

Annual Report

CAP LIBERTÉ de CONSCIENCE 2022



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NGO with ECOSOC consultative status at the United Nations

Registration on EU Transparency Register 628479527756-78

Civil society platform of Fundamental Rights created by the EU FRA

CSEP Network members

French non-benefit association register : W751082307

Member : European Federation for Freedom Of Belief – FOB

Member : European Network Of Religion and Belief – ENORB

Member : Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative

Relationship with the United Nations – ConGo

Advisory Board : International Council for Diplomacy and Dialogue

DAFOH Partners in Combating and Preventing Forced Organ Harvesting

What is the « Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience »

- promoting and defending the universal principles of freedom of conscience, religion and belief, as defined and guaranteed by the various national, European and international legal texts governing these principles, whatever the category of persons to whom these principles apply and whatever their beliefs;**
- promoting and defending freedom of conscience, religion and belief**
- combating all forms of racism and discrimination based on actual or assumed membership or non-membership of an ethnic group, nation, race or religion; combating xenophobia and anti-Semitism.**
- is to propose legislative reforms, administrative measures or any other public action in favour of human rights, both at national level and at the level of the European institutions, in order to ensure the equality of European citizens throughout Europe and to combat discrimination, particularly with regard to religious movements and schools of thought whose freedom of conscience, religion and/or belief is threatened or inadequately guaranteed;**
- is to act to improve tolerance between believers of different religions, between believers and atheists, in favour of peace, non-violence, dialogue between cultures and encounters between religions.**

During 2022, CAP Liberté de Conscience continued to denounce violations of religious freedom to European and international bodies.

CAP LC has spoken at three sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council, at sessions of the Human Rights Committee and at the Universal Periodic Review sessions of Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and France.

During sessions at the United Nations, CAP LC organised conferences to defend religious minorities.

The CAP LC team has been invited to take part in various international conferences and has also made representations to the European authorities on the subject of freedom of religion or belief.

CAP LC has intervened in France and Europe to denounce the French government's treatment of religious minorities. CAP LC has produced several files that have been sent to the French authorities to alert them to the danger posed by their policy at international level.

CAP LC has also been contacted by numerous groups in France who are victims of the French authorities and government-funded anti-religious associations.

CAP LC's reputation is growing all the time and the trend for 2021 has been confirmed: CAP LC is being contacted to organise or present reports on human rights violations around the world. CAP LC has also been approached to take part in a coalition and participate in a peace project in the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

CAP LC was able to take part in the OSCE conference in Warsaw. Since 2019, the conference had been cancelled because of the health crisis. This year, Russia's invasion of Ukraine was at the heart of the debates at the conference, which was renamed OSCE 2022 Poland for the occasion.

During this conference, CAP LC made its contribution in favour of freedom of religion and belief. In particular, CAP LC denounced France's ambiguous role with Russia on the issue of religious freedom.

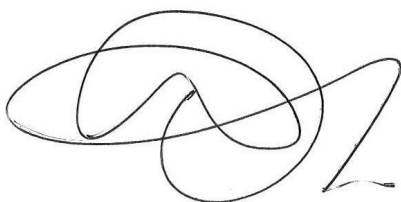
In addition to its activities, CAP LC has attended numerous conferences on Freedom of Religion, which has enabled the association to expand and strengthen its network.

CAP LC distributes a newsletter in French and English to over 4,000 subscribers on the subject of human rights and religious freedom.

The CAP LC team would like to thank all those whose donations or contributions keep the association alive and enable it to continue to successfully achieve its aims.

The Chairman

Thierry Valle



CAP Liberté de Conscience contributed to the three annual sessions of the Human Rights

Council in defence of freedom of religion and belief and human rights.

The Human Rights Council (HRC) is an intergovernmental body of the United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide and for addressing situations of human rights violations and making recommendations thereon. It is able to examine all human rights issues and situations requiring its attention throughout the year. It meets at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

Human Rights Council 51st session 12th September – 07 October

51st session human rights council
12 September – 7 October 2022



Human Rights and Democracy in Benin

At the 51st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, made up of 47 member states, Benin holds a seat on the Council until 2024.

We expressed our deep concern at the continuing decline in democracy and human rights in Benin since President Patrice Talon came to power in 2016.

Source :

HRC 51st Session Oral Statement: Heavy prison sentences for political opponents Reckya Madougou

and Joël Aivo in Benin

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-51st-session-oral-statement-heavy-prison-sentences-for-political-opponents-reckya-madougou-and-joel-aivo-in-benin/>

29/09/2022 HRWF: Benin under the spotlight at the UN Human Rights Council

<https://www.prnewswire.co.uk/news-releases/hrwf-benin-under-the-spotlight-at-the-un-human-rights-council-301636520.html>

27/09/2022 HRWF: BENIN: Benin in the dock at the UN Human Rights Council

<https://hrwf.eu/benin-le-benin-sur-le-banc-des-accuses-au-conseil-des-droits-de-lhomme-de-lonu/>

Human rights violations in Ethiopia

CAP Liberté de Conscience is continuing its campaign to alert the Human Rights Council and the Committee of Experts on Human Rights about Ethiopia.

This time the coalition of NGOs led at the United Nations by CAP Liberté de Conscience denounced the massacre of villages by the army and the tragic fate of the Amhara people forced to flee their country.

Source: Oral statement at the UN 51 Human Rights Council Session Massacres of and attacks against Amharas

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/oral-statement-at-the-un-51-human-rights-council-session-massacres-of-and-attacks-against-amharas/>

Source :

HRC 51st Session: About the 18 June 2022 massacres of Amharas at Gimbi (Western part of Ethiopia)

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-51st-session-about-the-18-june-2022-mass-massacres-of-amharas-at-gimbi-western-part-of-ethiopia/>

Women's rights: the case of Salma Al-Shehab

CAP Liberté de Conscience (Paris) and Droits de l'Homme Sans Frontières (Brussels) have expressed their deep concern at the sentencing of a Saudi doctoral student to 34 years in prison and the deterioration

of women's rights in Saudi Arabia.

In mid-August 2022, Salma al-Shehab, a 34-year-old Saudi doctoral student at the University of Leeds, was handed a harsh sentence under the kingdom's anti-terrorism and cybercrime laws: 34 years in prison and a 34-year travel ban after her release for following and re-tweeting**** messages from Saudi women's rights activists, including Loujain al-Hathloul ranked third in the "Top 100 Most Powerful Arab Women 2015" and winner of the Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize in 2020.

Leading NGOs have denounced the treatment of Salma Al-Shehab in Saudi Arabia.

Source :

HRC 51st Session: The Case of Salma Al-Shehab Sentenced to 34 Years in Prison and Women's Rights In Saudi Arabia

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-51st-session-the-case-of-salma-al-shehab-sentenced-to-34-years-in-prison-and-womens-rights-in-saudi-arabia/>

CAP Freedom of Conscience and Freedom of Religion at the Human Rights Council.

The primary mission of CAP Liberté de Conscience is to defend religious minorities and denounce violations of freedom of religion or belief.

Since its creation, CAP Liberté de Conscience has denounced France's policy of discrimination and stigmatisation.

CAP LC has alerted the Human Rights Council to the case of Mr Cyrille Adam, who has been held in pre-trial detention for months in conditions that have been repeatedly condemned by the European Court of Human Rights.

Source :

Oral statement at the UN Human Rights Council 51st Session Arbitrary Detention the case of Cyrille Adam

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/oral-statement-at-the-un-human-rights-council-51st-session-arbitrary-detention-the-case-of-cyrille-adam/>

Germany is also at the heart of CAP Liberté de Conscience's concerns. Indeed, it is the only European country to have introduced a practice from another age, which puts Germany back in its darkest hours.

Members of the Scientology community are banned from certain professions. Job seekers must sign a document stating that they do not belong to Scientology.

Source :

HRC 51st Session: Germany, Propaganda , Fake News, and Discrimination of a Peaceful Religious Minority

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-51st-session-germany-propaganda-fake-news-and-discrimination-of-a-peaceful-religious-minority/>

During the Covid 19 pandemic, the government of the Republic of Korea violently attacked Shincheonji (a. CAP Liberté de Conscience denounced the attitude of the Korean authorities against this movement. The Shincheonji were cleared of charges of spreading Covid 19 after the end of the pandemic. Despite this, the Korean government continued to harass the Shincheonji.

