

# DEFENDING FREEDOM, CHALLENGING OPPRESSION

2025 IMPACT REPORT

Defending Muslim Minority  
Rights Globally



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FOR ALL  
CANADA

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# REFLECTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporters,

In a year marked by profound global injustice and deep uncertainty, 2025 asked more of all of us: more courage, more action and more commitment to human rights on a global scale. This year, you showed us what that looks like. You chose to show up—consistently, strategically and stronger than ever before.

It has been my honour to witness so many incredible projects and milestones. Thanks to our collective efforts, we have seen a significant shift in public opinion among Canadians. Our 2025 poll revealed more than half of Canadians believe our government should recognize Israel's actions as a genocide, and we saw more people take a stand for Palestinian human rights. You helped us grow one of our latest projects, Media Watch, by mobilizing over 3,000 volunteer activists to tackle biased news.

We pushed decision makers to uphold international law. For the first time in history, we saw the Palestinian flag being raised at city halls across the country. We connected with hundreds of mosques and saw more leaders join our #OrangeKhutbahDay, using their platform to promote Muslim-Indigenous connection and healing.



Guided by our shared moral and human responsibility, this work reflects both our values and our faith. We are deeply grateful you walk this path alongside us.

This report reflects what is possible when advocacy is rooted in integrity, when awareness fuels action and when communities refuse to look away. As you look through, we invite you to see not just what was achieved—but what lies ahead, and the role we all continue to play in building a world enabled and protected by justice.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Taha Ghayyur  
Executive Director

## OUR TEAM



## WHO WE SERVE

- The Rohingya in Burma-Myanmar
- Uyghur Muslims in Chinese-occupied East Turkistan
- Indigenous peoples
- Palestinians
- Marginalized religious communities in India
- Kashmiris in Indian-administered Kashmir
- Religious minorities in Sri Lanka
- Prisoners of Conscience



# OUR VISION & MISSION

## VALUES:

# PEACE



### PURPOSE

Commitment & responsibility to establish Justice



### EMPATHY

Compassion for the most vulnerable around the globe



### ACTION

Hunger for ending injustice and saving lives



### COLLABORATION

Cooperation with advocates, allies & leaders for strategic solutions



### EQUITY

Pursuit of truth, reconciliation, freedom, and accountability

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## VISION:

A world enabled and protected by justice.

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## MISSION:

To be a force of justice that defends minority rights, challenges genocide and saves lives.

# MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS



Save Palestine



Burma Task Force



Save Uyghur



Save India From Fascism



Kashmir Action



Sri Lanka Task Force



Indigenous Solidarity



Prisoners of Conscience

# 2025 JUSTICE UPDATES & WINS

We are moving the needle!  
2025 human rights wins as a result of our  
collective advocacy:



## SAVE PALESTINE

### JANUARY 15

Israel agreed to a **ceasefire** after a 15-month genocide, enabling some injured Palestinians to travel for medical treatment and allowing limited aid access through the Rafah crossing. The ceasefire did not end Israeli military assaults on Gaza. We continued to call for a permanent end to the genocide. #SavePalestine

### JUNE 10

For the first time in history, **Canada sanctioned two sitting Israeli government ministers**—Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich—for inciting violence and promoting illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank.



## SEPTEMBER 21

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney **officially recognized the state of Palestine**. This landmark decision directly acknowledged Israel's violations of international law and marks a historic win for advocacy and civil society groups who have long been calling for the official recognition of Palestinian statehood.

## NOVEMBER 1

Following the launch of our #CallitGenocide campaign, **Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow publicly recognized that Israel's actions in Gaza constitute a genocide**. This acknowledgement was politically significant and strengthened our calls for Canada to fulfill its legal obligations under the Genocide Convention.



SAVE UYGHUR

## APRIL 30

Canada facilitated the **resettlement of three Uyghur refugees** who were detained in Thailand for over a decade. This follows Canada's 2023 commitment to resettle 10,000 Uyghur Refugees.

