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FOREWORD

With all its ups and downs the year 2021 came to an end, gave itself to a new year full of worries and hopes. What made this year more concerning was the escalation of the challenge of the international community with COVID-19. The important point is that the most of previous years' human rights problems, such as the refugee crisis, rise in the number of victims of human rights violations in Yemen, Myanmar, Syria and parts of Africa and many thematic fields, such as the environment, health, development, water and healthy nutrition in most instances became more critical.

At the same time the continuation and increasing the implementation of unilateral and illegitimate coercive measures by the United States against the Iranian people, once again showed that the government of the country has no regard whatsoever towards human rights treaties and commitments.

Every day in 2021, while presenting a correct and scientific reflection of human rights developments outside the country for its domestic audience, the ODVV tried to show a fair and accurate picture of human rights at the international level, domestic positive human rights developments in the country and also critique the inhuman pressures of sanctions on the Iranian people, for its international audience.

All activities, researches, journals, workshops and sittings held and mentioned in this Annual Report are the results of the backing of the valued ODVV board of directors, part-time and full-time members, who contribute to the scientific research and executive abilities of the ODVV every day of the year.

I would like to thank all of them and as always, we wish for the days ahead to shape a world which is safer, better and more stable.

Mahmoodreza Golshanpazhooh
Director

Introduction

The Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-political organization in Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). The ODVV was established in 1988 in Tehran. Some of the benefits of ODVV's 32-year work history can be summarised in the following: provision of legal and humanitarian services, holding education courses, conducting general or thematic researches by a team of experienced experts in fields needed by society, publications, transfer of experiences and an effective and influential presence in international arenas. The ODVV received its Consultative Status from ECOSOC in 1988 and since 2014 it has had a representative office in Geneva, Switzerland and has been active in the field of human rights and humanitarian activities.

The ODVV is also associated to the United Nations Department of Global Communication (UNDGC), a participatory of the NGOs Coalition for an International Court (based in New York). The ODVV is also member of the, Asia Youth Network, Conference of Non Governmental Organizations (CONGO), and the International Movement for a Just World (JUST), and International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) and AMAN Network of Middle East and North Africa Rehabilitation Centres for Torture Victims and first deputy of the Network.



ODVV Mission Statement

Being committed to moral principles the ODVV's mission is:

- To respect high human values;
- To respect the rule of law and be committed to national values, moral principles and laws,
- To respect national interests and to avoid entering political groupings,
- To respect human dignity and status, and to recognise individual's rights and respect of society's public interests,
- To believe in justice, equality and observe everyone's rights (women and children in particular),
- To believe in being responsible, transparent, responsive, honest and virtuous;
- To accept the expansion and promotion of creativity;
- To respect knowledge, competence and experiences of individuals;
- To accept ideas, notions, recommendations and constructive criticisms;
- To be committed to collective unity and cooperation;
- To promote the spirit of service and voluntary campaigns;
- To promote and expand a culture of non-violence;

For the purpose of reaching its goal which is to promote and expand a human rights culture, the ODVV shall utilise the following practices:

- Hold educational, seminars, forums and workshops with the aim of information dissemination and raise the society's culture, preparation of articles and research in this regard;
- Protect and defend the rights of victims of violence;
- Promote and expand a culture of non-violence;
- Present advisory and counselling services for the rehabilitation of victims of society, and to refer these victims to the relevant centres to receive relevant care and services;
- Establishment and facilitation of links with national, regional and international organizations that follow similar objectives, and to facilitate the opportunity to exchange views, experiences and knowledge;

Structure

The ODVV conducts its activities and campaigns under the following structure

- Research Department
- Education Department
- Communications Department
- Rehabilitation Department
- Administrative and Financial Management

Through benefiting from experienced experts in its board of directors and also the use of the expertise of close to dozens of experts and volunteers in human rights, international law, international relations etc. the ODVV endeavours to have the best effectivity in the field of nongovernmental human rights activities of the country. The following is a brief narration of the activities that the aforementioned departments conducted in 2021.

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Positive Human Rights Developments Newsletters

For the purpose of information sharing to international experts such as UN thematic Special Rapporteurs, diplomats, experts, ambassadors and workers of international organizations and various countries representatives inside and outside the country, the ODVV put the compiling of positive human rights developments newsletters in its working agenda.

In 2021, 12 English newsletters were sent to recipients from January to November with the following contents: human rights, rights of persons with disabilities, women and children's rights, right of access to health, right to life, workers' rights and right to education via the internet.



Exclusive Interviews

In 2020, one of the ODVV's activities, at the international level, was conducting 22 exclusive interviews with top international experts (western in particular) on human rights issues with the aim of study and transparency of the human rights situation in various parts of the world. Human rights in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Occupied Territories, and Islamophobia, the situation in Yemen and the environment and the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures against Iran were some of the subjects discussed in these interviews.

The Interviews were as follows:



1. The impact of unilateral sanctions on health sector is life-threatening

ODVV Interview with Prof. Alena Douhan, The UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights.



2. Trump's Deal, an Attempt to Bribe the Palestinians to Accept the Status Quo of Apartheid

ODVV Interview with Eric Cheyfitz, Ernest I. White, Professor of American Studies and Humane Letters at Cornell University and a faculty member of the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program.



3. Universal Education Should Not Be Unattainable for Children

ODVV Interview with Jonathan Todres, Professor of law at Georgia State University, College of Law.



4. Climate change is no longer a future threat but a present challenge

ODVV Interview with Dr. Bridget Lewis, Senior lecturer in the School of Law at Queensland University of Technology in Australia.



5. There is little awareness of the history of racism in Canada

ODVV Interview with Yasmin Jiwani, Professor of communication studies at Concordia University.



6. Impunity in the Yemen crisis is endemic, systematic and widespread

ODVV Interview with Ardi Imseis, Assistant professor at Queen's University's Faculty of Law.



7. There are links between anti-immigrant attitudes and anti-Muslim prejudice

ODVV Interview with Dr. Amina Yaqin, Reader in Urdu and postcolonial studies and the chair of the Centre for the Study of Pakistan at SOAS, University of London.



8. Europe has not provided a convincing counter-narrative to populist Islamophobia

ODVV Interview with Paul Hedges, Associate professor in interreligious studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.



9. Addressing climate change requires the adoption of a climate justice lens

ODVV Interview with Joshua Gellers, Associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Florida.



10. The French Government's Version of Islam Smacks of Colonialism

ODVV Interview with Joel S. Fetzer, Professor of political science at Pepperdine University's Seaver College.