CAP Liberté de Conscience, after being alerted that persecution and false allegations were continuing in Korea against the Shincheonji, issued a statement to the UN.

Source :

HRC 51st Session: The Republic of Korea: The Jeongeup Murder Case and the Continued Persecution of Shincheonji

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/the-republic-of-korea-the-jeongeup-murder-case-and-the-continued-persecution-of-shincheonji/>

CAP LC continued its campaign for the rehabilitation of Tai Ji Men in Taiwan. Although Taiwan is no longer a member of the UN, the Taiwanese government has signed the UN's international conventions and is bound by them.

Source :

HRC 51st Session: Persecution of Religious Minorities Through Tax Harassment and Seizure of Property,

and Reactions by International Scholars

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-51st-session-persecution-of-religious-minorities-through-tax-harassment-and-seizure-of-property-and-reactions-by-international-scholars/>

CAP LC has been alerted to the situation of Salma al-Shehab in Saudi Arabia. This woman is facing 34 years in prison for criticising the Saudi dictatorship.

CAP LC and HRWF have joined forces to make a statement to the UN calling for his (her ?) release.

Source :

22/08/2022 HRWF: HRC 51 SAUDI ARABIA: Salma al - Shehab sentenced to 34 years in prison

<https://hrwf.eu/saudi-arabia-the-case-of-salma-al-shehab-sentenced-to-34-years-in-prison-to-be-raised-at-the-un/>

The President of CAP Liberté de Conscience was invited by a coalition of NGOs to a conference on transitional justice and its application in the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Source :

Side Event at the 51st Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva under the “Recognize to reconcile” initiative - 6th October 2022

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/side-event-at-the-51st-session-of-the-un-human-rights-council-in-geneva-under-the-recognize-to-reconcile-initiative-6th-october-2022/>

Speech by the President of CAP Liberté de Conscience at the conference :

“Recognize to Reconcile” Coalition At the 51st session of the UN Human Rights Council

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/recognize-to-reconcile-coalition-at-the-51th-session-of-the-un-human-rights-council/>

CAP LC joined ISHR in written statements

Source :

20/02/2020 HRC43 update ISHR| Support consensus renewal of the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders

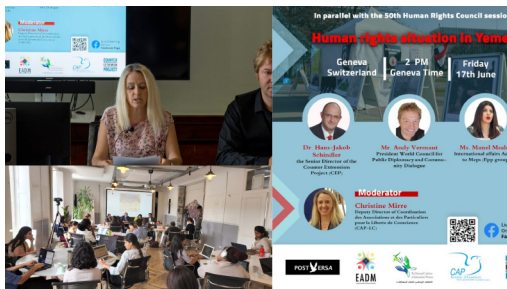
<https://ishr.ch/latest-updates/hrc43-support-consensus-renewal-un-special-rapporteur-human-rights-defenders/>

12/09/2022 ISHR The need to address challenges to civil society participation in light of restrictions, including due to the Strategic Heritage Plan (SHP)

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/the-need-to-address-challenges-to-civil-society-participation-in-light-of-restrictions-including-due-to-the-strategic-heritage-plan-shp/>



Human Rights Council 50th session 13th June - 8th July 2022



The situation in Yemen

CAP LC was invited to two conferences **focusing** on the situation in Yemen. The two conferences were an opportunity for CAP LC to present the dramatic situation in Yemen and the UN's peace initiatives in the region. Yemen is one of the most dramatic humanitarian crises of recent years. In addition to the disastrous effects of the war on the population, the country is also facing a major ecological disaster.

Source :

HRC 50: Side event Human Rights In Yemen

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/side-event-human-rights-in-yemen/>

HRC 50: Side-event: Violations of Houthis militias against children in Yemen

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/side-event-violations-of-houthis-militias-against-children-in-yemen/>

The case of Tai Ji Men

CAP Liberté de Conscience has for years now been the spokesperson for a coalition of international experts at the United Nations.

CAP LC has submitted a written statement for this session of the Council of Rights to highlight the international conventions that Taiwan has signed and that the Taiwanese authorities should apply in the case of the Tai Ji Men.

Source :

HRC 50: The Two Human Rights Covenants and Freedom of Religion or Belief

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-50-the-two-human-rights-covenants-and-freedom-of-religion-or-belief/>

16/06/2022: Bitter Winter: HRC 50 Tai Ji Men : Taiwan's Problems with the "Two Covenants" Discussed at the U.N. Human Rights Council

<https://bitterwinter.org/tai-ji-men-taiwans-two-covenants-at-un/>

09/22/2022: HRC 50 Bitter Winter The Tai Ji Men Case at the UN Human Rights Council-Again

09/08/2022: HRC 50 Bitter Winter The Elephant in the Room: Taiwan and Corruption, An Incomplete Review

<https://bitterwinter.org/taiwan-and-corruption-an-incomplete-review/>

The conflict in Ethiopia and the Amharas :

The cause of the Amhara people is at the heart of CAP LC's concerns. At each Human Rights Council, CAP LC makes oral and written statements to alert the Council and the representatives of the Commission of Experts on Human Rights for Ethiopia.

Statements made by CAP LC at this session:

Source :

HRC 50: Incidents targeting the Amhara community

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-50-incidents-targeting-the-amhara-community/>

HRC 50: Item 4 Interactive dialogue on the oral briefing of the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-50-item-4-interactive-dialogue-on-the-oral-briefing-of-the-international-commission-of-human-rights-experts-on-ethiopia/>

30/06/2022 UN Web TV: ID: Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia - 28th Meeting, 50th Regular Session of Human Rights Council

<https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1b/k1bygz64wu>

Freedom of religion under threat in the Russian Federation.

For years, CAP LC has denounced violations of religious freedom in the Russian Federation.

The situation since the invasion of Ukraine is more than dramatic, and Patriarch Kirill's calls for hatred are feeding the propaganda of Putin's regime.

We have officially requested that the Human Rights Council work with the International Court of Justice to prosecute and convict Patriarch Kirill for crimes against humanity.

Source :

HRC 50 Oral statement at the UN for prosecution of Patriarch Kirill

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-50-oral-statement-at-the-un-for-prosecution-of-patriarch-kirill/>

Declaration attached

CAP LC co-signed a statement to the Human Rights Council calling for the release of Vladimir Kara-Murza

Source :

HRC 50: Civil Society Appeal for Release of Russian Political Prisoner Vladimir Kara-Murza

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-50-civil-society-appeal-for-release-of-russian-political-prisoner-vladimir-kara-murza/>



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Effective Parliamentarism and the Tai Ji Men Case

Scholars and human rights activists will examine the significance of just and robust parliamentarism in establishing a peaceful, equitable, and inclusive society, as well as a transparent and accountable government. They will utilize the Tai Ji Men case, a landmark case in which a democratic parliament failed to rein in unscrupulous bureaucrats, as an example to investigate and advocate for the establishment of effective parliamentarism to rectify cases of injustice and uphold social justice.



Dr. Massimo Introvigne



Mr. Thierry Valle



Mr. Willy Faure



Dr. Holly Folk



Since the 49th session, which ran from 28 February to 01 April 2022, CAP Liberté de Conscience has been contacted to intervene in cases of discrimination relating to human rights and freedom of religion or belief.

Human Rights

The case of Balochistan

CAP Liberté de Conscience has taken the lead in a coalition to denounce the human rights violations suffered by the Baloch people in Pakistan.

Balochistan is a region stretching from Karachi in Pakistan through Afghanistan to the Straits of Hormuz in Iran. Covering an area of around 700,000 km², it is home to an ancient civilisation.

Zoroastrians in the past and Hanafi Sunnis today, the Baloch live alongside Shiite populations in towns such as Bazmân and Dalgân (near Iranshahr). The majority have settled in the border regions of Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

At this 49th session, CAP Freedom of Conscience renewed its appeal to the Human Rights Council to put pressure on the Pakistani government to put an end to the atrocities suffered by the Baloch people. A written statement was sent to the Human Rights Council and CAP LC Vice-President Christine Mirre made two oral statements on the human rights situation and Pakistan's exploitation of Balochistan.

