

# REDRESS

Ending torture, seeking justice for survivors

## January 2026

### JUST REPARATION

Strengthening the community of practice for reparation by sharing topical developments in the field

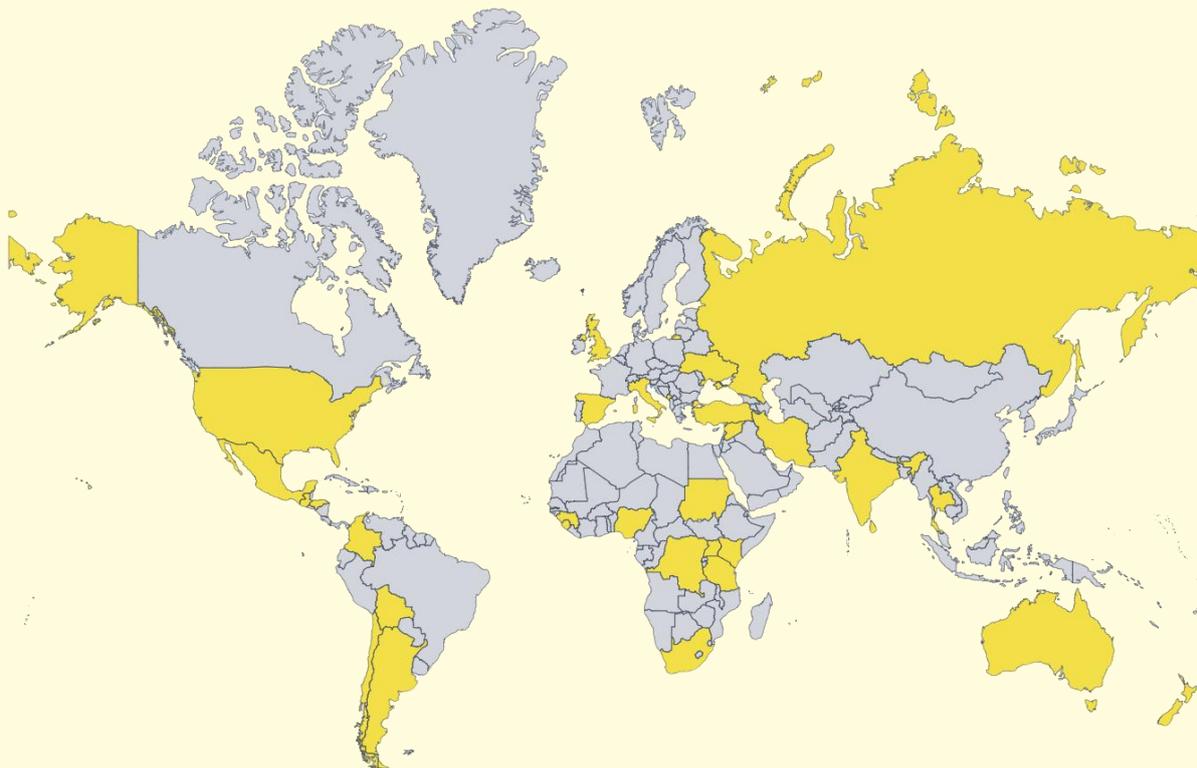


Throughout 2025, important developments on reparation unfolded across the world.

From courtrooms and policy debates to survivor-led advocacy and institutional reforms. Across continents, these stories reflected both the persistence of survivors and the evolving legal and political landscapes shaping access to justice and redress.

The January 2026 edition of Just Reparation brings together key stories, themes and country context covered by the REDRESS team in 2025, highlighting some of the most significant reparation related developments of the year. As we look ahead, the REDRESS team remains committed to continuing this monthly newsletter in 2026, providing a regular global roundup of news and analysis on reparation.

**Reparation developments covered in 2025**



## 2025 WRAPPED

For this wrapped edition, we have selected a few highlights that illustrate some of the positive steps taken towards access to reparation for victims of torture and other serious human rights violations.

This selection is not intended to diminish the importance of the many other stories we shared during the year. Rather, it is an opportunity to revisit and reflect on a small number of moments from the past year that point to progress and continued efforts to advance justice.