## JANUARY 28

The Foreign Interference Commission released its final report describing how foreign states, such as China and India, interfere with Canada's democratic institutions. **Justice For All Canada submitted significant contributions** to the Commission, providing evidence, analysis and recommendations on safeguarding South Asian communities in Canada against transnational repression.

## SEPTEMBER 30

The Canadian government **officially listed the Bishnoi gang as a terrorist entity** under the Criminal Code. This group was linked to the murder of Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar.



“Justice is not a sprint. It is a relay. We don’t work alone, we work with a team, **UNITED**.

We don’t run all at once, we take one step at a time, **STRATEGICALLY**.

We don’t end the race, we pass the baton and continue to support fellow human rights defenders until we see a world enabled and protected by **JUSTICE.**”



# YOUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & ADVOCACY PROGRAMS



**120**

Advocacy Meetings



**2**

Lobby Days



**48**

Statements & Press Releases



**100+**

Volunteers Engaged



**5**

Op-eds



**3**

Press Conferences



**21**

Action Alerts Issued



**120,000+**

Advocacy Actions Taken





**25**

Media Stories & Interviews

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS



**6**

A Night For Rights Galas



**6**

Leadership Briefings



**116**

Mosques Engaged



**14**

Town Halls

## EDUCATION



**12**

Workshops & Webinars



**170**

Students trained in advocacy



**63,500**

Educational Material  
Distributed



**30**

Justice Minute Videos

## MARKETING & DIGITAL MEDIA



**12**

Infographics  
Published



**129**

Educational Videos  
Produced



**284,000**

Digital Reach

## POLICY & RESEARCH



**2**

Reports Published



**32**

Memos/Briefs  
Produced

## MEDIA WATCH



**459**

Media Alerts



**18,500+**

Public Media  
Engagements



**6**

Media Watch  
Trainings



**3,600+**

Media Watch  
volunteers engaged

# HOW WE WORK.



Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said  
"The best of people are those who  
are most beneficial to others."

*al-Mu'jam al-Awsat lil-Tabarānī 5937*

# MAJOR PROJECTS



## CALL IT GENOCIDE CAMPAIGN

With your support, we launched our landmark #CallItGenocide campaign: a comprehensive advocacy initiative combining government-level engagement with grassroots mobilization. After prominent human rights organizations and genocide experts, including a United Nations Commission and two Israeli human rights organizations, formally concluded that Israel's actions meet the legal threshold for genocide, our efforts intensified. We focused strategically on urging the Government of Canada to acknowledge and name these violations in accordance with international law, hold perpetrators accountable and uphold human rights on the global stage.





## RAMADAN PLEDGE TO END THE OCCUPATION

Ramadan saw the launch of #Fast4Freedom, a national campaign encouraging Canadian Muslims to transform their prayers into tangible actions. This was a call to unite in support of Palestinian statehood by pledging to urge their MP to recognize Palestine, host a community iftar (breaking of fast) to fundraise for advocacy efforts and lastly, to pray for Palestine.

- 142 pledges

## FEDERAL ELECTION PARTY REPORT CARDS

#ElectJustice political party report cards provided a comprehensive evaluation of federal political parties' foreign policy records on human rights. The report cards covered in detail how elected officials prioritized the persecution of Muslims and other groups facing oppression worldwide, including Palestinians, Uyghurs, Rohingya, marginalized Indian communities and Indigenous peoples in Canada. With your support, our dedicated team conducted rigorous, in-depth analysis to help communities make informed and principled voting decisions. We also developed an MP questionnaire to equip Canadians with a tool they could take to their Members of Parliament to seek clear positions on the issues they care most about.



Visit [justiceforallcanada.org/electjustice.html](https://www.justiceforallcanada.org/electjustice.html) for details.

