25 OCTOBER — CONDEMNING THE CHURCH ATTACK IN KARAK

We published the Jordanian Network for Human and Peoples' Rights' statement condemning the attack on Hamoud's Greek Orthodox church in Karak. It offers condolences to victims' families and wishes those injured a swift recovery. Read more

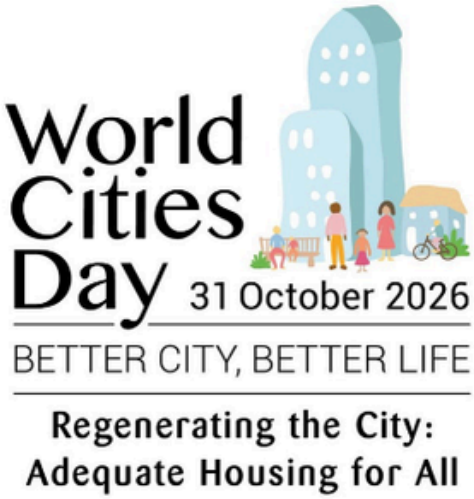


27 OCTOBER — JOINT STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOLLOWING THE ATTACK IN KARAK

We shared a solidarity statement backed by 99 human rights networks and organisations following the attack in Karak. he statement expresses solidarity with the Jordanian people and condemns the attack as a violation of the rights to life and security and of fundamental human rights principles. Read more

31 OCTOBER — STATEMENT IN OBSERVATION OF WORLD CITIES DAY

Prepared by Michaela Cooney for World Cities Day, our statement called for urban regeneration that advances the right to adequate housing. We urged affordable housing, meaningful community participation, housing cooperatives and safeguards against forced displacement, so that urban development benefits residents fairly. Read more



REPORTS & UN CONTRIBUTIONS

1 JUNE — CALL FOR INPUT: FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW

Written by Tshepo Tlhacoane, our submission contributed to preparations for the sixth Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law. We proposed examining education's role in democratic participation, gender equality, critical thinking and peaceful coexistence.
Read the submission

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and the RULE OF LAW

3 JUNE — REPORT LAUNCH: LAUNCH OF ADVANCING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY

In an article written by Tshepo Tlhacoane, we welcomed the launch of OHCHR's report marking fifteen years of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls. We called for faster implementation of equality commitments, protection of civic space and resistance to setbacks in women's rights.
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3 JUNE — MEETING: PROTECTION WORKING GROUP

In his account of the monthly Protection Working Group meeting at UNHCR's offices, Tshepo Tlhacoane describes representing ACHRS in discussions on gender mainstreaming, protection priorities and the group's draft strategy. The meeting emphasised inclusion and sustainable support for refugees.

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Protection Working Group

Protection Working Group Jordan

15 JUNE — STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN TUNISIA, A SIDE EVENT DURING THE 62ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHT COUNCIL

Written by Filipe Dias Kalgaard following his participation on behalf of ACHRS, our statement examines Tunisia's human rights situation as discussed at a Human Rights Council side event. It addresses freedom of expression, judicial independence and the treatment of migrants and refugees, reinforcing calls for reform and protection of civic freedoms. Read more

16 JUNE — STATEMENT: ORAL STATEMENT FOR THE 62ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL





In a statement by Filipe Dias Kalgaard, delivered during the Council's dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry, we called for civilian protection, humanitarian access and accountability. Our statement urged support for independent investigations and protection of peaceful expression, documentation and solidarity across the region.

Read the Oral Statement

12 AUGUST — ANALYSIS: DIGITAL LITERACY AMONG YOUTH: FROM TECHNICAL EMPOWERMENT TO THE RIGHT TO KNOWLEDGE

Written by Salma Ismail of our Digital Youth Rights Unit, this analysis examines how unequal access to digital tools and skills affects young people's education, employment and participation. It calls for inclusive training that combines practical skills with critical thinking, privacy awareness and protection against online harms.

Read the analysis



19 AUGUST — COMMEMORATION: ACHRS PARTICIPATES VIRTUALLY IN THE WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY COMMEMORATION AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

Writing about her virtual participation on behalf of ACHRS, Victoria Rebok reports on the UN's World Humanitarian Day commemoration. We joined calls to turn remembrance into stronger protection for aid workers, meaningful investigations and accountability for attacks, with particular attention to national humanitarian staff.