The news website Balochistan Affairs has published an article on the CAP Freedom of Conscience intervention at the UN during this 49th session.

Source :

[HRC 49 oral statement: Item 4 situation in Balochistan](https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-49th-session-general-debate-on-item-4-situation-in-balochistan/)

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-49th-session-general-debate-on-item-4-situation-in-balochistan/>

[HRC 49 oral statement: Item 3 Human Rights Situation in Balochistan](https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-49th-session-general-debate-on-item-3-human-rights-situation-in-balochistan/)

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-49th-session-general-debate-on-item-3-human-rights-situation-in-balochistan/>

[HRC 49 written statement: BHRC calls for international intervention in Balochistan](https://freedomofconscience.eu/bhrc-calls-for-international-intervention-in-balochistan/)

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/bhrc-calls-for-international-intervention-in-balochistan/>

[Balochistan Affairs HRC 49: BHRC calls for international intervention in Balochistan](https://balochistanaffairs.com/2022/02/bhrc-calls-for-international-intervention-in-balochistan/)

<https://balochistanaffairs.com/2022/02/bhrc-calls-for-international-intervention-in-balochistan/>

The case of Georgii Rossi

Mr Georgii Rossi's lawyers have asked CAP Liberté de Conscience and Human Rights Without Frontiers to alert the international community about Mr Georgii Rossi.

We alerted the Human Rights Council to the situation of this Ukrainian citizen imprisoned in Montenegro and whose extradition the Russian Federation is requesting.

The investigation carried out in Montenegro by Human Rights Without Frontiers with the help of Mr Rossi's lawyers showed that the evidences against Mr Rossi had been fabricated.

During the session, we asked Montenegro not to extradite Rossi, who claims to be the victim of fabricated accusations in Russia, where he was the victim of political persecution.

Following our interventions and the press campaign, Montenegro released Mr Rossi.

Source :

HRC 49 oral statement: Montenegro: Double standards in Georgii Rossi's extradition case

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-49th-session-general-debate-on-item-5-montenegro-double-standards-in-georgii-rossis-extradition-case/>

HRC 49 written statement: Montenegro double standards in extradition cases: Georgii Rossi's case

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-49-montenegro-double-standards-in-extradition-cases-georgii-rossis-case/>

HRC 49 RTCG: Double standards of Montenegro in cases of extradition

https://rtcg.me/vijesti/crna_hronika/354445/dvostruki-standardi-cg-u-slucajevima-ekstradicije.html

HRC 49 Press.co: EKSKLUZIVNO: U Ujedinjenim nacijama duboko zabrinuti: Mafijaška šema u Crnoj Gori u sistemu ekstradicije

<https://press.co.me/ekskluzivno-u-ujedinjenim-nacijama-duboko-zabrinuti-mafijaska-sema-u-crnoj-gori-u-sistemu-ekstradicije/>

The situation of women in Afghanistan

CAP Liberté de Conscience expressed its concern about the human rights situation in Afghanistan after the Taliban came to power.

CAP Liberté de Conscience has filed a written statement with the Human Rights Council to present the testimony of Ms Zarifa Ghafari, a woman mayor of Maidan Sharh in Wardak province who was elected before the Taliban took power, and to share Ms Ghafari's recommendations with the Human Rights Council.

Source :

HRC 49 written statement: A call to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights about the human rights situation in Afghanistan

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/a-call-to-the-united-nations-high-commissioner-for-human-rights-about-the-human-rights-situation-in-afghanistan/>

The case of the Amharas in Ethiopia

The Amharas are inhabitants of Ethiopia, living mainly in the Amhara region of Ethiopia and speaking Amharic. With nearly 20 million people and over 20% of the Ethiopian population, they are the country's second largest ethnolinguistic group.

The predominant religion of the Amhara for centuries has been Christianity, with the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church playing a central role in the country's culture.

Since 2021, CAP LC has led a coalition of NGOs to denounce the massacre of the Amharas in Ethiopia.

The Human Rights Council has appointed a commission of human rights experts to submit a report on the situation in Ethiopia.

CAP LC made written and oral statements to the commission of experts. CAP LC and coalition representatives met with the commission's experts, who took into account CAP LC's recommendations on the situation of the Amharas.

Source :

HRC 49 oral statement: ETHIOPIA: Massacres of Amhara civilians in war and non-war zones

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/ethiopia-massacres-of-amhara-civilians-in-war-and-non-war-zones/>

08/03/2022 Human Rights Council: D: HC Update on Tigray (Ethiopia) (Cont'd) - 15th meeting, 49th Regular Session of Human Rights Council CAP LC 53'57"

<https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1h/k1hfq8ewuz>

08/03/2022 OHCHR website: Human Rights Council Marks International Women's Day and Concludes Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner on the Situation of Human Rights in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=28230&LangID=E>

Freedom of religion

The Case of Tai Ji Men

Tai Ji Men is a menpai (school) of qigong, martial arts and self-cultivation. Dr Hong Tao-Tze, the great master (Zhang-men-ren) of Tai Ji Men, inherited the wisdom of esoteric Taoism and studied qigong, martial arts, medicine, yin-yang philosophy, the wisdom of life and 'heart kungfu'.

For several years CAP LC has been the voice of the Tai Ji Men at the UN. It is an international coalition that supports the Tai Ji Men so that their rights are recognised in Taiwan.

Source :

HRC 49 written statement: Corruption in the Tai Ji Men Case Denounced at the United Nations <https://freedomofconscience.eu/corruption-in-the-tai-ji-men-case-denounced-at-the-united-nations/>

16/02/2022 Bitter Winter HRC 49: Corruption in the Tai Ji Men Case Denounced at the United Nations <https://bitterwinter.org/the-tai-ji-men-case-at-the-united-nations/>

The case of Falun Gong and forced organ transplants.

Since the beginning of the persecution of Falun Gong members in China, CAP LC has taken a stand to denounce in France and to the international community the crime against humanity represented by the forced removal of organs from Falun Gong prisoners.

During this session of the Human Rights Council, CAP LC organised a two-day international conference on the atrocities committed against Falun Gong members.

Over the two days, experts from all over the world denounced China's policy, and at the end of the conference an international charter against forced organ harvesting was signed by the participants.

Source :

HRC 49 side-event: Escalation of Human Rights Violations in the 21st century: Finding solutions to help combat crimes against humanity

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/escalation-of-human-rights-violations-in-the-21st-century-finding-solutions-to-help-combat-crimes-against-humanity/>

HRC 49 side-event: Escalation of Human Rights Violations in the 21st century: State-sponsored Forced Organ Harvesting of Living People

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/escalation-of-human-rights-violations-in-the-21st-century-state-sponsored-forced-organ-harvesting-of-living-people/>

23/03/2022 NTDTV: Panel on 'Finding Solutions to Help Combat Crimes Against Humanity

https://www.ntd.com/live-panel-on-finding-solutions-to-help-combat-crimes-against-humanity_755557.html

22/03/2022 NTD TV: Panel on 'State-Sponsored Forced Organ Harvesting of Living People

https://www.ntd.com/programming-alert-the-escalation-of-human-rights-violations-in-the-21st-century_754928.html

19/03/2022 DAFOH: Side Event to the 49th Session of the UN Human Rights Council Presentations
<https://dafoh.org/side-event-to-the-49th-session-of-the-un-human-rights-council-presentations/>

Death penalty for blasphemy and apostasy

Today, 13 countries still have laws punishing blasphemy and apostasy.

CAP LC has been denouncing Pakistan for years for its policy of hatred towards the Ahmadiyya community. CAP LC has teamed up with the Jubilee Campaign to co-organise a side-event on the death penalty for blasphemy and apostasy.

Source :

HRC 49 side-even : Protecting Life: Repealing the Death P enalty for Apostasy and Blasphemy

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/protecting-life-repealing-the-death-penalty-for-apostasy-and-blasphemy/>

Attached declarations

CAP LC has been asked by a number of international organisations to make statements to the United Nations.

CAP LC has issued a statement calling for Russia to be suspended from the Human Rights Council following its invasion of Ukraine.