11. There is little doubt that genocide has taken place in Myanmar

ODVV Interview with Ali Riaz, Distinguished Professor of political science at Illinois State University



12. The prolonged siege of Gaza is a violation of international law

ODVV Interview with Atalia Omer, Professor of religion, conflict, and peace studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and at the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame.



13. Affluent countries are plainly unwilling to invest in fighting poverty

ODVV Interview with Thomas Pogge, the director of the Global Justice Program and Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University.



14. It Is Time to Recognize the Human Right to a Healthy Environment

ODVV Interview with Ken Conca, Professor of international relations in the School of International Service at American University.



15. Climate change affects all aspects of the human experience on the planet

ODVV Interview with Marcos Orellana, Adjunct professor of law at the George Washington University.

It must be said that the full text of the abovementioned interviews are accessible in ODVV's English website.

Letters Sent

Sending of Letters to 6 UN thematic Special Rapporteurs

The ODVV sent letters to six UN Special Rapporteurs that included the Special Rapporteur on the Negative Impact of Sanctions on Human Rights, the Independent Rapporteur on the International Order, the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health, the Independent Rapporteur on International Solidarity and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, who had all criticised sanctions. In the letter while appreciating the support, the Rapporteurs were asked to condemn the sanctions and continue to criticise this cruel policy.

Joint Letter with Venezuelan NGO to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

During the 46th Session of the Human Rights Council the ODVV send a joint letter with Venezuelan NGO FUNDALATIN on the subject of sanctions on the right to food. In this letter while thanking the Special Rapporteur for his attention to the subject of sanctions in his first report, the Rapporteur was asked to continue this process.

2 Letters sent to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

In a letter during the 47th Session of the Human Rights Council, while responding to the Special Rapporteur on Right to Food request, the ODVV used the opportunity replying his questions on the subject of sanctions and their impact on human rights which is a subject that has been raised in the Human Rights Council for years. The Rapporteur had asked governments and NGOs to reply a questionnaire assisting him on the preparation of a report to be presented in the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Also, in July 2021 the ODVV sent a letter to the Special Rapporteur protesting the impact of sanctions on the right to food and food security, particularly for vulnerable and deprived groups of society who feel the most impact of sanctions on their access to food.

Letter to the Special Rapporteur on Counter-terrorism and Human Rights

In July 2021 the ODVV sent a letter to the Special Rapporteur on Counter-terrorism and Human Rights stressing that resorting to unilateral sanctions on the pretext of fighting terrorism, results in extensive violation of human rights.

Letter to Thematic Special Rapporteurs

In view of the negative impact of sanctions during the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2021, the ODVV sent a letter to the Special Rapporteur on the Negative Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, the Rapporteur on the International Order, Special Rapporteur on International Solidarity and the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health

Letter to UN Secretary General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Joint with 12 Palestine NGOs, the ODVV sent a letter to the UN Secretary General and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the anti-human rights actions of Israel in its prisons, grave violation of international law and the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions regarding prisoners of war and called for an international investigations committee to be set up.

Letter to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in Iran and all Permanent Missions in Geneva

In March 2021, the ODVV sent a letter to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in Iran and all Permanent Missions in Geneva on the subject of the negative impacts of sanctions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Letter to Alena Douhan, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Negative Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights

In a letter addressed to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Negative Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights, the ODVV suggested that her reports be translated to Farsi, so that the translated reports can be accessible on her website in Farsi, for the Farsi speaking audience.

Letter to the Regional Representative for the UN Human Rights Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa (ROMENA)

In October 2021, the ODVV sent a letter to Ms. Yasmine Abou Mansour regional representative for ROMENA regarding further cooperation between the ODVV and the regional representative on Iran issues.

Letter to the 10th Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights

In October 2021, the ODVV sent a written contribution to the 10th Annual UN Forum on Business

and Human Rights highlighting the negative impact of America's unilateral sanctions on all businesses and banking activities which result in violation of all human rights in countries that are under sanctions including the right to life. ODVV condemned these sanctions and called for their lifting.

Letter to the Special Rapporteur on Minorities Issues

For the report on the prevention of tension through protection of minorities rights, the ODVV sent a letter to the UN Special Rapporteur on Minorities Issues. In this letter the ODVV reiterated that sanctions result in restrictions of access to all economic, social and cultural rights that include right to health, right to food, right to education and right to employment of minorities. The letter also reminded that with sanctions an increase in the inequality of minorities access to facilities and opportunities bring about the basis for tension.

Letter to the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

In December 2021 the ODVV sent a written contribution entitled "international cooperation responsibility and nongovernmental actors" to the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development. The input reiterated the negative impact of sanctions on international cooperation and violation of all human rights and denial of access to the MDG, and called for the review of the impact sanctions and excessive observation of these sanctions by trading companies on the rights of the people of countries under sanction.

Letter to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation

In December 2021 the ODVV sent a letter in protest to sanctions and their impact on accessing water, health and related infrastructures especially treatment of COVID-19, imposition of America's unilateral sanctions against Iran, and reiterated that these sanctions increase all problems in accessing water and hygiene and reverse all efforts to accomplish all the MDGs.

In-Person and Online Participation in Human Rights Council Sessions

Participation in the 7th Session of the Working Group on the Legally Binding Instrument for Transnational Corporations

The 7th Session of the Working Group on the legally Binding Instrument for Transnational Corporations was held in October 2021 and due to the COVID-19 pandemic ODVV participated via video conferencing.

In this Session, the ODVV submitted oral statement and videos on the subject of sanctions and protested on the negative impact of unilateral sanctions imposed by America which affect the practices of international corporations in countries under sanction and stressed on the necessity to document the subject of sanctions as obstacles in the functioning of these corporations.

Participation in the 4th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

The 4th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development on “right to development in international law” and “international investment treaties” was held in November 2021 in Geneva. ODVV representative in Geneva participated in this Forum, and made an oral intervention. The statement, reiterated that: (a) the negative effect of sanctions must be included in international investment treaties, because these sanctions prevent the execution of these treaties, and (b) called on the international community for the suspension of all unilateral sanctions.

Participation in the 3rd Session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law

The 3rd Session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law took place (in person) in November 2021 in Geneva. ODVV's Geneva Office participated in the workshop and read an oral statement in protest to the negative impact of America's unilateral sanctions on all aspects of the right to development.

Participation in the 10th Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights

This Forum was held in person in December 2021 in Geneva. ODVV's Geneva Office read an oral statement in protest of sanctions and over compliance of businesses and banks with the sanctions which cause the violation of all human rights of countries under sanctions including the right to life.