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8 SEPTEMBER — POLICY BRIEFING: OUR PRIORITIES AHEAD OF THE 63RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Written by Victoria Rebok, our briefing outlined priorities for engagement with the Human Rights Council, including capital punishment, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention, civic freedoms and political participation. It also addressed women's and youth rights and developments in countries across the region.
Read the briefing



14 SEPTEMBER — REVIEWING EGYPT'S NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY: ACHRS ATTENDS SIDE EVENT DURING THE 63RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Written by Victoria Rebok, our account of an HRC63 side event examines expectations for Egypt's second national human rights strategy. Discussions explored criminal justice reform, enforced disappearance, detention and judicial independence, highlighting the importance of civil society participation and measurable implementation.
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16 SEPTEMBER — FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN EGYPT: ACHRS ATTENDS SIDE EVENT DURING THE 63RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

In an article by Victoria Rebok, we reported on a side event addressing discrimination against religious communities in Egypt, particularly the Bahá'í community. Discussions examined barriers linked to identity documents, access to services and recognition, emphasising the need for concrete protection of religious freedom.
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16 SEPTEMBER — KUWAIT'S CRACKDOWN ON NATIONALITY: ACHRS ATTENDS SIDE EVENT DURING THE 63RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



Written by Victoria Rebok, our account of an HRC63 side event examines concerns about nationality revocation, statelessness and restrictions on expression in Kuwait. The discussion highlighted consequences for women, children and the Bidoon community, including barriers to education, healthcare and employment.
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17 SEPTEMBER — UN ENGAGEMENT: ACHRS AT THE 63RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

In her account of representing ACHRS at HRC63, Victoria Rebok describes Council discussions on enforced disappearance and the rights of women and children affected by conflict. She also joined the NGO meeting with the Council President, alongside the country-focused side events covered separately above.
Read the update



18 SEPTEMBER — ACHRS WITH THE ARAB SOCIETY FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOMS– DELIVERED TWO ORAL STATEMENTS DURING THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL'S GENERAL DEBATE ON ITEM 3

In her account of the Item 3 interventions, Victoria Rebok describes ACHRS's warning that shrinking civic space undermines political participation across the Arab region. She emphasised that meaningful participation is a fundamental right and that protecting democracy contributes to lasting security.

A second intervention, delivered with the Arab Society for Academic Freedom, urged protection of university autonomy, academic unions and educational infrastructure. ACHRS called on the Council to address the systematic targeting of higher education during conflicts across the region.

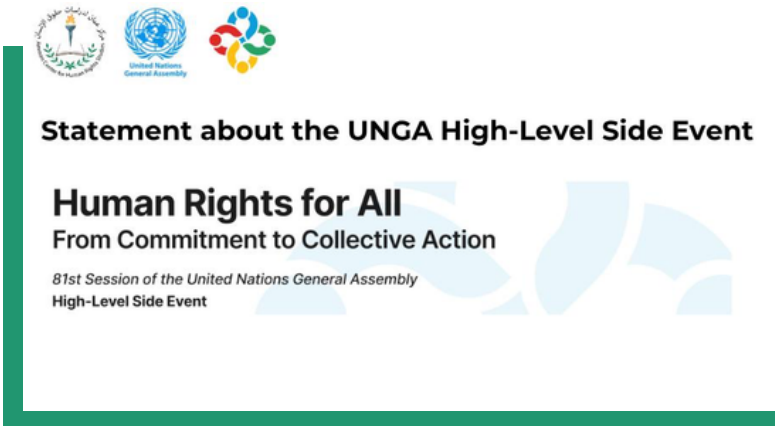
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23 SEPTEMBER — ACHRS'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE UNGA HIGH-LEVEL SIDE EVENT DURING THE 81ST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Written by Amina Alayout after following the UN General Assembly high-level conversation online, our statement welcomed the Global Alliance for Human Rights. We called for protection of civic space, support for young defenders and measurable improvements in everyday life.

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28 SEPTEMBER–2 OCTOBER — UN ENGAGEMENT: ACHRS AT THE 63RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



In an account written by Filipe Dias Kalgaard, he and Romina M. Iramloo represented ACHRS in Geneva, following Council debates and civil society discussions. Their visit covered gender equality, Palestine, people of African descent, migration and related human rights concerns.