Source :

HRC 49 join written statement :Russia: UN General Assembly should suspend Russia's membership of UN Human Rights Council

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/russia-un-general-assembly-should-suspend-russias-membership-of-un-human-rights-council/>

08/03/2022 ISHR: Russia: UN General Assembly should suspend Russia's membership of UN Human Rights Council *<https://ishr.ch/latest-updates/russian-federation-un-general-assembly-should-suspend-russias-membership-of-un-human-rights-council/>

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CAP LC has issued a written statement denouncing the Tamil genocide. It is one of the largest coalitions of ECOSOC-accredited NGOs.

Source :

HRC 49 join written statement:

Coalition of 220 ECOSOC Accredited NGOs Call for New United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution to Protect Tamils from Genocide, to name a Special Rapporteur for North East of Sri Lanka and to Recognize Tamils Rights to self-determination *<https://freedomofconscience.eu/coalition-of-220-ecosoc-accredited-ngos-call-for-new-united-nations-human-rights-council-resolution-to-protect-tamils-from-genocide-to-name-a-special-rapporteur-for-north-east-of-sri-lanka-and-to-rec/>

Report on the protection of minorities

On 15 March 2022, the rapporteur on minorities, Fernand de Varennes, submitted his annual report to the Human Rights Council. In his report, the rapporteur mentions the conference on the situation of the Ahmadiyya organised by CAP LC, which he attended.

Following the conference, the four special rapporteurs who had taken part issued a joint statement calling on Pakistan to halt the persecution of the Ahmadiyya.

“On 13 July 2021, Fernand de Varennes, Special Rapporteur on minority issues, addressed a side-event on the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims Worldwide organized by the International Human Rights Committee and the “Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience”, along with colleagues on freedom of religion or belief and on freedom of expression. He pointed out how Ahmadis appear to be

increasingly marginalized as minorities in a number of countries, subjected even to severe restrictions on the practice of their religion with other members of their community, and targeted by hate speech in social media”.

Source :

HRC 49 Conflict prevention through the protection of the human rights of minorities


<https://freedomofconscience.eu/conflict-prevention-through-the-protection-of-the-human-rights-of-minorities/>



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Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique mechanism of the Human Rights Council. It encourages each Member State to carry out a peer review of its human rights record every 4th years. The UPR regularly allows each State :

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- to report on the measures it has taken to improve the national human rights situation and to overcome obstacles to the enjoyment of human rights;
- receive recommendations from other UN Member States based on contributions from various stakeholders and pre-session reports with a view to continuous improvement.

Created in March 2006 by resolution 60/251 of the United Nations General Assembly, the UPR is designed to encourage, support and develop the promotion and protection of human rights in each country.

Since the first periodic review in 2008, each of the 193 Member States has been reviewed three times. The fourth cycle of reviews began in November 2022 at the 41st session of the UPR Working Group.

CAP LC participates in the mechanisms set up by the Human Rights Council. One of the most important mechanisms is the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

This year CAP LC contributed to the following UPR sessions:

2017-2021(2022)

43rd Session Universal Periodic Review 01 May 2023 - 12 May 2023 FRANCE

CAP LC has submitted a report on France. In its report, CAP LC highlighted the consequences of France's policy of stigmatisation and discrimination against religious minorities and people of conviction.

This policy has an impact on justice and conditions of detention for those targeted by the policy.

CAP LC has recommended to France that French public officials respect international treaties on freedom of religion and belief.

43rd Session Universal Periodic Review Prison conditions in France

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/43rd-session-universal-periodic-review-les-conditions-de-detention-en-france/>

42nd Session Universal Periodic Review 23 January 2023 - 03 February 2023 Pakistan

Pakistan is one of the worst states for religious freedom and human rights in general.

CAP LC submitted a contribution to the Working Group on the plight of the Ahmadiyya community.

The Ahmadiyyas are victims of Pakistan's discriminatory policy and fall victim to radical groups without the state intervening.

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/42th-upr-session-pakistan-jan-feb-2023-persecution-of-ahmadis-in-pakistan/>

41st session Universal Periodic Review 7th-18th November 2022 Indonesia

Pakistan has been persecuting the Ahmadiyya community for years. They are forced to flee Pakistan. When they arrive in host countries such as Indonesia or Thailand, they are often unwelcome victims of Pakistani propaganda against them.

CAP LC and the international organisation IHRC have submitted reports on Indonesia and Malaysia recommending that these two countries grant visas to Ahmadiyya exiles.

Source :

41st Session UPR Working Group Information meeting on the UPR process in Indonesia IHRC

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/41st-session-upr-working-group-information-meeting-on-the-upr-process-in-indonesia-ihrc/>

41st Session UPR Working Group Information meeting on the UPR process in Indonesia CAP LC

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/41st-session-upr-working-group-information-meeting-on-the-upr-process-in-indonesia-cap-lc/>

Side Event 41st Session UPR Working Group Information meeting on the UPR process in Indonesia

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/side-event-41st-session-upr-working-group-information-meeting-on-the-upr-process-in-indonesia/>

23/11/2022 <https://wartaahmadiyah.org/> Ketua AMLA Jadi Narasumber di Markas PBB, Sampaikan Laporan Pelanggaran HAM

<https://wartaahmadiyah.org/ketua-amla-jadi-narasumber-di-markas-pbb-sampaikan-laporan-pelanggaran-ham.html>

SUBMISSION 39th session - Thailand

CAP LC has tabled a report on the situation of asylum seekers who flee their countries because of religious persecution.

Members of the Ahmadiyya community in Thailand are victims of propaganda by the Pakistani authorities, and find their asylum applications rejected and they are sent back to Pakistan.

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/submission-39th-session-universal-periodic-review-2021-thailand/>

SUBMISSION 41st Session - United Kingdom

CAP LC and United Sikhs have provided information regarding the UK Home Office's ("HO") proposal to create a power to make a Citizenship Revocation Order without notice via clause 9 of the Nationality and Borders Bill.

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/united-kingdom-submission-to-the-un-universal-periodic-review-fourth-cycle-41st-session-7-18-november-2022/>

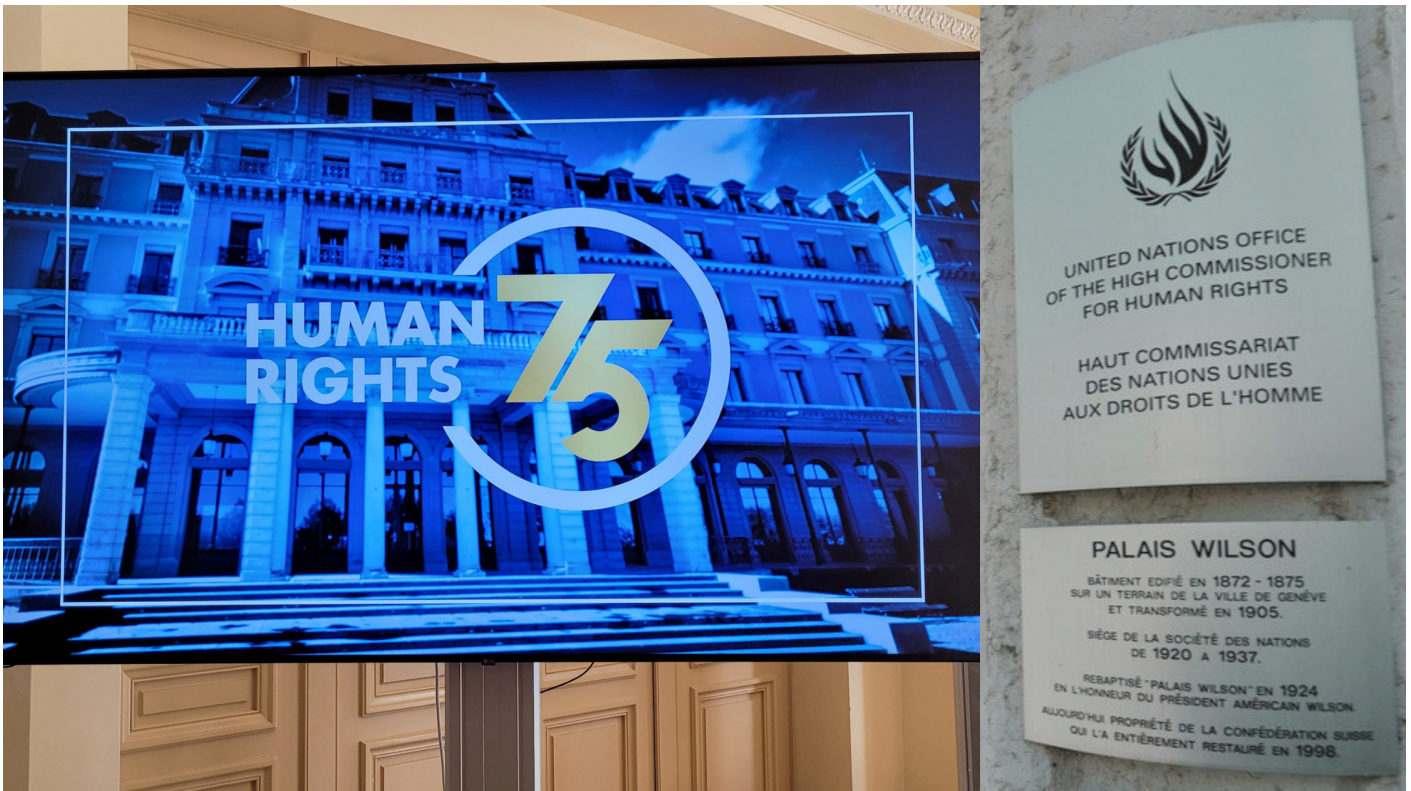
39th session Universal Periodic Review 1st - 12th November 2021 Hungary