Participation in International Webinars and Sittings



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Participation in CONGO Webinar

On 8 April 2021, the ODVV participated in CONGO webinar on cooperation and coordination with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and also internal issues of the organization.

Participation in IRCT Webinar

IRCT's webinar on Integrating Livelihoods: Towards a holistic rehabilitation process was held on 22 April 2021. Socioeconomic rehabilitation is an essential part of holistic rehabilitation, without which the treatment and reintegration of the victims to society will not be possible. Consideration of this subject and protection of sustainable economic livelihood in support of torture victims is very important. With a concentration on the livelihood situation as a part of the treatment process of torture victim's various experiences were discussed and reviewed in this webinar.

Participation in a Webinar on the Role of the Youth in Reduction of Armed Violence

As a member of the International Action Network against Small Arms (IANSA), on 27 July 2021, ODVV participated in a webinar on the role of the youth in reduction of armed violence with the presence of representatives from Canada and the EU. In this webinar, the participation of the youth in the reduction of armed violence was discussed.

Participation in IRCT Webinar

On 5 October 2021, ODVV participated in a webinar organized by IRCT, on "Situation of Afghan victims and responding to their needs". In view of the irresponsible withdrawal of the United States from Afghanistan and the increase in human tragedies in the country that include displacement, torture and psychological blows of a notable number of Afghans, in this webinar various views regarding provision of psychotherapy services in support of Afghan refugees and asylum-seekers were discussed and reviewed.

Participation in IRCT's 2nd Webinar

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic across the world, the activities of a lot of various organizations have been impacted, in an initiate, on 26 October 2021, IRCT held a webinar on the rehabilitation of torture victims during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through drawing small budges IRCT has tried to support its various centres that have been affected by the pandemic, so that these centres can continue to provide their services to torture victims.

Participation in CONGO's General Assembly

The 27th General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status to the UN (CONGO) was held from 29 November to 1 December 2001 and in view of the COVID-19 pandemic it took place via webinar. In this Assembly as well as electing board of directors and president, various issues such as the good function principles of NGOs, submission of report regarding civil society conference on political issues, CONGO's financial situation and issues regarding CONGO's 75th anniversary were discussed and reviewed.

Commemoration of the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

As a member of IRCT and towards expanding information dissemination and support for torture victims, on the occasion of this international day (26 June) in support of victims of torture, the ODVV held an expert sitting in its conference hall in the presence of representatives and experts. The main concentration of the sitting was on how to present support services such as therapy and livelihood to victims, following.

Participation in International Conferences



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ODVV's Activities in 3 Human Rights Council Sessions at a Glance

Subject	46 th Session	47 th Session	48 th Session
Written statements	10	6	6
Oral Statements	6	4	7
Research Paper	Research Paper No. 8 entitled Negative Impact of Sanctions on Human Rights During the COVID-19 Pandemic		
Newsletter	Positive Developments Newsletter No. 23	Positive Developments Newsletter No. 26	Positive Developments Newsletter No. 29
Letters Sent	Sending a joint letter to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food Joint with a Venezuelan NGO Sending letters to 6 Special Rapporteurs	Sending letter to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food	Correspondence and sending letter to the Special Rapporteur on the Impact of Unilateral Sanctions on Human Rights
UPR	Participation in the UPR Session on the United States		
Sidelines and Expert Sitzings	Participation in the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development online form in New York	Holding side events on the situation of children in Yemen and international resolutions Holding side events on Israeli prisoners: realities and recommendations	Holding side events on the impact of the Yemen siege
Exhibits			Holding the Stop the War in Yemen exhibit Holding Palestine exhibit

46th Session of the Human Rights Council

The 46th Session of the Human Rights Council took place from 22 February to 23 March 2021 and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was the first session which did not allow NGOs representatives in the UN Headquarters.

Under these circumstances, the ODVV utilised its efforts so that through various measures and with the aim of highlighting the impact of sanctions on damaging human rights, highlighting the impact of unilateral sanctions on the health and lives of ordinary citizens, the negative impact of sanctions on sick patients, condemnation of America's human rights policies and Israel's policies, the dire conditions of the people in Yemen and submission of a report on the impact of sanctions on the treatment of COVID-19 during its outbreak. A summary of the activities of the ODVV are as follows:

Sanctions

Towards reaching its goals, the ODVV has continued efforts to inform the Human Rights Council of America's unilateral coercive measures and their impact on all human rights of countries that are under sanctions.

First: Highlighting the subject of sanctions through written statements

Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, joint statement with a Venezuelan NGO.

Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, joint statement with a Venezuelan NGO.

Item 4: Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Iran (joint statement with 14 Iranian NGOs)

Item 6: the UPR on the United States of America

Item 7: Human rights in the Occupied Territories

Second: Highlighting the subject of sanctions through oral statements

Item 4: Human rights situation in Yemen

Item 10: Expert assistance to countries under sanctions

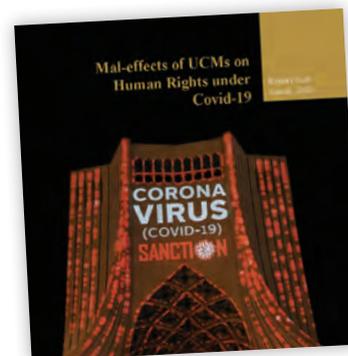
Third: The Subject of sanctions and materials produced by the ODVV for submission to Permanent Missions in Geneva

a) Research paper

Due to the extensive violation of human rights, the subject of unilateral sanctions imposed on Iran has always been a focus of ODVV's research and operations activities.

Following the distribution of issues 1 to 7 of the Sanctions Research Papers in previous Sessions, the eight issue of the research paper entitled "the Negative Impact of Sanctions during the COVID-19 Pandemic" was prepared and sent to Permanent Missions in Geneva and a number of UN Special Rapporteurs.

This research paper was prepared towards the transparency of the negative impact of America's unilateral coercive measures against Iran on the health of the people, particularly the country's access to international banking transactions necessary for preparation of drugs, medical equipment and essential goods during the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, and also transparency on why sanctions are imposed on Iran? And repeated calls for the lifting of sanctions by the United Nations.



b) Positive developments Newsletter

The ODVV published its 23rd issue of the Positive Human Rights Developments newsletter (23 pages) and distributed it on the sidelines of the 46th Session of the Human Rights Council. This newsletter is produced on a monthly basis in the form of a brief report on the positive developments in Iran on subjects such as women's rights, promotion of human rights and rights of persons with disabilities, and is sent to various addressees that include Permanent Representatives in Geneva, a number of UN Special Rapporteurs, and ODVV's followers and especially the Human Rights Council.