## BIG STORIES



**FEBRUARY**  
**UGANDA**  
Uganda Court Orders  
Compensation for



**MARCH**  
**HONDURAS**  
IACHR Establishes  
Group of Experts to  
Look into Reparation



**APRIL**  
**THAILAND**  
Thailand Passes New  
Regulation to  
Compensate Victims of

**Victims of LRA  
Commander**



**MAY**  
**UNITED STATES**  
Reparation award for  
relatives of Migrant  
from Mexico victim of  
torture



**AUGUST**  
**KENYA**  
Survivors of the  
2007/08 Post-Election  
Violence Receive  
Compensation from  
the Kenyan  
Government



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Land, Territory, and  
Environment  
Advocates**



**JUNE**  
**UNITED  
KINGDOM/UKRAINE**  
UK Government Ready  
to Take Abramovich to  
Court Over £2.5 Billion  
for Ukraine Victims



**SEPTEMBER**  
**COLOMBIA**  
Colombia's  
Transitional Justice  
Jurisdiction Issued  
First Conviction with  
Restorative Measures

**Torture and Enforced  
Disappearance and  
Their Families**



**JULY**  
**SRI LANKA**  
Supreme Court Orders  
Police Officers to  
Personally Compensate  
Survivor of Torture



**OCTOBER**  
**CHILE**  
Chile Apologises to  
Family of Torture  
Victim, 50 Years After  
Exile and Denial of  
Justice



## NOVEMBER

### UKRAINE

Ukraine's Register of Damages  
Reaches 67,000 Claims

## DECEMBER

### TÜRKİYE

European Court of Human Rights  
(ECtHR) orders reparation for a  
victim of excessive State  
violence during protest

## COMMUNITY CORNER



In 2025, the Just Reparation newsletter highlighted eleven different stories in our community corner. These stories covered topics such as impunity on a global scale, sexual violence as a tool of repression in Latin America, repression of protestors in Georgia, the judicial system in India, the newly adopted Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (CEVAWG) in Africa, the work of local legal aid in Bangladesh, the criminalization of torture in Malawi, justice for persons with albinism in Africa, and justice for survivors in Spain, Iraq and Chad. Each of these stories provided essential insight into country-specific stories on reparation from lawyers, activists, survivors, and more. These contributions deepened the discussion and understanding of reparation as a community of practice. We look forward to highlighting more stories in 2026 with each Just Reparation issue. We encourage submissions to be sent to [alejandro@redress.org](mailto:alejandro@redress.org).

**See contributions and our partners that shared their experiences last year:**

## FEBRUARY



Reparations for the Victims of Hissène Habré's Regime: An Unfinished Justice

By the Association Tchadienne pour la Promotion et la Défense des Droits de l'Homme

## MARCH



Working to Make the Administrative Reparation Program for ISIS Atrocities in Iraq More Than "Ink on Paper"

By the Jiyan Foundation for Human Rights

## APRIL



Reparative Justice Reimagined: A Landmark Victory for Persons with Albinism in Africa

By the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA)

## MAY



No Quick Fix, But a Start: ULN's Work for War Survivors

By the Nuhanovic Foundation

## JUNE



When Justice Falls Short: Why Criminalising Torture Matters for Reparation in Malawi

By the Southern Africa Litigation Centre

## JULY



Parvin's Story: A Glimpse into the Cost of State Violence and the Gaps in Reparation

By the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust

## AUGUST



Before Ratification: Rethinking CEVAWG's Implementation Gaps

By the Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa

## SEPTEMBER



Swift Court Action Rekindles Faith in India's Judiciary

By People's Watch, India

## OCTOBER



Georgia's Human Rights Crisis: Repression of Protest and Civil Society

By the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre

## NOVEMBER



New Report Exposes Sexual Violence as a Tool of Repression in Latin America]

By the Latin American Network for Gender-based Strategic Litigation (ReLeg)