CAP LC has joined a coalition of NGOs to call on the Hungarian government to stop persecuting spiritual minorities in Hungary and in particular the Church of Scientology.

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/submission-39th-session-universal-periodic-review-2021-hungary/>



United Nations Human Rights Committee



Human Rights Committee

ICCPR 136th Session of the Human rights Committee 10 October to 4 November 2022

Report on Japan

The murder of former Prime Minister Abe shocked the world. After the shock wore off, the victims were accused of being the killers when the murderer claimed that his act was linked to Prime Minister Abe's connection with the Unification Church.

He also stated that his mother had been dispossessed of her property by the Unification Church.

This crime was exploited by a group of lawyers who have been fighting the Unification Church for years.

An unprecedented press campaign was unleashed against members of the Unification Church throughout Japan and reverberated around the world.

From the outset of this campaign, CAP LC has offered to help the Unification Church.

CAP LC went to the UN to denounce this hate campaign and the dangers it posed to religious freedom in Japan.

Source :

Subject: Intolerance, Discrimination, and Persecution of the Unification Church/Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Japan

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/statement-submitted-136th-session-human-rights-committee-10-oct-2022-04-nov-2022-on-japan/>

17/09/2022 Bitter Winter Japan and the Un i fication Church: The Case Before the UN Human Rights Committee

<https://bitterwinter.org/japan-unification-church-human-rights-committee/>

13/10/2022 Bitter Winter United Nations: Japan in the Dock for Violating Unification Church's Human Rights

<https://bitterwinter.org/united-nations-japan-violating-unification-churchs-human-rights/>

05/11/2022 Bitter Winter A new statement h a s been submitted to the Human Rights Committee, protesting human rights violations after the assassination of Shinzo Abe.

<https://bitterwinter.org/unification-church-japan-united-nations/>

Report on Ethiopia

CAP LC and Stop Ahmara Genocide took part in this 136^{ème} session of the Human Rights Committee, which reviewed Ethiopia.

This was an opportunity for the CAP LC team to continue to alert the international community to the crimes being committed against Ahmara Orthodox Christians.

Source :

*Ethiopia Incidents targeting the Amhar a community in 2022 **** Devrait être en noir et italique ?*

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/statement-submitted-136th-session-human-rights-committee-10-oct-2022-04-nov-2022-on-ethiopia-incidents-targeting-the-amhara-community-in-2022/>




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HOME ABOUT CHINA FROM THE WORLD INTERVIEWS DOCUMENTS AND TRANSLATIONS ABOUT

10/13/2022 MASSIMO INTROVIGNE A+ | A-

A supplemental submission has been filed before the Human Rights Council.

by Massimo Introvigne



The Human Rights Council in session. From Twitter.

OSCE 2022 Human Rights Conference Warsaw



CAP LC has been present at every OSCE conference in Warsaw and Vienna for over 10 years.

Once again this year, we took part in the conference to denounce France's policy against religious and belief minorities.

We made two statements and organised a side-event on the dangers of FECRIS for religious freedom in Europe and its links with Russia.

Source :

OSCE 2022 Plenary Session II: Fundamental freedoms I FECRIS

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/osce-2022-plenary-session-ii-fundamental-freedoms-i-fecris/>

OSCE 2022 Plenary Session III: Tolerance and Non-Discrimination I MIVILUDES

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/osce-2022-plenary-session-iii-tolerance-and-non-discrimination-i-miviludes/>

OSCE 2022 Plenary Session VII Rule of Law II The Case of Cyrille Adam <https://freedomofconscience.eu/osce-2022-plenary-session-vii-rule-of-law-ii-the-case-of-cyrille-adam/>

OSCE 2022 side-event The Anti-Cult Ideology and FECRIS: Dangers for Religious Freedom <https://freedomofconscience.eu/osce-2022-side-event-the-anti-cult-ideology-and-fecris-dangers-for-religious-freedom/>

04/10/2022 Bitter Winter: FECRIS, Russian Anti-Cultism Denounced at the OSCE <https://bitterwinter.org/fecris-russian-anti-cultism-denounced-at-the-osce/>



CAP LC conference / symposium and media activities



CAP LC's activities at the UN are reported in the media and by other organisations that support our actions. CAP LC is also active in European bodies to denounce human rights violations and defend religious freedom. CAP LC has joined forces with European organisations such as ENORB, the European Federation for Religious Freedom and Human Rights Without Frontiers.

Month after month, CAP LC's European and international activities are the subject of numerous publications.

January 2022

Freedom of Religion and Belief

At the beginning of January, CAP LC was invited to speak at various conferences on the theme of human rights and freedom of religion or belief.

CAP LC spoke at the International Forum on Human Rights and at the conference on the Tai Ji Men case. During the conference, the CAP-LC representative reminded the audience how his organisation had twice brought the Tai Ji Men case before the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, and that today the case is well known among academics, NGOs and international institutions. Yet, according to Mr Valle, no progress has been made in Taiwan to resolve it, giving the impression that the National Tax Office is undermining the rule of law and that the government is unable to control it.

Source :

10/01/2022 Side-event: International Forum on Human Rights and the ICCPR & ICESCR in Taiwan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_icoOkXLGWI

11/01/2022 The Tai Ji Men Case and the Rule of Law

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09WjOMjXAoE&t=9s>

20/01/2022 Bitter Winter: CAP LC On Judicial Day, Remember the Tai Ji Men Case [https://](https://bitterwinter.org/on-judicial-day-remember-the-tai-ji-men-case/)

bitterwinter.org/on-judicial-day-remember-the-tai-ji-men-case/

18/01/2022 Bitter Winter: Taiwan's Judicial Day: Scholars Demand Justice for Tai Ji Men [https://](https://bitterwinter.org/taiwans-judicial-day-justice-for-tai-ji-men/)

bitterwinter.org/taiwans-judicial-day-justice-for-tai-ji-men/

26/01/2022 Union International Associations: On Judicial Day, Remember the Tai Ji Men Case [https://](https://uia.org/other-news/48396)

uia.org/other-news/48396

Human rights

Before the start of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, CAP LC joined a coalition of 243 organisations to denounce the atrocities and human rights violations committed by the Chinese government.

Source :

28/01/2022 OMCT SOS Torture: The Beijing Olympic Games will begin against a backdrop of atrocities

<https://www.omct.org/fr/ressources/declarations/china-beijing-olympics-begin-amid-atrocity-crimes>

01/02/2022 Human Rights Watch: Beijing Olympics Begin Amid Atrocity Crimes 243 Global Groups Call for Action on Rights Concerns

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/01/27/beijing-olympics-begin-amid-atrocity-crimes>

Khojaly: “Recognition for Reconciliation” international initiative.

CAP LC has been approached to join an international initiative called “Khojaly: Recognition for Reconciliation”.

It is an initiative of the Budapest International Centre for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities.