Fourth: ODVV's joint statement with 12 Iranian NGOs in protest against sanctions

One of ODVV's initiatives in the 46th Session was the serious utilization of the capacity of Item 10 debate to raise the subject of sanctions. While repeating the condemnation of sanctions and

protesting against the negative impact of sanctions on the right to life, health and right of access to medicines and vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic, called on the Council to make efforts towards the lifting of all sanctions and provide expert assistance with the aim of reducing the negative impact of sanctions on countries under sanctions. The following NGOs joined ODVV's statement

1. Manshoor Parse Association in Support of Citizen's Rights
2. Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims
3. Disability Association of Tavana
4. Family Health Association of Iran
5. Ertegha Keyfiat Zendegi Iranian Charitable Institute,
6. Iran Autism Association,
7. Iranian Thalassemia Society
8. Maryam Ghasemi Educational Charity Institute
9. Network of Women's Non-governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran
10. Peyvand Gol Nargess
11. Rahbord Peymayesh Educational and Research Services Cooperative
12. Society of Iranian Women Advocating Sustainable Development of Environment

Fifth: ODVV's joint statement with a foreign NGO in protesting against Sanctions

In this Session, the ODVV sent a joint letter with FUNDALATIN Venezuelan NGO to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food and protested the impact of sanctions on the right to food. Alongside this letter, ODVV's No. 8 Sanctions booklet was also sent to the Special Rapporteur. Some of the key points of the letter were as follows:

- Noting the point that the Special Rapporteur has deemed some tools use of food in armed conflicts equal to crimes against humanity or genocide,
- Commending the attention of the Special Rapporteur to UN Security Council resolution 2417 (2018) where "the use of starvation of civilians as a method for war can be equal to war crime".
- Call upon the Special Rapporteur to note that the UN Secretary General, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and a number Special Rapporteurs that included the Special Rapporteur on the Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights and Special Rapporteur on the right to health, and UN resolutions have repeatedly called for the lifting of sanctions, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

a) Sending joint statement for interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Another joint action of the ODVV with FUNDALATIN submitted a joint statement to the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in which they protested the extensive impact of sanctions on the rights of persons with disabilities. Some of the key points of the statement were as follows:

- The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the rights of persons with disabilities and the amplification of the negative impact of the pandemic as a result of unilateral coercive measures.
- Systematic violation of people's human rights, particularly rights of persons with disabilities due to sanctions.
- Emphasis on considering in the experiences of NGOs, extensive sanctions can be considered as "economic terrorism", "crimes against humanity" and "genocide", because sanctions intentionally deprive people (in general and the disabled specifically) from accessing to essential goods such as food, medicines and medical treatment.
- And call upon the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to study the impact of sanctions on the disabled's access to food and medicine in countries under sanction.

b) Submission of written statement for interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment

The ODVV submitted a joint statement with Venezuelan NGO FUNDALATIN for interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment.

In this statement the destructive impact of sanctions on the environment and all MDG, water shortage and green technologies were reiterated and called for immediate lifting of sanctions. Also in this statement the Special Rapporteur was asked to support the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights in accordance with the Council's resolutions.

Sixth: Communication with UN Special Rapporteurs

Letter and sanctions research paper sent to 6 UN Special Rapporteurs

During the 46th Session of the Human Rights Council, the ODVV sent a letter in protest against unilateral coercive measures against Iran to the Special Rapporteur on the Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human rights, the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Special Rapporteur on the

International Order, Special Rapporteur on International Cooperation and Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health. With this letter ODVV's research paper No. 8 entitled "Negative Impact of Sanctions The during the COVID-19 Pandemic" was also sent.

Seventh: Online participation in the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development in New York 2021

The third Expert Forum on the Right to Development took place from 30 March to 1 April in New York. Utilizing the opportunity, which coincided with the 46th Session of the Human Rights Council, the ODVV registered in the Forum and participated in it and submitted a statement in protest against sanctions to the members of the expert working group. Some of the focal points of the statement were as follows:

- Sanctions reverse any form of efforts for the promotion of the right to development
- The ODVV welcomes the attention of the expert working group on the right to development to the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures which threatens the lives of civilians especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The ODVV draws the attention of the expert Mechanism on the right to development towards the fact that sanctions have negative impact on all aspects of the right to development to an extent that the previous Special Rapporteur on the Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights which deemed unilateral coercive measures as "economic war" and "de facto blockade" and deemed them as a form of "crimes against humanity".

Eighth: the subject of sanctions and preparation of a Defenders Quarterly in English issue on western experts' views on the contradiction of sanctions with human rights principles

The winter 2021 Defenders Quarterly was published in 112 pages and was distributed in the 46th Session of the Human Rights Council by the ODVV.

This Quarterly was the fifth in a series of Defenders which were all exclusively dedicated to the subject of sanctions. This issue of Defenders which is a compilation of scientific articles by various writers, is in two sections. The first section reviews economic sanctions or coercive measures from the international law aspects and the second section deals with the impact of sanctions on Iran during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3rd Round of UPR on the United States of America

Another important programme of the 46th Session of the Human Rights Council was the 3rd round of UPR on the United States. Below is a brief narrative of the ODVV's activities in this regard.

a) Oral statements

The ODVV read an oral statement under Item 6 on the subject of the 3rd round of UPR on the United States which protested the violation of human rights by the United States policies inside and outside the country

b) Submission of written statement for the UPR on the United States

The ODVV submitted a number of recommendations through a written statement for the UPR on the United States conclusion session. Some of the recommendations are as follows:

- Reforms to the immigration policies and executive guidelines regarding majority Muslim countries.
- More human rights education for officers of the law and ICE and fight against the impunity of individuals that mistreat migrants.
- Serious action for the fight against racism towards African-Americans in all aspects of life such as education, medical treatment, employment etc.
- Drawing up national programmes for the reduction of hate, xenophobia and Islamophobia crimes in the country.
- Serious avoidance of unilateralism and extensive violation of international law and human rights through unilateral coercive measures which have impacts on economy, industry and health.
- Efforts to fight domestic white supremacist terror, instead of spreading wrong and discriminatory ideologies regarding Muslims and migrants.
- Avoiding targeted assassinations in other countries on the pretext of fighting terror.
- Halt in sending weapons to the Saudi-led coalition in the Yemen War.

