



Genocide Watch
The Alliance Against Genocide

Genocide Watch 2021 Annual Report

In the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, Genocide Watch creatively adapted its work to predict, prevent, stop, and punish genocide and other forms of mass murder while ensuring the safety of our staff and our Alliance Against Genocide member organizations. Using virtual communications, Genocide Watch expanded our core staff to include members across the US, Canada, the UK, Ireland, Belgium, Spain, Italy, and India.

Genocide Watch's operational methodology to maintain timely and reliable information on threats of genocide has four pillars: Awareness, Education, Legal Prosecution, and Alliance.

Awareness:

Genocide Watch amplified its advocacy efforts by establishing a four-member Advocacy Team to write and distribute genocide alerts to key policy makers in the US and UK governments and the European Union. The Advocacy Team focused on four efforts: authorizing additional visas for Afghans, calling attention to the targeted killings of Christians in Nigeria and in the Sahel, warning about persecution of the Banyamulenge in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and warning of potential genocide against the Shi'a Hazaras in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

Several weeks prior to the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, Dr. Stanton and Advocacy Staff Member Krista Jones spoke with Congressional staff urging them to support legislation to expand the number of Afghans that the US will accept for asylum. Dr. Stanton also contacted persons in the National Security Council to urge the President to grant asylum to any Afghans who had worked in U.S. programs sponsored by U.S.A.I.D. and other non-military projects.

In the week of the Taliban takeover, Dr. Stanton published an Op-ed about the grave danger of genocidal massacres against the Hazara entitled "[Hope Died in Afghanistan.](#)" It was sent to every member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. It was published in the Ottawa Citizen in Canada, and a French translation was published in Le Monde in France.

To improve the public understanding of the Sahel Crisis and the targeted civilian killings across Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso, Advocacy Staff Member Margaux Dandrifosse authored a compelling Sahel Advocacy Report outlining misconceptions about the region, the on-going genocide, and recommendations to prevent further targeted violence.

Under the leadership of Senior Research Analyst, Thomas Shacklock, Genocide Watch intensified its advocacy efforts to end the persecution of the Banyamulenge in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He presented details from his report, co-authored with expert Ntanyoma Rukumbuzi Delphin, [on the rise in hate speech](#) to key members of the U.S. Congress and the U.S. mission to the U.N.

Genocide Watch responded to the changing landscape of genocides during the pandemic. Genocide Watch organized a 2-day webinar series on the impact of the coronavirus on the on-going genocides in China, Sudan, and Myanmar.



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During 2021, Genocide Watch issued over 30 country reports and emergency alerts. [Our emergency alert for Afghanistan](#), issued one month before the Taliban took over, recommended expanding US SIV visas beyond military interpreters. Our genocide warnings included alerts on [Tajikistan/Kyrgyzstan](#), [Zimbabwe](#), [Myanmar](#), and [El Salvador](#). For a complete list of reports issued, [please visit our website](#). Led by Senior Research Analyst Eric Ross, Genocide Watch produced a bi-annual Countries of Special Concern Report. Our July - December Countries of Special Concern Report was written by Eric Ross, Nat Hill, and Jessa Mellea [here](#).

Genocide Watch increased our website and social media reach considerably. Our biweekly newsletter has gone from 38 subscribers in July 2020 to 752 subscribers today. Our Genocide Alerts are now e-mailed to over 1,200 subscribers. The Genocide Watch Facebook page went from 2,101 to 12,594 followers, and Instagram from 646 to 2,857 followers in the same time period. Our Twitter account has over 6000 followers. In April 2021, to commemorate Genocide Awareness Month, we launched a 10 Stages of Genocide Video campaign. The campaign, distributed on social media, explained each genocide stage with tangible examples and calls to action.

