



April 7, 2026 7:00PM EDT | Statement

Available In [English](#) [Français](#)

## More than 200 Organizations and Experts Call for an End to Trump's Threats of War Crimes and Call for Accountability



We the undersigned human rights, humanitarian, civil liberties, faith-based and environmental organizations, think tanks and experts are deeply alarmed by President Trump's threat regarding Iran that "a whole civilization will die tonight" if his demands are not met. Such language describes a grave atrocity if carried out. A threat to wipe out "a whole civilization" may amount to a threat of genocide. Genocide is a crime defined by the Genocide Convention and by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as committing one or more of several acts "with intent to destroy in whole or in part a national, racial or religious groups as such."

The law is clear that civilians must not be targeted, and they must also be protected from indiscriminate or disproportionate attacks. Strikes on civilian infrastructure – such as the recent attack on a bridge and the attacks President Trump is repeatedly threatening to carry out to destroy power plants - have devastating consequences for the civilian population and environment.

We urge all parties to respect international law. Those responsible for atrocities, including [crimes against humanity](#) and [war crimes](#), can and must be held accountable.

Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).

Accept

Decline

Privacy policy

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

5. 99 Coalition
6. Action Center on Race and the Economy
7. Al Otro Lado
8. Aldea - the People's Justice Center
9. American Atheists
10. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
11. American Committee for Middle East Rights (ACMER)
12. American Friends Service Committee
13. American Muslims for Palestine
14. American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
15. Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action)
16. ANAR
17. Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA)
18. ATHENA Network

Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

25.Center for International Environmental Law

26.Center for International Policy

27.Center for Victims of Torture

28.Center on Conscience and War

29.Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility

30.Christians for a Free Palestine (CFP)

31.Church World Service

32.Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

33.Common Defense

34.Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Region

35.Council for a Livable World

36.Council for Global Equality

37.Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)

38.cylindr

**Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).**

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

- 45.Feminism Makes Us Smarter LLC
- 46.Foreign Policy for America
- 47.Foundation for Middle East Peace
- 48.Friends Committee on National Legislation
- 49.Fund for Global Human Rights
- 50.Georgetown Center for Asian Law
- 51.Girls for Gender Equity
- 52.Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
- 53.Haitian Bridge Alliance
- 54.HALT Solitary Campaign
- 55.Help Me Leave
- 56.Human Rights Activists (in Iran) HRA
- 57.Human Rights First
- 58.Humanity United

**Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).**

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

65. International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR)
66. International Mayan League / Liga Maya Internacional
67. Just Detention International
68. KNR Sisters
69. Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
70. Latin America Working Group
71. Lawyers for Good Government
72. Legal Empowerment Portal
73. Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School
74. Loretto Link
75. MADRE
76. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
77. Miaan Group
78. Migrant Roots Media

**Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).**

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

85.National Partnership for New Americans

86.NBJC

87.Oasis Legal Services

88.Ohio Immigrant Alliance

89.Open Society Foundations

90.P Street

91.Peace Action

92.Peace Action, New York State

93.Peace, Justice, Sustainability NOW!

94.PEN America

95.Physicians for Human Rights

96.Physicians for Social Responsibility

97.Ploughshares

98.Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness

**Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).**

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

105. Reparations Pledge

106. Reparations4Slavery

107. ReThinking Foreign Policy

108. Rising Majority

109. Robert & Ethel Kennedy Human Rights Center

110. RootsAction

111. Saferworld

112. Savie ASBL NGO LGBTQ DRC

113. September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

114. Signal Research and Resilience Initiative Sierra Leone RSquare

115. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

116. Stanley Center for Peace and Security

117. Susquehanna Valley Presbytery's Justice in Mission & Ministry Team

118. Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry

**Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).**

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

125. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)
126. United for Iran
127. Unlock the Box: The National Campaign to End Solitary Confinement
128. War Prevention Initiative
129. We Are All America (WAAA)
130. Welcoming America
131. Western States Legal Foundation
132. Win Without War
133. Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML)
134. Women's Foundation California
135. Women's March
136. World BEYOND War
137. Woven Foundation