Human Rights Situation in the Islamic World

Critiquing the human rights situation and assessment of anti-human rights actions of the Saudi-led Coalition in the Yemen aggression

The Saudi-led Coalition's actions in the Yemen conflict continues after 5 years, and their repercussions affect the lives and human rights of the innocent Yemeni people. In this regard the ODVV read two oral statements.

- Oral statement under Item 4 on the human rights situation in Yemen

- Oral statement under item 6 on the UPR on the United States

Israel's human rights violations in the Occupied Territories

Another of the significant activities of the ODVV regarding the Islamic World is the Occupied Territories and the people of Palestine issue, which has always been ODVV's centre of attention. In this Session other subjects such as the denial of the fundamental rights and violation of right to life and health of Palestinians, Israel's refusal to let Palestinians' access to humanitarian aid and vaccines, settlements, and the need for the Human Rights Council to put into debate the subject of Palestine Were discussed by ODVV.

a) Written statements on Israel's violation of human rights

Written statement under Item 7 submitted by the ODVV regarding the human rights situation in Occupied Territories.

b) Oral statements were presented on Israel's human rights violations

In oral statement under Item 7 by the ODVV, concerns were expressed over the conditions in the Occupied Territories that include settlements constructions, forced migration, denial of fundamental rights and violation of Palestinians right to self-determination.

47th Session of the Human Rights Council

Just as in the three previous Sessions, the 47th Session of the Human Rights Council took place from 24 June to 14 July in webinar form. In this Session the ODVV concentrated on issues such as sanctions and their impact on promotion of human rights and health, extensive human rights violations in Occupied Territories, freedom of expression in Arab countries, racism and Islamophobia, Saudi-led Coalition' war in Yemen and the UPR on Australia.

Sanctions

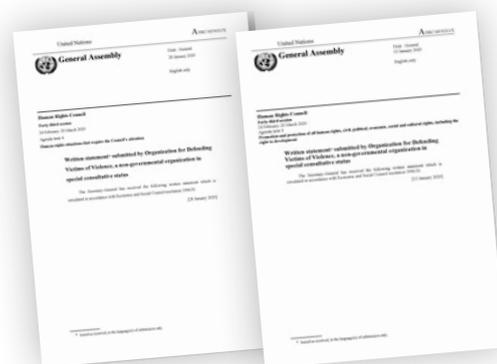
Towards reaching its goals, the ODVV has always tried to make the Council aware and inform on unilateral coercive measures and their negative impact on human rights

First: Written statements

- Written statement under Item 2: Interactive Dialogue with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the report on Iran on the subject of sanctions

- Written statement under Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with UN Secretary-General Special Advisor on Prevention of Genocide

- Written statement under Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with Independent Expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity on the subject of sanctions
- Written statement under Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health on the subject of sanctions (joint statement with 12 Iranian NGOs)
- Written statement under Item 7: Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in Palestine on the subject of human rights in Palestine
- Written statement under Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Freedom of Opinion and Expression on the subject of freedom of speech in Arab countries.



Second: Oral statements

- Oral statement under Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on Health on the subject of sanctions
- Oral statement under Item 6: UPR Session on Australia on the subject of the human rights situation in Australia
- Oral statement under Item 10: Panel on Technical Assistance and Capacity-building on the subject of cooperation for the promotion of right to education and protest against the impact of sanctions on the right to education.
- Oral statement under Item 7: Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation on Palestine on the subject of human rights in Palestine (the statement was prepared by ODVV's Representative Office in Geneva as a joint statement with KHIAM Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture.



Third: Communication with Thematic Rapporteurs

a) Documents submitted to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

At the same time as the 47th Session while the ODVV replied the UN Rapporteur on the Right to Food requests, took the opportunity to raise the subject of sanctions and their impact on human rights. The Special Rapporteur had asked governments and NGOs to reply a questionnaire as part of the Rapporteur's report preparation process for submission in the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly.

b) ODVV's persistent participation in the ratification of the enforceable Convention on the Right to Development process

With continued efforts, the ODVV succeeded in making contributions to the subject of "ban on unilateral coercive measures" within the legal enforceable right to development document.

In Resolution 39/9, the Human Rights Council decided to mandate the right to development working group to draft the enforceable Convention on the Right to Development. For the purpose of preparation of this legal document in July 2019 this working group requested governments and NGOs in consultative status to state their views regarding the contents of the document.

The ODVV took the opportunity, in July 2019, while sending papers to this working group which stressed the necessity to include ban on economic sanctions and unilateral coercive measures as an obstacle in the way of the realisation of the right to development. Fortunately, the subject of sanctions – which most likely has been raised by countries under sanctions – has been included in the draft of the enforceable document, which is seen as an important and practical step towards the illegalisation of economic sanctions.

Fourth: Sidelines panels

a) Situation of children's rights in Yemen and international resolutions

On 5 July 2021, on the side lines of the 47th Session of the Human Rights Council a sidelines panel entitled "Situation of Children's Rights in Yemen and International Resolutions" was held jointly by the ODVV and KHIAM Centre in webinar. In this sitting a number of human rights activists from Yemen, and also from Arab and European countries participated

The moderator of the sitting was Mr. Mohammad Abu-Taleb the secretary general of Insan Organization for Human Rights and Peace, who introduced the sitting and the speakers.

The speakers in this sitting were Mr. Abd-ol-Eslam Al-Zahbi from INSAN, Mr. Nasr Al-Shazli one of South Al-Hirak Al-Janoubi leaders, Mr. Majad Al-Vashli representative from Yemeni Centre for Human Rights.

The main points raised in this sitting were:

- Review of the double-standards of the UN in announcing parties in war and conflict and violation of children's rights in commodities transactions,
 - The situation of Yemeni children in regions occupied by the Saudi-led Coalition and their mercenaries and comparing their conditions with the situation of children under the control of the national unity government and liberated regions,
 - The situation of Yemeni children in general, not only during military operations or airstrikes by the Coalition, but also the cruel sanctions against Yemen, where there are more child victims than victims of military operations or airstrikes,
 - International reports' failure to mention the clear facts, because they only reflect a small portion of the aggression against Yemen and in total victims who die because of the negative impact of sanctions and their numbers are far more than reported victims in military operations.
- At the end of the sitting moderator read a number of UN resolutions regarding the violation of children's rights in conflict regions. He also briefly explained some of UN reports regarding the situation of children in Yemen from the beginning of the conflict. The length of the sitting was one and a half hours and was broadcast live on Facebook and YouTube.



b) Prisoners of Quds: Facts and Recommendations side event

On Monday 12 July 2021 on the sidelines of the 47th Session of the Human Rights Council a side event entitled “Israeli Prisoners: Facts and Recommendations” was jointly held by the ODVV and KHIAM Centre in webinar.