## DECEMBER



A New Legal Question for Strasbourg: The Case of Vallejo v. Spain

By the Irdia, Centre per la Defensa dels Drets Human

## WEEKEND READS

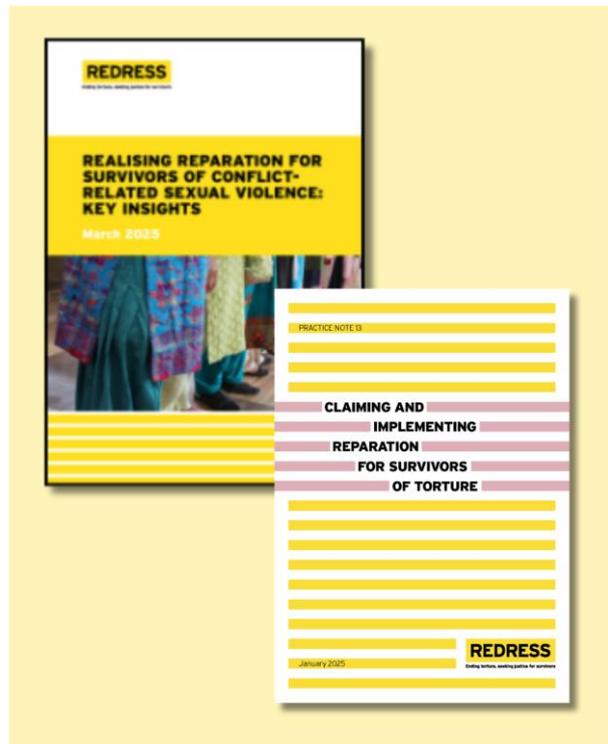
During 2025, REDRESS shared more than **35 articles, reports, documentaries**, and other relevant readings in the reparation area. Here some of the REDRESS publications that we shared last year.

## Practice Note: Claiming and Implementing Reparation for Survivors of Torture

Drawing on comparative experiences and case studies, this Practice Note provides practical guidance on reparation for torture, covering how to build effective reparation claims before regional and international mechanisms, including documentation to support different forms of reparation.

## Briefing Paper: Realising Reparation for Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Key Insights

This briefing summarises our key findings through the implementation of the project and should be read alongside our report entitled “Realising Reparation for survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence.



## Torture Normalised: State Violence in India

The report exposes the pervasive use of torture, ill-treatment, and other forms of State violence in India, calling for urgent action. It documents recurring practices such as torture in police and judicial custody, including custodial rape, as well as extrajudicial killings during police ‘encounters’.

## Briefing Paper: Funding Reparation for Survivors of the War in Ukraine

This briefing provides a background on the UK’s response to Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine, victims’ right to reparation and the work of the Register of Damage and the proposed establishment of the Claims Commission, and our recommendations to the UK Government on funding reparation for survivors of the war in Ukraine.

# EVENTS

REDRESS hosts periodic webinars on reparation practices to support the anti-torture movement. These sessions share practical tips, comparative experiences, lessons learned, and other relevant insights for practitioners. They create and strengthen ties among practitioners, academics, and activists from varied backgrounds and contribute to the formation of a community of practice on reparation. Find details of the 2025 webinars [here](#) and upcoming events [here](#).

## REDRESS WEBINAR SERIES

### Advancing Accountability for Torture in the Context of Protests

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REDRESS IN PRACTICE  
WEBINAR SERIES

# ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TORTURE IN THE CONTEXT OF PROTESTS

24 FEBRUARY 2026  
TUESDAY

12:00 TO  
1:30 PM  
CET

**PANEL**

- ▶ **Helen Close**  
Senior Researcher  
Omega Research Foundation
- ▶ **Ogoke Ngozi Gladys**  
Survivor Advisory Board Member  
International Rehabilitation Council  
for Torture Victims (IRCT)
- ▶ **Pornpen Khongkachonkiet**  
Director  
Cross Cultural Foundation (CrCF) Thailand
- ▶ **Renata Politi**  
Legal Advisor  
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French, Spanish, Arabic and Ukrainian  
interpretations will be available

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This webinar will explore strategies for documenting and addressing torture in the context of protests. It will convene practitioners, civil society organisations, and survivors to examine what constitutes torture in non-custodial settings, the tools and methods employed by security forces, and the mechanisms available to pursue accountability. It will take place on **24 February 2026 at 12 PM CET**.

The session will conclude with an interactive Q&A. Interpretation will be provided in French, Spanish, Ukrainian and Arabic.

[Register here](#)

Thank you for your support throughout 2025. We aim to improve how we share these developments and strengthen our community of practice. We kindly invite you to complete this [form](#) to share your feedback and any additional comments on this Newsletter.

As we look ahead to 2026, Just Reparation will return in February with **a special edition on Ukraine**, reflecting on lessons learned and the future of reparation four years after the escalation of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