#### Individuals (Affiliation only for identification purposes)

Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

7. Annie Pforzheimer, City University of New York
8. Anthony Tirado Chase, Occidental College
9. Arsalan Suleman, Former Acting U.S. Special Envoy to the OIC
10. Aryeh Neier, Open Society Foundations
11. Aurelia Brazeal, U.S. Department of State (retired)
12. Bama Athreya, Former US diplomat; current Executive Director, ICRW Americas
13. Begona Sangrador-Vegas, University of Galway
14. Bill Galvin, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship; Center on Conscience & War
15. Brian Peniston, ACLU member
16. Bruce Gillette, Susquehanna Valley Presbytery's Justice in Mission & Ministry Team
17. Charles O. (Cob) Blaha, DAWN Senior Advisor, retired Foreign Service Officer
18. Christine Kraemer, Trinity Church of Austin
19. Corbin B. Lyday, Senior Policy Analyst (retired), US Agency for International

Development

**Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).**

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

25. Eric P. Schwartz, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

26. Fleurian Filkins, Head of Advocacy at Help Me Leave

27. Gabriele Köhler, Weef

28. Geeta Rao Gupta, Arch Collaborative

29. Gerald Feierstein, Former U.S. Ambassador to Yemen

30. Ghazal MIYAR, Sciences Po Paris

31. Grove Harris, Temple of Understanding

32. Hadar Harris, Rights and Justice Consulting

33. Heather Davison, Western States Legal Foundation

34. Heather Hogan, Former State Department Official

35. Jane Kinninmont, United Nations Association - UK

36. Janet Drew, AFSC

37. Jeff Abramson, Senior non-resident fellow, Center for International Policy

38. Jennifer Trahan, NYU Center for Global Affairs

Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)[DONATE NOW](#)

44. Leslie Rowe, Ambassador (ret.)
45. Mani Mostofi, Executive Director of the Miaan Group
46. Mardi Veiluva, Board member, Western States Legal Foundation, Oakland, CA
47. Nancy McEldowney, Former National Security Adviser to the Vice President
48. Niloufar Omid, Human rights lawyer
49. Pamela L. Spratlen, Assn. of Black American Ambassadors (ABAA)
50. Rebecca A. Shoot, Co-Convener, ImPact Coalition on Strengthening International Judicial Institutions; Washington Working Group for the ICC
51. Roman Avramenko, The Reckoning Project
52. Salim Ishmail Kondoh, Stop the War
53. Saqib Bhatti, Action Center on Race and the Economy
54. Saskia Brechenmacher, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
55. Sekar Jasmine Noegroho, Columbia University
56. Shahed Ghoreishi, Former State Department Official
57. Shannon Kowalski, Independent Expert on Gender Equality and Human Rights

**Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).**

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)

[DONATE NOW](#)

64.Terry Kay Rockefeller, September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

65.Varina Winder, Former State Department Official

66.Yasmine Taeb, Human Rights Lawyer and Progressive Strategist

**Your tax deductible gift can help stop human rights violations and save lives around the world.**

<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b><u>\$250</u></b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>Other</b>

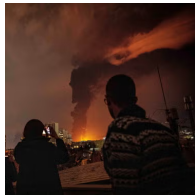
[DONATE NOW](#)

Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)

[DONATE NOW](#)



April 13, 2026 | Report

### Iran: Israel’s Oil Depot Strikes Endanger Environment, Health

#### REPORTS



March 30, 2026 | Report

### “Self-Determination is the Pathway to Liberation”

Alternative Mental Health Crisis Response in the United States



December 2, 2025 | Report

### “We Need U”

How the U Visa Builds Trust, Counters Fear, and Promotes Community Safety

#### MOST VIEWED

1 May 6, 2026 | Dispatches

### Burkina Faso’s Junta Escalates Attack on Information



Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click ‘Accept.’ You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).

[Privacy policy](#)

[English](#)

[DONATE NOW](#)

4 November 16, 2017 | Report  
**“All of My Body Was Pain”**

5 November 25, 2019 | Report  
**A Dirty Investment**



## Protecting Rights, Saving Lives

Human Rights Watch defends the rights of people in close to 100 countries worldwide, spotlighting abuses and bringing perpetrators to justice

[DONATE NOW](#)

HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
WATCH

Get Updates On Rights Issues Worldwide

Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).

[Privacy policy](#)

English

**DONATE NOW**

Human Rights Watch | 350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor | New York, NY 10118-5299 USA | T: 212.290.4700

Human Rights Watch is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit registered in the US under EIN: 13-2875808

Human Rights Watch values your privacy, and we care about how your personal data is used and shared online. We use cookies and similar technologies for marketing and analytics purposes. To allow us to disclose your personal data to third parties for such purposes, click 'Accept.' You will not be tracked unless you choose to allow us to do so. Read our [privacy policy](#).

**Privacy policy**