The moderator of the sitting was KHIAM Centre secretary general Mr. Hasib Abdul Hamid who introduced the objectives of the sitting and the speakers.

The speakers in this sitting were Mr. Khaled Hamad the secretary general of European Alliance in Defence of Palestinian Detainees, Mr. Abd Alnasser Fervana former prisoner and expert on prisoners' affairs, Dr. Nayef Jarad director general of the Palestine Institute for National Security Research, Dr. Hassan Fartousi researcher in international law and human rights activist, and Mr. Fahed Hussein director of Tadamon.

The main points raised in this sitting were:

- The aim of the occupiers is to de-Arabize East Jerusalem with various racist methods for ethnic

cleansing and thus Palestinians are put under pressure in the occupied territories, repeatedly being threatened with the revoking of their ID and residency documents in Jerusalem.

- Media, political and legal support for Palestinians under Israeli occupation helps them in the defending of East Jerusalem process.

- Discrimination based on race which is Israel's policy goes against international law.

- Also it was reiterated the urgency for the UN to send an investigation committee and encouraging the residents of East Jerusalem to file their complaints through official internet websites for the prosecution of international crimes

- The necessity for further improvement of communication with UN Special Rapporteurs with regards to the defending of the human rights of people under occupation and also the Committee on Arbitrary Detention have great significance. Also, submission of notes to the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other relevant UN officials with regards to any form of new arbitrary detentions, for immediate action to take place is significant.

The sitting took two hours and was broadcast live on Facebook and YouTube.



Fifth: Positive Human Rights Development Newsletter

Information dissemination of positive human rights developments in Iran for international addressees, thematic rapporteurs, the UN and international organizations in the form of a newsletter is another of ODVV's works. In this Session of the Council Newsletter No. 26 was printed and sent to the addressees.

Some of topics in this issue were as follows:

Refugees' rights, the winning of the top university of Afghanistan in the National Arman Bartar Festival in Iran, scholarship for Afghan students in Iranian universities, stress on support for refugees and migrants sports in Iran, support for Afghan refugees to have access to banking services in Iran, women's rights, the draft bill on the observation of the dignity and provision of security for women against violence, rights of persons with disabilities, easing of access of partially sighted and blind individuals to banking services, and human rights, 36 prisoners saved from execution following the intervention of the arbitration council.



48th Session of the Human Rights Council

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 48th Session of the Human Rights Council was held in online and webinar form from 13 September to 8 October in the UN headquarters in Geneva. ODVV's activities were concentrated on issues such as sanctions and their impact on human rights, impact of sanctions on the living and health of individuals, extensive human rights violations in occupied territories, racism and Islamophobia in the United States and the Saudi-led Coalition's war in Yemen.

First, Written statements

- Item 2: Interactive dialogue regarding UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and UN Secretary General reports on the subject of human rights in Yemen.

- Item 3: Interactive dialogue with Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development prepared by the ODVV submitted jointly with Iranian NGOs on the subject of the need for attention towards serious violation of human rights and right to development through sanctions

- Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Panel on Sanctions on the subject of unilateral coercive measures: judicial field and supranational impacts

- Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights, and submission of a joint statement with FUNDALATIN, the Venezuelan NGO entitled "continuation of imposition of sanctions is alarming."

- Item 6: General debate on the human rights situation in the United States and United Kingdom

- Item 7: General debate on the human rights situation in the occupied territories (joint statement with International Council in Support of Fair Trials and Human Rights and KHIAM Centre)



Second: Oral statements

- Item 2: On Yemen

- Item 4: General debate on the subject of sanctions must be lifted.

- Item 7: General debate on the subject of the human rights situation in occupied territories.

- Item 9: General debate by the ODVV entitled “systematic racism and radical police in the United States”
- Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights is a serious concern.
- Item 3: General debate on the subject of sanctions and the violation of right to education and right to development.



Third: Communication with thematic rapporteurs

Correspondence with Special Rapporteur on the Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights

While corresponding with the Special Rapporteur Ms. Alena Douhan, the ODVV suggested for the translation of her reports into Farsi so that they can be uploaded on her website for Farsi speakers to have access to.

Fourth: Side events

Sidelines sitting on the impact of the siege of Yemen

This sitting was held on 27 September 2021 with two European guests and a Yemeni human rights activist. The important subject of this sitting which was moderated by Dr. Hassan Fartousi, with reiteration and attention to the necessity to lift the sanctions on Yemen, reopening of Sanaa Airport and condemnation of the silence of the international community and human rights bodies and the EU's silence. Stephen Bell (officer of the Stop the War Coalition – Britain) one of the guests in the sitting highlighted the important point that western countries such as Britain not only sell weapons to the Saudi-led Coalition, but justifying the humanitarian aid sent to Yemen, they take political and biased measures.



Ms. Tara O’Grady (Secretary General of Human Rights Sentinel, Ireland) in this sitting in a moving speech said that she was interested to participate in this year’s Arbaeen march which for some reasons was not fulfilled, and by attending this sitting she is trying to be on the side of the oppressed, and this is an important point that must be considered. The moderator of the meeting, while confirming Ms. O’Grady, reiterated that Ashura is a guiding light for the next generation of Mankind.

Another participant, Mr. Abdulghader Zabarah (human rights activist from INSAN Organization) presenting a PowerPoint on the dire economic and human conditions of Yemen due to military attacks and the Saudi-led Coalition’s sanctions, explained to the audience and stressed on the lifting of the blockade and sanctions in Yemen, which was welcomed by the participants.

Fifth: Exhibit

a) Stop the War in Yemen Exhibit

With the aim of stopping the Saudi-led Coalition’s war and aggression in Yemen, on 29 September, the ODVV held an exhibit in the Nations’ Square in Geneva. With concentration on the urgency to stop the war and a number of other objectives such as lifting of sanctions, the ODVV conducted a number of interviews in the duration of the exhibit. In these interviews it was reiterated that the sanctions should be lifted so that food items can reach Yemen via ports and airports.

The next important matter which had been considered and was shown in the best way was through arts pieces such as photos and posters, which showed the human urgency for the reopening of Sanaa airport and ports such as Hadida for imports and exports of vital items and also the easing of the movement of people in Yemen. This exhibit received coverage by media outlets such as Al-Masira, Al-Mayadeen and UN News.

b) Defending the Human Rights of Palestinians Exhibit





The subject of Palestine and the violation of fundamental human rights of Palestinians has always been one of the special objectives and activities of the ODVV. For this reason, the human rights situation in Palestine exhibit was the second exhibit which was held on 30 September 2021 by the ODVV's representative in Geneva. This exhibit also had a good media coverage like the previous exhibit, and more than 40 images, posters and info graphs were designed and displayed in this exhibit on themes like detainees' conditions, prisoners of war and also Palestinian children and the violation of their rights.