At a conference held in the Italian Senate in March 2022 and chaired by Italian Senator Urania Papatheu and MP Rossana Boldila, EMISCO - European Initiative for Social Cohesion, the Italian Federation for Human Rights, the Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience (France), the Deputy Director of the Central Museum of Srebrenica and the former OSCE Personal Representative for Religion and Geopolitics announced the formation of the coalition.

Source :

20/03/2022 European Times: Moral is good but double moral is not twice as good *<https://europeantimes.news/2022/03/moral-is-good-but-double-moral-is-not-twice-as-good/>

11/03/2022 Conference: Peace building through mutual recognition, justice and dialogue is the only way forward <https://europeantimes.news/2022/03/peace-building-through-mutual-recognition-justice-and-dialogue-is-the-only-way-forward/>

01/03/2022 Conference Roma: Riconciliazione attraverso il riconoscimento : peace building a giustizia di transizione <https://www.radioradicale.it/scheda/661859/riconciliazione-attraverso-il-riconoscimento-peace-building-e-giustizia-di-transizione>

02/03/2022 Conference Roma Notiziegeopolitiche: Azerbaijan. Khojaly: si avvia la Coalizione di Roma dell'iniziativa «Riconoscere per Riconciliare» <https://www.radioradicale.it/scheda/661859/riconciliazione-attraverso-il-riconoscimento-peace-building-e-giustizia-di-transizione>

February 2022

Freedom of Religion and Belief in France

Since its creation, CAP LC has denounced France's policy towards religious minorities, which it describes as cults.

France is the only democratic country to have published a list of cults in 1995. Although the French authorities state that this list has no legal value and that the word “sect” has no legal definition, the ghost of this list regularly reappears in the media or in statements made by Miviludes officials.

Source :

08/01/2022 Bitter Winter 500 “Cults,” 500,000 “Victims” in France? MIVILUDES Admits It Has No Recent Data By Massimo Introvigne <https://bitterwinter.org/miviludes-admits-it-has-no-recent-data/>

08/01/2022 Bitter Winter 500 “cults”, 500,000 “victims” in France? MIVILUDES admits it has no recent data <https://bitterwinter.org/sectes-miviludes-avoue-ne-pas-disposer-de-donnees-recentes/>

13/02/2022 La Libre.be: Do you belong to a sect without knowing it? *<https://www.lalibre.be/debats/opinions/2022/02/13/appartenez-vous-a-une-secte-sans-le-savoir-VCYG45SIHRHM7PFSST3EB6LCRI/>

10/02/2022 theconversation.com: Do you belong to a sect without knowing it? <https://theconversation.com/appartenez-vous-a-une-secte-sans-le-savoir-176091>

05/01/2022 AIDLR International: France: La MIVILUDES knows it's lying! *<https://libertereligieuse.org/france-la-miviludes-sait-quelle-ment/>

03/02/2022 Le Feu de ta Présence Info Chrétiennes: France and its lies: Miviludes: 500 "sects", 500,000 "victims" in France? <https://lefeudetapresence.com/2022/02/03/la-france-et-ses-mensonges-la-miviludes-500-sectes-500-000-victimes-en-france-la-miviludes-avoue-ne-pas-disposer-de-donnees-recentes/>

March 2022

CAP LC has joined a coalition of non-governmental organisations to call on Bulgarian parliamentarians to apologise for the deportation of Macedonian Jews during the Second World War. The European Times newspaper wrote an article on the coalition's action.

Source :

12/03/2022 *European times News: Nearly 50 Rights Groups Urge Bulgarian PM to Apologize for Macedonian Jewish Deportation* <https://europeantimes.news/2022/03/nearly-50-rights-groups-urge-bulgarian-pm-to-apologize-for-macedonian-jewish-deportation/>

April 2022

CAP LC organised a two-day conference at the UN to denounce forced organ harvesting. The conference was widely covered by the media.

12/04/2022 <https://www.nspirement.de/> "Eskalation von Menschenrechtsverletzungen im 21. Jahrhundert: Staatlich geförderte Zwangsentnahme von Organen" <https://nspirement.de/eskalation-von-menschenrechtsverletzungen-im-21-jahrhundert-staatlich-gefoerderte-zwangsentnahme-von-organen/>

04/04/2022 *European Times: side events to the 49th session of the UN Human Rights Council : freedom of conscience and physical integrity*

<https://europeantimes.news/2022/04/side-events-to-the-49th-session-of-the-un-human-rights-council-freedom-of-conscience-and-physical-integrity/>

May 2022

UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief

CAP Freedom of Conscience presented Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, with a contribution in collaboration with United Sikhs on the situation of Sikhs in Afghanistan.

CAP LC's contribution was mentioned in the report on the state of religious freedom in the world that Mr Ahmed Shaheed submitted to the 49^{ème} session of the Human Rights Council.

Source :

13/05/2022 *AIDLR : Rights of persons belonging to religious or belief minorities in situations of conflict or insecurity* - Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

<https://libertereligieuse.org/droits-des-personnes-appartenant-a-des-minorites-religieuses-ou-de-conviction-dans-les-situations-de-conflit-ou-dinsecurite-rapport-du-rapporteur-special-sur-la-liberte-de-religion-ou-de-conviction/>

The case of Tai Ji Men

CAP Liberté de Conscience has been associated for years with the coalition of experts and human rights defenders calling on the Taiwanese government to bring justice to the Tai Ji Men.

CAP Liberté de Conscience was invited to take part in a seminar at the Presse Club in Brussels. During this seminar, international experts made their voices heard and we were able to hear the vibrant testimonies of Tai Ji Men victims of harassment by the Taiwanese authorities.

CAP LC also made the voice of the international coalition in support of Tai Ji Men heard at the UN.

Source :

10/05/2022 *Bitter Winter: A Seminar Takes the Tai Ji Men Case to Brussels*

<https://bitterwinter.org/a-seminar-takes-the-tai-ji-men-case-to-brussels/>

06/05/2022 *Taijimencase.org On Judicial Day, Remember the Tai Ji Men Case*

<https://taijimencase.org/on-judicial-day-remember-the-tai-ji-men-case/>

CAP LC / Doctor against forced organ removal (DAFOH)

CAP LC has been denouncing China's crimes against Falun Gong members since 1999.

In 1999, representatives of the French anti-cult movement were invited to a symposium in China.

On their return, the French delegation began to spread the Chinese Communist Party's propaganda against Falun Gong members. CAP LC ran a massive information campaign to denounce the propaganda against Falun Gong members.

Today, CAP LC is a partner of the leading organisation fighting forced organ removal in China and worldwide.

Our two organisations have appealed to MEPs to support our actions and denounce the crimes committed by

Source :

07/05/2022: *EuropeanTimes: Urgent Call to the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights* <https://europeantimes.news/2022/05/urgent-call-to-the-u-n-high-commissioner-for-human-rights/>

June 2022

CAP LC supports international initiatives on the forced labour of Uighurs. CAP LC was one of the first organisations to denounce the internment of Uighurs at the UN.

Source :

27/06/2022 enduyghurforcedlabour: Letter to the G7 leaders on combating Uyghur forced labour <https://enduyghurforcedlabour.org/coalition-statements-releases/letter-to-the-g7-leaders-on-combating-uyghur-forced-labour/>

The President of CAP Liberté de Conscience was invited to take part in a conference on the fringes of the Human Rights Council in Geneva to talk about the humanitarian crisis in Yemen and the children being killed by anti-personnel landmines.

Source :

27/06/2022 GlobeNewswire: The Washington Outsider's Editor-in-Chief Irina Tsukerman Participated in Wesam Basindowan's Seminars on Houthi Human Rights Abuses During 50th UNHRC Session <https://www.globenewswire.com/en/news-release/2022/06/27/2469593/0/en/The-Washington-Outsider-s-Editor-in-Chief-Irina-Tsukerman-Participated-in-Wesam-Basindowan-s-Seminars-on-Houthi-Human-Rights-Abuses-During-50th-UNHRC-Session.html>

July 2022

CAP LC's reports to the UN on the situation of the Amharas were quoted by international expert Girma Berhanu in Eurasia magazine.

The European Times magazine also mentioned CAP LC's reports to the UN. In this article, journalist Robert Johnson reviews the position of the member states of the Human Rights Council.

