



The Law Society

# The Law Society Intervention Tracker

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The Law Society's Lawyers at Risk programme supports lawyers and human rights defenders who are hindered from carrying out their professional duties as a result of threats, intimidation, disciplinary measures, disappearances, assassination attempts and murder. We send intervention letters to State authorities highlighting individual cases of lawyers and human rights defenders under threat. We also work preventatively to improve lawyers' safety

before national and international bodies. Our work aims to address the structural causes that give rise to such threats.

We developed the Intervention Tracker to monitor the situation of lawyers in different countries, as well as identifying trends to tailor our interventions. This database contains information relating to the intervention letters, compiling and disaggregating it using a series

of factors, including: country, type of violation, facts of the case, lawyer or human rights defender involved, amongst others. The Intervention Tracker also facilitates the effective follow-up of each intervention and helps us publish annual information. Human rights violations are committed against lawyers and human rights defenders worldwide. The map below shows the countries where we sent intervention letters between January and December 2016.



We sent **28 intervention letters** relating to **18 countries**. The highest number of intervention letters was sent to countries in the Middle East and North Africa (29%), followed by Turkey (14%), Sub-Saharan Africa (14%) and the Americas (14%).

The highest percentage of human rights violations committed against lawyers and human rights defenders concerned arbitrary **detentions** (40%) and **assassinations** (20%).