Sixth: Positive Human Rights Developments Newsletter

Information dissemination of positive human rights developments in Iran to international addressees such as UN thematic rapporteurs, international organizations and human rights activists in the form positive human rights developments newsletter is another important activity of the ODVV. During the 48th Session of the Council, ODVV team prepared Newsletter No. 29 which was sent to the addressees. Some of the subjects of this Newsletter were as follows:

Women's rights, highlighting the government giving permission to women to open bank accounts in their children's name, empowerment of 7700 women heads of household in rural and remote regions, rights of persons with disabilities, expansion of services to persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, seventy percent increase in the wages for home nursing and care for persons with disabilities, refugees' rights, creation of opportunity for Afghan investors and bosses to get work permits in Iran and suspension of restrictions on the registration of foreign schoolchildren in state-run schools.



Projects

**Conducting project with United Nations High
Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**



Report of the Intervention Counselling and Psychological Support, Targeted Training and Empowerment through the Referral of Refugees in Varamin and Shahr-e-Rey Districts 2021 Project

The Intervention Counselling and Psychological Support, Targeted Training and Empowerment through the Referral of Refugees in Varamin and Shahr-e-Rey Districts 2021 Project began on 1 August 2021 in Varamin and Shahr-e-Rey Districts in physical attendance for provision of counselling and education services in Varamin and was completed on 17 January 2022.

This project had been planned by the ODVV for 2021. The target community of the project was 200 Afghan refugees in Varamin and Shahr-e-Rey which included both men and women, with the aim of reducing the threats of domestic violence and improvement of response quality through counselling interventions, targeted education and the referral system, promotion of gender equality and the presence of men and boys in reduction of violence programme.

The beneficiaries of the project in these districts were 200 refugee men and women (75 percent women and 25 percent men) who benefited from 2000 hours of counselling services and psychological support of this project.

On the approval of the project counsellors, 4 of the beneficiaries who required special training including anger and anxiety management, received 32 hours of group training.

Fourteen beneficiaries of the project who required further interventions, in spite of the conclusion of the project in these regions, continued to receive free counselling services by ODVV's Counselling Centre via telephone calls and online format.

One of the beneficiaries who had suffered physical injuries as a result of physical abuse was referred to Be'sat Hospital and received free medical care.

Also, two of the beneficiaries had livelihood problems who were referred to aid groups in Shahr-e-Rey to receive livelihood assistance and 4 of the beneficiaries whose psychological problems had roots in economic problems and needed skills training to increase their financial abilities were referred to aid groups in Shahr-e-Rey to receive free technical and professional skills training.

Project challenges and achievements

One of the challenges of the project - which is almost the same in all projects where the beneficiaries are Afghan refugees - is men's resistance towards benefiting from counselling services and also their opposition towards the presence of women and their benefiting from project services. Although in the last two years, these challenges have notably been reduced and counsellor colleagues of the project and women have had further success in drawing the participation and presence of men in counselling sessions, which itself is one of the accomplishments of this project; but still this has remained as an issue and causes the corrosion of the project. We still continue to improve this trend and are hopeful, because in the experiences of the recent years we have discovered that breaking taboos in the refugees' community in Iran for men to face support and counselling services has been one of the most important steps and achievements of these years. A notable number of project beneficiaries have through the hard work and determination of counsellors have managed to encourage their fathers or husbands to attend counselling sessions, and perhaps help to reduce physical violence which result in assault and battery or cause suicidal thoughts, or these types of abuse.

It must be said that the targeted referral of beneficiaries to education, support and medical centres was one of the actions which was implemented in a good way in this project, and while this was welcomed by the target community, it managed to notably help for the project objectives to be achieved.

Rehabilitation Department: Raha Counselling Centre



950

Telegram
Posts



2670

Cases



2000

Hours of
Counselling

Rehabilitation Department: Raha Counselling Centre

With a wish to mend and end mankind's pains and sufferings, and expansion of humanitarian campaigns, the ODVV Rehabilitation Department provides advisory and educational services.

For the protection of victims of domestic and social violence, the department presents counselling and therapy in legal, family, marriage, psychological disorders at the Rehabilitation Centre.

With the cooperation of 40 mental health experts and lawyers the Centre provides pre-marriage, education and legal counselling. The statistics of the cases is determined on the basis of gender, age, occupation, marital status, education levels and the reason for coming to the Centre.

In 2021, 2670 cases benefited from the Centre's services. 1660 of them were women and 1010 were men. According to the statistics most of the cases were married and the majority of them had family problems. It must be said that in total, approximately 2000 hours of counselling was provided to cases in 2021.

As an active member of the Employment and Education Committee the ODVV Rehabilitation Centre, through the preparation of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence" document, has always endeavoured to work towards prevention of domestic violence.

For the realisation of the goals of this Committee, by participation in all meetings with a description of practical activities in this regard, the Rehabilitation Department has undertaken a number of important measures, the important ones of which are:

- Identification of victims of violence at the Raha Rehabilitation Centre
- Review of effective approaches in counselling and psychotherapy in prevention of violence.
- Identification of suitable titles for technical sittings on prevention of violence and treatment of the victims, to hold at the Raha Rehabilitation Centre.
- Setting a suitable research method to review the link between violence and impractical schemas, depression and anxiety among victims of violence cases.
- Identification of counselling problems of related governmental departments with the Rehabilitation Centre project for treatment intervention and counselling towards increasing the mental health of target group.



ODVV Raha Rehabilitation Centre Had the Following in its Working Agenda for 2021:

- Posting materials daily in its Telegram page.
- Expand the Centre's team of counsellors, psychologists, psychoanalysts and psychiatrists in various fields.
- Preparation of product packs and introduction of Raha Centre.
- Talks with services centres for cooperation with Raha Centre.
- Uploading Raha Centre's activities reports on its website.
- Holding education workshop in psychological fields such as stress management education course, pre-marriage education course etc.

