

## **Genocide Watch Annual Report 2015**

2015 has been a very productive year for Genocide Watch. With the creativity and hard work of our interns during 2015, Genocide Watch has maintained the most actively updated and heavily used websites on genocide on the internet. We testified before Congress on the genocidal massacres of ISIS. We had many meetings at the State Department. We sponsored an Appeal to Congress by Genocide Scholars concerning the ISIS genocide and other crimes.

We co-sponsored a conference at George Mason University on Women and Genocide in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, focused on Sudan. We keynoted a Los Angeles conference on the genocide in Burma against the Rohingya. We contributed articles to newspapers and appeared on worldwide television, including BBC and CNN. We sponsored a summer film series on Genocide.

Our interns built and launched a new website for the Alliance Against Genocide, againstgenocide.org to serve as a communications site for the 50+ member organizations of the Alliance, which continues to grow. One of our interns built a Genocide Watch app for I-phones and Androids, which can be downloaded from our website, <u>www.genocidewatch.net</u>. We continue to use Facebook and Twitter to communicate with the thousands of people who follow our work.

Genocide Watch is a non-partisan, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that pays no salaries and keeps its overhead very low thanks to its affiliation with the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution of George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia. Three interns each semester and each summer receive academic credit for their work with Genocide Watch. Our office space and furniture, computers, telephones, and meeting rooms are provided by George Mason University. Genocide Watch pays only for liability insurance as required for affiliates of the university.

In return, Genocide Watch provides educational opportunities to its interns, to the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, and to the public about how and why genocide develops, including early warning signs of threats of mass killing and reports on current genocidal situations. Our reports are posted on our websites, sent to the member organizations in the Alliance Against Genocide, and sent directly to Congress, the State Department, National Security Council and the President, and to the UN's Special Advisor to the Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide.

This year, Genocide Watch received two small foundation grants and many smaller donations with which we raised \$20,000 for website domain maintenance and other operating expenses. Every penny is spent wisely. Because our budget is small and simple, we only file the short form annual non-profit tax return.

Genocide Watch has never tried to build an organizational empire. Our purpose is to be a catalyst to encourage the organization of anti-genocide organizations around the world, and to coordinate a network of those organizations. We have remained small but our influence has grown.

In the coming year, our emphasis on genocide education will increase, as I complete and publish a short, inexpensive textbook on the stages of genocide for secondary school students, to be used in curricula on genocide in the US, Canada, the UK, and in translation around the world.

In the near future, we plan to develop an online course on Genocide in conjunction with George Mason's Office of Distance Education or with the publisher of our textbook for secondary school students.

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