Education:

Genocide Watch's Timestream Team has produced 30 interactive historical accounts of past and current genocides. They are housed on the Timestream platform on our website. Timestream is a technology developed by the Ntrepid [Corporation](#) to provide law enforcement and government policy agencies with software to organize the histories of crimes, conflicts, and other complex social processes. To date, Genocide Watch has published 30 Timestreams. They are used by teachers and students around the world. Click [here](#) to view all 30 Timestreams including Genocide Watch's Timestreams on genocides in Ethiopia and genocides perpetrated by ISIS. New Timestreams were published on the Spanish Civil War, Tibet, Ecocide in Brazil, the Ukrainian Holodomor, Haiti, and the Sri Lankan Civil War.

Dr. Stanton is in the process of writing a youth-friendly Ten Stages of Genocide textbook to be used by teachers in secondary school settings. To expand the educational reach and impact of Dr. Stanton's Ten Stages of Genocide processual model of genocide, Nat Hill, Deputy-Research Director, is overseeing translation of a two page summary of the Ten Stages model into over 30 languages.

Legal Prosecution:

To better investigate legal prosecution strategies for genocides, Genocide Watch established a Legal Team directed by Dr. Stanton. The Legal Team took on two major projects: legal scholarship to address the International Court of Justice's problematic interpretations of intent in the Genocide Convention; and work with the UN and NGOs in Iraq to seek justice against ISIS for victims of its Yazidi, Christian, and Shi'a Genocides.

In April at a University of Connecticut Human Rights Conference, the Legal Team [presented](#) papers on the harm the term "ethnic cleansing" brings to genocide prevention and prosecution. One paper has already been accepted for publication by an international law journal.

In July at the International Association of Genocide Scholars Conference (IAGS), Vian Saggo, Julia Sierra, and Giada Corsoni presented their research critiquing Myanmar's defense against The Gambia's charges of genocide



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in the International Court of Justice (video recording available [here](#)). These scholars are now preparing to submit their work for publication in legal journals.

With respect to seeking justice for ISIS's victims, Dr. Stanton, Sarah West, Vian Saggo, and Kylie Henry spearheaded outreach to the UN, IOM, and over 75 organizations in Iraq to promote efforts to work with the Iraqi government to bring members of ISIS to trial.

The Alliance Against Genocide:

Alliance Against Genocide Senior Manager Lauren Salim greatly strengthened our Alliance Against Genocide. The Alliance Against Genocide now has 100 member organizations in 31 countries. To improve the diversity of the Alliance Against Genocide, Lauren actively recruited organizations from unrepresented regions such as South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. Genocide Watch sends a monthly newsletter to all Alliance member organizations detailing their recent activities.

In the Spring of 2021, Genocide Watch hosted its inaugural Alliance Against Genocide symposium. Over two days, Alliance member organizations presented their programs in interactive panel discussions. They were able to network through discussion of the following topics: prevention, research, genocide education, policy advocacy and legal advocacy.

As a result of the conference, Genocide Watch has formed new partnerships with other member organizations in the Alliance. We worked with the 21Wilberforce Initiative to create an interactive map documenting populations subjected to religious persecution around the world.

To be an organization responsive to the dignity of the people we write about and advocate for, Genocide Watch recognizes that we must actively incorporate the voices and perspectives of genocide victims and survivor communities. To facilitate this effort, Senior Research Staff Member Jessa Mellea created an internal tool for Genocide Watch to use when validating our reports with genocide-impacted communities. For our country reports and alerts in 2021, we have collaborated with institutions inside and outside the Alliance to validate reports on Sudan, Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar, China, and the Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities.

A special note of thanks to our donors:

We thank our donors for your generous support of Genocide Watch!
Your gifts in 2021 allowed Genocide Watch to again maintain a balanced budget.
Thanks to our outstanding all-volunteer staff and extremely low expenses, Genocide Watch has had a significant impact on genocide early warning and prevention on a very frugal budget.

We could not have persevered through this difficult year without your support.
Rather than folding during the pandemic, Genocide Watch has used virtual communications to grow to a vibrant staff of over twenty volunteers located around the world.
Rather than weakening our work, the pandemic has made Genocide Watch stronger.

Dr. Gregory H. Stanton
Founding President