Communications and Social Networks



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Updating Persian
and English and
Arab in Websit



193

Writting Reports
for Persian and
English and
Arab in Websit



376

Telegram
Posts



252

Facebook
Posts



322

Twitter Posts

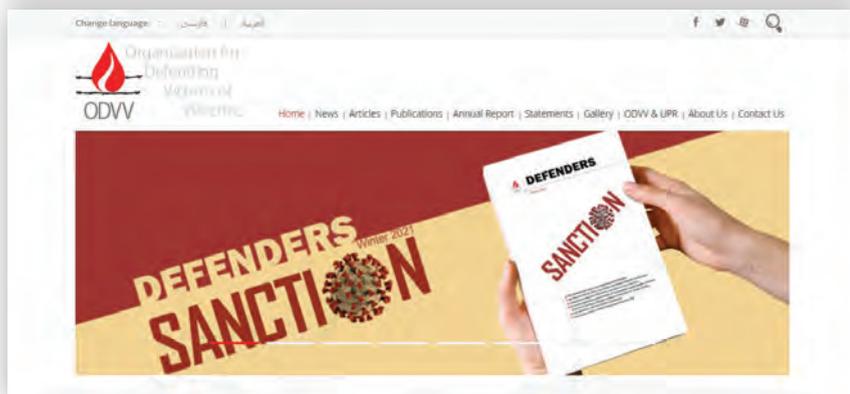
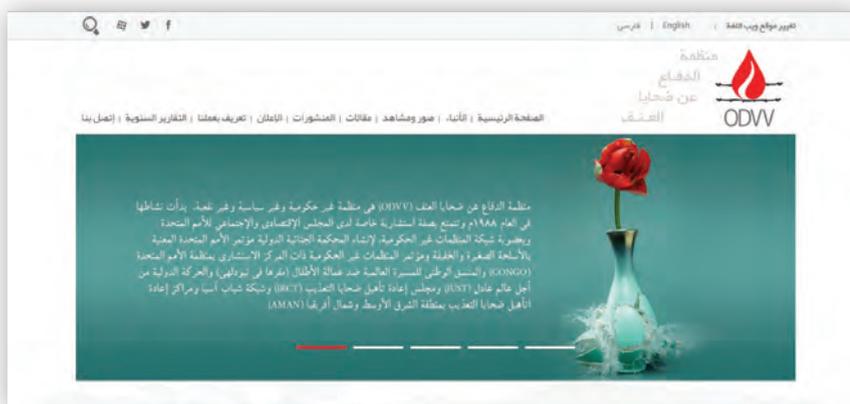
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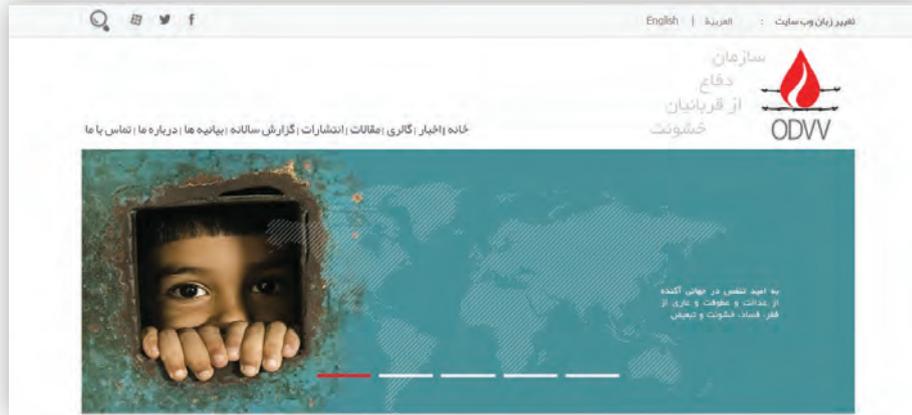
Websites and Social Networks

Information dissemination is another one of ODVV's activities towards its objectives. The ODVV uses various tools to achieve this.

- Farsi, English and Arabic Websites

The worldwide web is one of the necessary communications channels to access the audience. Through utilisation of a trilingual website – Farsi, English and Arabic – the ODVV has managed to make human rights news and development, its activities and positions towards various issues, its advancements throughout the year, objectives and programmes available to the addressees and keep them updated on a daily basis. In 2021 a total of 190 articles on various human rights issues were published on the three websites for interested parties to read.





- ODVV Social Media

For the purpose of strengthening the links of the ODVV with sister international organizations and other addressees, the ODVV is active in Facebook and Twitter. This action is with the aim of the utilisation of new communications tools, identification and creation of networks of institutes and human rights activists to show the existence of multiple voices from Iran on human rights, and information dissemination of activities and drawing further partnerships. In 2021, these pages published more than 570 various human rights materials and articles.



- ODVV's Telegram "Human Rights Studies" Channel

The Telegram "Human Rights Studies" channel was launched by the ODVV with the aim of raising the awareness of the addressees of scientific processes and human rights developments.

Up to the end of 2021, with 3195 members and daily uploads of human rights related materials, the channel is a communications arm of the ODVV with the addressees, volunteers and honorary members and it has a strategic approach.



- Data Bank of Documents and Reports of Human Rights Situation in Iran

Through the designing and launching a data bank of documents, resolutions, reports and all important human rights treaties, the ODVV has facilitated the possibility of searching for reference sources and preparation of all its written and oral statements from the first Human Rights Council Session of the year to-date which include more than 300 oral and written statements in the Statements section of the English website.

Links with Honorary Members

Towards the realisation of its objectives and activities, the ODVV utilises the volunteer force with consideration of their field of expertise.

To this aim, with the launching of the ODVV Volunteers Group on the internet and with 95 members the facilitation and exchange of up to date communication and information in human rights fields among the group members, the way was paved for their activities and the blossoming of their capacities and talents.

Exhibit

Stop the War in Yemen Exhibit

As part of ODVV's activities in the recent years and for the purpose of putting on display works and human rights repercussions of the Saudi-led Coalition war against Yemen, on 29 September 2021, an exhibit was held in the Nations' Square in Geneva. One of the important aspects of the holding of the exhibit was raising and highlighting the subject of Yemen and the dire human rights situation in the country.

Palestine Exhibit

This exhibit entitled Palestine and the Violation of Fundamental Human Rights of Palestinians, something that has always been one of ODVV's objectives was held in Geneva. In this exhibit images of human rights violations in Palestine were put on display.

Organization and Updating of the Library

The ODVV is equipped with a specialist library and up-to-date in the field of human rights which contains books in Farsi and English.

Also in 2021, with purchasing of dozens of new books on human rights and refining of the library the use of booklets, existing researches and articles, ODVV has facilitated the necessary conditions for honorary members, volunteers, researchers and students access for their studies and work.





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