

International justice

JUSTICE INFO

Justice Info website is the only international media to focus its coverage - free of charge and in five languages - on justice initiatives in countries facing the most serious violence: war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide. It focuses on transitional justice initiatives, including truth commissions, reparations, memory building, reconciliation, and universal jurisdiction.

The role of Justice Info is to make these processes accessible, to democratise transitional justice in order to make it easy to understand, and to enable a dialogue between its actors and its beneficiaries. Over 200 publications are produced each year by some 30 correspondents, as well as experts, around the world, providing a unique source of reports and debates on the experience of human societies in dealing with mass violence.



Justice Info correspondents share their experiences in Geneva at a conference in 2023.
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Key figures for 2023



456 articles published



5 broadcast languages



38 correspondents trained around the world



130,000 followers on social media



500,000 web users



30 international correspondents

Context

The world is witnessing a decisive shift in the use of transitional justice in the West, where previously it tended to be confined to the "global South". This swing is due in particular to the emergence of demands from indigenous peoples, a dynamic collective awareness of environmental rights, addressing the colonial past, and the growing importance of universal jurisdiction.

"Justice must be seen to be done"

Transitional justice is eminently political: it cannot act if it is not exposed to public scrutiny. Justice Info's content makes a direct contribution to meeting a fundamental democratic challenge by critically and independently questioning these processes.

A number of initiatives have marked 2023, such as the opening of a dossier devoted to "enforced disappearances". The trial of the 28 September 2009 massacre in Guinea, which was closely followed by the Guinean population, received particular attention, as did the historic trial of two executives of the oil company Lundin in Sweden for complicity in war crimes. Justice Info also continued its coverage of the vast transitional justice process in Colombia. In Ukraine, the monitoring of war-related trials continued. Unprecedented coverage was provided of trials taking place in occupied territories and in Russia. The end of the year was marked by intense activity at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, particularly focused on Palestine.

Consolidating our audience of 500,000 web users, and 130,000 on social networks, was a priority for Justice Info. Visitors to the website and social media platforms are increasing, and engaging more with the content, thanks to efforts made in search engine optimisation, innovative publishing methods, and organising the archives.

In 2023, the first meeting of Justice Info correspondents was held, uniting ten international journalists in Geneva for editorial exchanges. Justice Info also trained 38 Ukrainian journalists to cover war crimes trials.

OUR IMPACT

With nearly 2.3 million users since its creation, Justice Info has built up a loyal readership over the long term, made up of experts in transitional justice in the broadest sense.

This influence is reflected in the development of a Spanish-speaking readership, the maintenance of a strong audience for articles on Ukraine, and the success of articles on Palestine and the International Criminal Court.

TESTIMONIAL

"Justice Info allows me to explore issues that are rarely addressed by the media in my country, which are obsessed with immediacy and headlines. I can write about the expectations of victims, tackle complex issues and reflect on the legitimacy of justice."

Andrés Bermúdez Liévano, Justice Info correspondent in Colombia.

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Justice Info strives to report on local developments in transitional justice, where actors are becoming more creative and involved at a local level, rather than within large international bodies. It is important for the Justice Info team to aim for a better balance between continents: Africa, where national justice plays a major role; South America, where transitional justice is dynamic at national level; and Asia or the Arab world, where transitional justice issues are critical but limited at this stage.

In 2024, the editorial team covered the 30th commemoration of the Tutsi genocide in Rwanda, and also travelled to Georgia to report on the dysfunctional use of the ICC's assistance fund. Major issues such as Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel and Colombia remain at the heart of its work. Justice Info will also do its utmost to shed light on certain blind spots in transitional justice, such as systemic gender violence or the possibilities for transitional justice concerning mass gang crime.

Justice Info is maintaining its digital strategy to optimise its website and make its content more accessible. The development of social networks and its newsletter remain a priority. Justice Info intends to create a pilot WhatsApp channel to test its use as an interactive platform for content sharing.

Justice Info is continuing to strengthen its thirty or so correspondents and is providing two new training courses for journalists in Ukraine: on enforced disappearances and on reparations.

To better understand the expectations and concerns of the different segments of its readership, Justice Info is conducting an in-depth audience consultation.

PRIORITIES

- ▶ Maintaining the digital strategy
- ▶ Diversifying distribution channels

ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Producing at least 13 articles a month
- ▶ Training for Ukrainian correspondents and journalists

BENEFICIARIES

Justice Info plays a bifocal role, as a source of information and as an agent of change. In this way, the project benefits those affected by the processes covered, international justice experts and professionals, and the network of correspondents, who are predominantly female. Indirectly, the societies concerned also benefit from the work of Justice Info, which documents and provides transparency on the processes underway.

DRIVERS OF CHANGE

- Specialist media
- Exclusivity (investigations and reports)
- Rigorous reporting
- Continuous reinforcement of journalists specialising in the justice system
- Stimulating public debate
- Resource and archive centre on international justice issues