Source :

27/07/2022: Eurasia Review: Oromum m aa Unchained: Ethnic Apartheid And Territorial Expansion In Ethiopia – OpEd <https://www.eurasiareview.com/26072022-oromummaa-unchained-ethnic-apartheid-and-territorial-expansion-in-ethiopia-oped/>

11/07/2022 *European Times News: The plight of the Amharas in Ethiopia raised at the United Nations*
<https://europeantimes.news/2022/07/the-plight-of-the-amharas-in-ethiopia-raised-at-the-united-nations/>

31/07/2022 United Nations: HRC 50 Call for submissions International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia <https://freedomofconscience.eu/call-for-submissions-international-commission-of-human-rights-experts-on-ethiopia/>

The case of Tai Ji Men

The President of CAP LC spoke at an international conference organised in Washington in the presence of the US Ambassador for Religious Freedom.

The theme of the conference was parliamentarianism, which provided an opportunity to discuss the history of parliamentarianism in France and how it has been corrupted by anti-sect lobbies to stigmatise religious minorities in France.

Source :

01/07/2022: Seminar Effective Parliamentarism and the Tai Ji Men Case <https://freedomofconscience.eu/seminar-effective-parliamentarism-and-the-tai-ji-men-case/>

*22/07/2022: News Yahoo: True Reform of the French Tax Conscience to Save Taiwan (90)-The World's Largest Conference on Religious Freedom International United for Tai Ji Men *<https://tw.news.yahoo.com/%E6%B3%95%E7%A8%85%E7%9C%9F%E6%94%B9%E9%9D%A9-%E8%89%AF%E5%BF%83%E6%95%91%E5%8F%B0%E7%81%A3-90-%E5%85%A8%E7%90%83%E6%9C%80%E5%A4%A7%E5%A%E97%E6%95%99%E8%87%AA%E7%94%B1%E6%9C%83%E8%AD%B0-%E5%9C%8B%E9%9A%9B%E8%81%AF%E5%90%88%E7%82%BA%E5%A4%AA%E6%A5%B5%E9%96%80%E7%99%BC%E8%>*

[81%B2-112426089.html](https://www.caplc.org/81%B2-112426089.html)

16/07/2022: News Yahoo: *Tai Ji Men case referred five times to UN Human Rights Council*

<https://tw.news.yahoo.com/%E6%B3%95%E7%A8%85%E7%9C%9F%E6%94%B9%E9%9D%A9-%E8%89%AF%E5%BF%83%E6%95%91%E5%8F%B0%E7%81%A3-89-%E5%8F%B0%E7%81%A3%E4%BA%BA%E6%AC%8A%E5%A4%A7%E4%B8%8D%E8%B5%B0-%E5%A4%AA%E6%A5%B5%E9%96%80%E6%A1%88%E4%BA%94%E5%BA%A6%E6%8F%90%E4%BA%A4%E8%81%AF%E5%90%88%E5%9C%8B%E4%BA%BA%E6%AC%8A%E7%90%86%E4%BA%8B%E6%9C%83-124606534.html>

11/07/2022 Bitter Winter: *Parliamentarism and Human Rights: The French Example and the Tai Ji Men Case* <https://bitterwinter.org/parliamentarism-and-human-rights-the-french-example-and-the-tai-ji-men-case/>

01/11/2022 Bitter Winter *Tai Ji Men: A Symbol of Hope for Global Unity*

August 2022

More than 50 organisations, including CAP LC, and 40 experts have denounced Catalina Crespo as “responsible for dismantling the office of the Women’s Ombudsman”

Source :

22/08/2022 *Más de 50 organizaciones y 40 expertos denuncian a Catalina Crespo como "responsable del desmantelamiento de la Defensoría de la Mujer"* <https://delfino.cr/2022/08/mas-de-50-organizaciones-y-40-expertos-denuncian-a-catalina-crespo-como-responsable-del-desmantelamiento-de-la-defensoria-de-la-mujer>

The members of the Church of Almighty God are being atrociously persecuted by the Beijing regime. The criminal abuse they suffer at the hands of the Chinese Communist Party forces them to flee China to save their lives.

When they finally arrive in democratic countries, their requests for asylum are often refused because of Beijing's propaganda.

Numerous NGOs, including CAP LC, are warning the countries receiving refugees from the Church of Almighty God of the dangers they face if they are sent back to China.

We have sent an open letter to the South Korean government asking it to grant refugee status to members of this Church on its soil.

Source

13/08/2022 Bitter Winter *Church of Almighty God Refugees: A Letter to the President of South Korea* <https://bitterwinter.org/church-of-almighty-god-refugees-south-korea/>

12/08/2022 Kansas News: *A letter to the President of South Korea* <https://darik.news/kansas/a-letter-to-the-president-of-south-korea/639255.html>

September 2022

The Unification Church has come under heavy attack in Japan following the assassination of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

This murder was followed by a campaign of hatred against members of the Unification Church. This campaign went around the world.

The Japanese government has fallen under the influence of an anti-sect lobby in favour of legislation copied from the French model.

CAP LC has alerted experts and international NGOs to warn the Japanese government of the dangers to religious freedom posed by the French model.

CAP LC has taken several steps with the UN Human Rights Committee and the Universal Periodic Review working group to warn the Japanese government.

Source :

28/09/2022 24presse: *A complaint lodged with the UN for violations of religious freedom against the Unification Church following the assassination of Shinzo Abe* https://www.24presse.com/actualites_unepainte_deposee_a_l_onu_pour_violations_de_la_liberte_de_religion_envers_l_eglise_de_l_unification_suite_a_l_assassinat_de_shinzo_abe-search-9924453-1-Actualites.html/#.Yzw-6UzP23A

21/09/2022 Bitter Winter: *Japan and the Unification Church: The case before the O N U Human Rights*

Committee

<https://bitterwinter.org/le-japon-et-leglise-de-lunification-laffaire-soumise-au-comite-des-droits-de-lhomme-de-lonu/>

25/09/2022 *Family: Japanese Government, Media Violating UN Human Rights Treaty* <https://familyfedihq.org/2022/09/japanese-government-media-violating-un-human-rights-treaty/>

20/09/2022 *The Washington Times Rights group questions backlash against Unification Church after Abe assassination* <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/sep/20/rights-group-seeks-un-probe-pressure-campaign-again/>

17/09/2022 *Bitter Winter: Japan and the Unification Church: The Case Before the UN Human Rights Committee* <https://bitterwinter.org/japan-unification-church-human-rights-committee/>

The role of civil society is important. Today, this role is being challenged by totalitarian states that are trying to influence international bodies by redefining the notion of human rights. We have also made the sad observation that some democratic states are also tempted to reduce the role of civil society.

Whenever we can, CAP LC supports NGOs that defend this place and our role in society.

Source :

27/09/2022 *Egyptian Front: Ahead of COP 27, Open Civic Space and Release Everyone Arbitrarily Detained in Egypt* <https://egyptianfront.org/2022/09/ahead-of-cop27-open-civic-space-and-release-everyone-arbitrarily-detained-in-egypt/>

31/10/2022 *Egyptian Human Rights Forum Ahead of COP27, Open Civic Space and Release Everyone Arbitrarily Detained in Egypt* <https://www.egyptianforum.org/en/ahead-of-cop27-open-civic-space-and-release-everyone-arbitrarily-detained-in-egypt/>
<https://egyptianfront.org/2022/09/ahead-of-cop27-open-civic-space-and-release-everyone-arbitrarily-detained-in-egypt/>

09/09/2022 *ISHR HRC needs to address challenges to civil society participation in light of restrictions* <https://ishr.ch/latest-updates/hrc-needs-to-address-challenges-to-civil-society-participation-in-light-of-restrictions/>

October 2022

October 24th is United Nations International Day. To mark the occasion, CAP LC took part in a symposium organised by Dr Hong, the founder of the Taiwanese Tai Ji Men movement.

CAP LC highlighted the vital role of the United Nations for peace.

Source :

29/10/2022 *Bitter Winter: "Internationalizing the Tai Ji Men Case" Discussed in a Webinar* <https://bitterwinter.org/internationalizing-the-tai-ji-men-case-webinar/>

01/11/2022 *Bitter Winter Tai Ji Men: A Symbol of Hope for Global Unity* <https://bitterwinter.org/tai-ji-men-a-symbol-of-hope-for-global-unity/>

CAP LC has been involved with international NGOs in a reconciliation process between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

CAP LC has been invited to the Italian Parliament and the UN to get involved in the peace process in this region.

