



The Association of Detainees and the Missing in Sednaya Prison in partnership with Geneva Academy, Amnesty International and Impunity Watch cordially invites you to its event:

SURVIVING SYRIA'S GULAG

The Struggle of Sednaya's Former Detainees for Justice and Accountability

Syria continues to witness widespread and systematic human rights violations. Since 2011, hundreds of thousands were murdered, disappeared, tortured or forcibly displaced. The brutal repression of what started as a peaceful uprising has led to war and resulted in one of the worst humanitarian crises since World War II, with 6.6 million internally displaced and 5.6 million refugees.

The Syrian regime continues to use the Sednaya Prison as a main centre for the detention and enforced disappearance of political prisoners; denying them any contact with the outside world and subjecting them to inhumane living conditions that often lead to their death.

The Association of the Detainees and Missing of the Sednaya Prison (ADMSP) is an organization seeking to uncover the truth and serve justice for detainees who were detained in Sednaya prison, recently launched a report on the conditions of detention in this prison. The report is based on 400 face-to-face interviews with former Sednaya detainees and provides information about past and present political detention in Syria. The report highlights the arrest, detention and torture methods used by the Syrian regime's security apparatus against the detainees and as a means to terrorise the entire society. The report also documents the blackmailing and intimidation faced by the prisoners' families.

The panel discussion will be followed by a small reception during which the *paintings and sculptures* of artist and former Sednaya detainee *Allam Fakhour* will be on display.

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120B Rue de Lausanne, Geneva



Panellists will explore the role of current justice and redress initiatives in the contexts of universal jurisdiction and in the documentation of violations. Panellists will further discuss accountability prospects for international crimes committed in Syria from the perspective of victims and international actors.

Welcome remarks: Thomas Unger, Co-Director of the MAS in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Moderator:

-Habib Nassar, Director of Policy and Research, Impunity Watch

Panellists:

-Diab Serrieh, General Coordinator, Association of Detainees and Missing in the Sednaya Prison

-Catherine Marchi-Uhel, Head, International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism on Syria

-Lynn Maalouf, Middle East Research Director at Amnesty International UK



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