Read the visit overview

29 SEPTEMBER — STATEMENT: ORAL STATEMENT FOR ITEM 7 GENERAL DEBATE IN THE 63RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

In our statement by Filipe Dias Kalgaard, delivered to the Human Rights Council, we called for accountability, independent investigations and protection of Palestinian rights. The intervention also urged an end to business operations in illegal settlements and stronger international cooperation in support of affected communities.

Read the statement



29 SEPTEMBER — REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE INTEGRATION OF A GENDER PERSPECTIVE THROUGHOUT THE WORK OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND THAT OF ITS MECHANISMS

Written by Filipe Dias Kalgaard following the Human Rights Council's annual gender discussion, our report examined how stereotypes reinforce discrimination, including through digital platforms. We urged Arab states to strengthen gender equality commitments and address the policies and social practices that perpetuate inequality.

Read the report



29 SEPTEMBER — REPORT: REPORT ON THE GENERAL DEBATE FOR ITEM 7: THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND OTHER OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES

Written by Romina M. Iramloo, our report on the Council's Item 7 debate examined occupation, displacement, restrictions on movement and accountability. We called for civilian protection, humanitarian access and concrete international action to uphold Palestinians' rights, dignity and self-determination.

Read the report



30 SEPTEMBER — REPORT: COUNTERING ANTI-MIGRANT NARRATIVES — THE ROLE OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS | UNHRC63 – SIDE EVENT REPORT:

In our report written by Romina M. Iramloo, an OHCHR side event highlighted how local governments can challenge misinformation, build trust and support inclusive communities. The report emphasised education, sustained community engagement and opportunities for migrants to speak for themselves and participate in decisions affecting their lives.

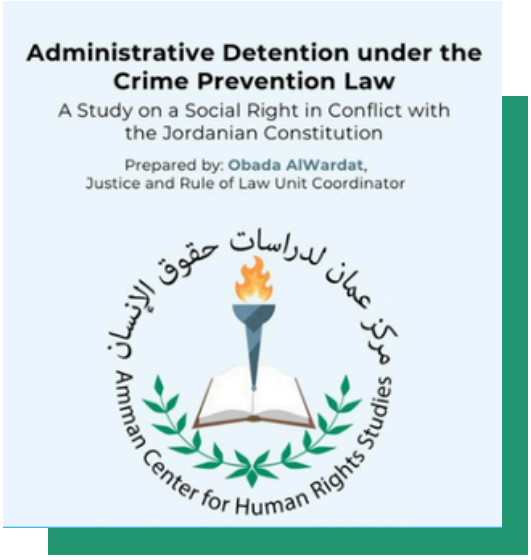
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14 OCTOBER — REPORT: ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION IN JORDAN

Our study, prepared by Obada AlWardat, examines administrative detention under Jordan's Crime Prevention Law, including detention following court-ordered release or completion of a sentence. It assesses the implications for personal liberty and judicial authority and recommends repeal alongside stronger legal safeguards.

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16 OCTOBER — ON THE SPECIAL EVENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY "A PLANET FIT FOR THE FUTURE: RESTORING TRUST THROUGH CLIMATE ACTION"

Written by Amina Alayout after following the UN General Assembly climate event online on our behalf, our statement calls for accessible, grant-based climate finance, inclusive early warning systems and meaningful participation. It urges greater attention to the Arab region's water scarcity, extreme heat and vulnerable communities.

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18 OCTOBER — REPORT: GLOBAL STATE OF DEMOCRACY: A LOOK AT THE ARAB WORLD

Prepared by Victoria Rebok, our report examines democratic developments across the 22 Arab League states from 2006 to 2025 using International IDEA's indices. It identifies persistent weaknesses in representation and accountability and sets out priorities for stronger local democracy, meaningful participation and country-specific reform.

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20 OCTOBER — REPORT: ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES: ACHRS CALLS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Our report, prepared by Amina Alayout, examines the HRC63 dialogue with the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, with particular attention to the Middle East and North Africa. We call for investigations, accountability, support for families and adequately resourced UN mechanisms.

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26 OCTOBER — REPORT: OUR ENGAGEMENT AT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL'S 63RD SESSION

Victoria Rebok edited and compiled our HRC63 report, contributing alongside Amina Alayout, Basema Abu Shammaleh, Filipe Dias Kalgaard and Romina M. Iramloo. Drawing on direct participation, oral and written statements, and thematic analysis, it examines adopted resolutions, regional human rights developments and gaps in accountability, with recommendations for stronger international protection.

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