CAP LC's action was reported in the European and French media.

Source :

28/10/2022 *Azernews French human rights activist condemns Macron's Karabakh statement* <https://www.azernews.az/karabakh/201375.html>

25/10/2022 *European Times Reconcile differences through recognising the past blunders* <https://europeantimes.news/2022/10/reconcile-differences-through-recognising-the-past-blunders/>

24/10/2022 *Le Causeur "There is no reconciliation without trust, and there is no trust without truth". For a just peace in Caucasus du Sud* <https://www.causeur.fr/il-ny-a-pas-de-reconciliation-sans-confiance-et-il-ny-a-pas-de-confiance-sans-verite-pour-une-paix-juste-dans-le-caucase-du-sud-245438>

10/11/2022 *Caucasus France Article by Thierry Valle: "For a just peace in the South Caucasus"*. <https://caucasefrance.com/2022/10/article-de-thierry-valle-pour-une-paix-juste-dans-le-caucase-du-sud/>

The reports submitted by CAP LC to the United Nations denouncing violations of religious freedom in Japan have been published by human rights organisations.

Source :

13/10/2022 *Bitter Winter United Nations: Japan in the Dock for Violating Unification Church's Human Rights* <https://bitterwinter.org/united-nations-japan-violating-unification-churchs-human-rights/>

09/10/2022 HRWF: JAPAN: Moon's Church claiming persecution at the UN over Abe's killing <https://hrwf.eu/japan-unification-church-before-the-un-claiming-persecution-over-abes-killing/>

06/10/2022 Asian News: Unification Church before the UN claiming persecution over Abe's killing <https://www.asianews.it/news-en/Unification-Church-before-the-UN-claiming-persecution-over-Abe%E2%80%99s-killing-56824.html>

The Chinese Communist Party is a permanent threat to human rights. In addition to its totalitarian management of China, the Chinese authorities infiltrate state and international institutions to impose their model of governance.

CAP LC supports all NGOs that denounce human rights violations in China.

Source :

05/10/2022: Human Rights Watch Open Letter to the Foreign Ministers of Member and Observer States of the UN Human Rights Council to discuss human rights situation in Xinjiang <https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/10/05/open-letter-foreign-ministers-member-and-observer-states-un-human-rights-council>

05/10/2022: Human Rights Watch: Letter to the UN Human Rights Council regarding Xinjiang <https://www.hrw.org/fr/news/2022/10/05/lettre-ouverte-au-conseil-des-droits-de-l'homme-de-l'ONU-au-sujet-du-xinjiang>

05/10/2022 CIVICUS: Open Letter urging UN Human Rights Council members to discuss the report on human rights situation in Xinjiang <https://www.civicus.org/index.php/media-resources/news/united-nations/geneva/6079-open-letter-urging-un-human-rights-council-members-to-discuss-the-report-on-human-rights-situation-in-xinjiang>

European Times journalist Robert Johnson, who specialises in human rights, regularly mentions CAP LC's work. Mr Johnson contacted CAP LC to interview a representative of Ethiopian civil society in order to enlighten his readers about the situation in Ethiopia and more specifically concerning the Amhara people.

05/10/2022 *EuropeanTimes Amharas: The occulted ongoing genocide in Ethiopia* <https://www.europeantimes.news/2022/10/amharas-the-occulted-ongoing-genocide-in-ethiopia/>

December 2022

10 December is an important date for all NGOs dedicated to the protection of Human Rights. This year, to mark the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, CAP LC has renewed its commitment to human rights.

CAP LC was invited to take part in an international conference on "Freedom of expression, hate speech and religious freedom".

Source :

10/12/2022 *Reflection on the hate speech in the contemporary society* <https://freedomofconscienc.eu/reflection-on-the-hate-speech-in-the-contemporary-society/>

CAP LC has long been committed to opposing forced organ harvesting. This 10 December was an opportunity to renew that commitment by supporting a coalition of NGOs to ensure that Taiwan passes a law against and condemns as a crime against humanity the forced removal of organs from Falun Gong members.

This is a vital campaign for human rights. Taiwan's initiative must set an example for all democratic countries.

Source :

10/12/2022 *Global Legal Protection Network Stops Live Organ Harvesting Atrocities, Many Countries*

Stand Up for Taiwan <https://freedomofconscience.eu/global-legal-protection-network-stops-live-organ-harvesting-atrocities-many-countries-stand-up-for-taiwan/>

The commemoration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ended for CAP LC with a conference on the consequences of the use of tax weapons against religious minorities.

Source :

10/12/2022 Law and Tax Reform Conscience to Save Taiwan (98)-Refused to Compromise with Evil Forces and Tai Chi Gate Won International Respect<https://freedomofconscience.eu/law-and-tax-reform-conscience-to-save-taiwan-98-refused-to-compromise-with-evil-forces-and-tai-chi-gate-won-international-respect/>

Freedom of religion and belief has been at the heart of CAP LC's activities since its creation. Freedom of religion is also the freedom not to have a religion or to be able to freely express one's faith and opinion on religion.

More than a dozen countries in the world still punish the "crime of blasphemy" with the death penalty. CAP LC is committed to defending those who are victims of this iniquitous law against human rights and freedom of religion and belief.

Source :

13/12/2022 Nigeria Report: Open letter calls on Sec. Blinken to help free Nigerian woman jailed for blasphemy
<https://www.nigeria-report.org/2022/12/13/open-letter-calls-on-sec-blinken-to-help-free-nigerian-woman-jailed-for-blasphemy/>

AIDLR , one of the oldest NGOs recognised by the UN, regularly publishes CAP LC's actions at the United Nations in French.

27/10/2022 AIDLR ONU : 51st session du CDH : La République de Corée : L'affaire du meurtre de Jeongeup et la poursuite de la persécution de Shincheonji <https://libertereligieuse.org/onu-51eme-session-du-cdh-la-republique-de-coree-laffaire-du-meurtre-de-jeongeup-et-la-poursuite-de-la-persecution-de-shincheonji/>

25/10/2022 AIDLR ONU : 51ème session du CDH : A propos des massacres de masse des Amharas à Gimbi (ouest de l'Ethiopie) le 18 juin 2022 <https://libertereligieuse.org/onu-51eme-session-du-cdh-a-propos-des-massacres-de-masse-des-amharas-a-gimbi-ouest-de-lethiopie-le-18-juin-2022/>

25/10/2022 AIDLR ONU : 51e session du CDH : Persécution des minorités religieuses par le biais du harcèlement fiscal et de la saisie des biens, et réactions des spécialistes internationaux <https://libertereligieuse.org/onu-51e-session-du-cdh-persecution-des-minorites-religieuses-par-le-biais-du-harcelement-fiscal-et-de-la-saisie-des-biens-et-reactions-des-specialistes-internationaux/>

24/11/2022 Religious freedom AIDLR : Indonésie : Religious freedom issues raised at the UN in Geneva <https://libertereligieuse.org/indonesie-les-questions-de-liberte-religieuse-soulevees-a-lonu-a-geneve/>

27/10/2022 AIDLR OSCE 2022 Session plenary II: Fundamental freedoms I FECRIS <https://libertereligieuse.org/osce-2022-session-pleniere-ii-libertes-fondamentales-i-fecris/>

27/10/2022 AIDLR OSCE 2022 side-event Anti-cult ideology and FECRIS: dangers for religious freedom <https://libertereligieuse.org/osce-2022-side-event-lideologie-anti-sectes-et-la-fecris-des-dangers-pour-la-liberte-religieuse/>

26/10/2022 AIDLR OSCE 2022 Session plénière VII Rule of law II The case of Cyrille Adam <https://libertereligieuse.org/osce-2022-session-pleniere-vii-etat-de-droit-ii-le-cas-de-cyrille-adam/>

12/10/2022 AIDLR Japan: The Unification Church appears before the UN, claiming persecution for the murder of Abe.<https://libertereligieuse.org/japon-leglise-de-lunification-devant-lonu-invoquant-la-persecution-pour-le-meurtre-dabe/>



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