- 5 Major Human Rights Concerns
- 5 Political Parties Evaluated



## IDRIS HASAN, UYGHUR PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE, FREED

Uyghur human rights defender and a prisoner of conscience, Idris Hasan, was arrested and detained in 2021, separated from his family and treated unjustly. This year, thanks to the collective efforts of Uyghur and human rights groups including Justice For All Canada's Save Uyghur campaign, he was finally released. Uyghurs continue to face unjust surveillance, repression and forced labour. Those who are able to flee East Turkistan face deportation threats.

## UYGHUR REFUGEES ARRIVE IN CANADA

Three Uyghur refugees in Thailand were safely brought to Canada, following Canada's commitment in 2023 to resettle 10,000 Uyghur refugees in Canada. They were among the 300+ Uyghurs who fled China in 2014, only to be arrested and detained by Thai authorities. Justice For All Canada continues to advocate for the acceleration of the resettlement project and raise awareness about the dangers Uyghur refugees face.

## #RAISETHEFLAG CAMPAIGN

In September 2025, Canada officially recognized Palestine as a state, marking a step forward for Palestinian human rights. In line with local city groups taking the lead, we launched **#RaiseTheFlag** to encourage citizens to raise the flag at their city councils across the country. For the first time in history the Palestinian flag was raised in key Canadian municipalities symbolizing solidarity with the people of Palestine and a call for an end to the ongoing genocide. Providing tools

and guidelines on how to conduct flag raisings, we encouraged all cities to take part in this grassroots movement.

7 cities hoisted the Palestinian flag.

- Toronto
- Mississauga
- Winnipeg
- Calgary
- Brampton
- Ajax
- Fredericton, New Brunswick



## CANADA PLEDGES \$99M FOR GAZA

Following collective campaigning and lobbying from human rights and civil society groups, in March, former Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly announced over \$99M in relief and governance support to Gaza and the occupied West Bank. These funds supported the U.N., World Bank, Red Cross and NGO partners in delivering international assistance.



## A NIGHT FOR RIGHTS WITH DR. PANDOR

- 6 Cities
- 2000+ attendees united

Justice For All Canada hosted Dr. Naledi Pandor across six cities, marking the largest human rights tour in our history. With your support, we welcomed and honoured a renowned human rights trailblazer while extending the spirit of unity and justice to more communities than ever before. Dr. Pandor, South Africa's former Minister of International

Relations and Cooperation, had the courage to take Israel to the International Court of Justice. More than two thousand supporters, community leaders, allies and advocates from diverse backgrounds gathered together to stand in solidarity with Dr. Pandor and South Africa's principled commitment to justice and accountability for Palestinians.

## DR. PANDOR'S ADDRESS AT PARLIAMENT HILL

Justice For All Canada proudly facilitated a visit to Parliament Hill by South Africa's former Minister of International Relations and Cooperation. She spoke to a room of government and civil society leaders about South Africa's genocide case against Israel before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Highlighting Canada's responsibility to uphold international law when states commit genocide, the briefing drew Liberal, NDP, and Conservative Members of Parliament, as well as Senators and prominent representatives from human rights and aid organizations.



## DELEGATION VISIT TO THE WEST BANK

In December, Justice For All Canada staff participated in a 30-member delegation to the West Bank for a peaceful fact-finding mission to hear directly from Palestinians living under occupation and to document firsthand accounts of conditions in the occupied West Bank. The trip was organized by The Canadian Muslim Vote (TCMV). All 30 Canadian participants, including six Members of Parliament, were denied entry without any valid explanation. Despite this, Justice For All Canada staff engaged with Palestinian refugees in Jordan, using the opportunity to listen to their experiences and better understand how we can effectively support and advocate for their rights.

This trip drew significant public attention and amplified a critical concern raised by the delegation: restrictions on independent observers and elected officials, particularly amid Israel's genocide in Gaza, undermines the transparency about, and accountability for settler-colonial violence and illegal settlement expansion in the occupied West Bank.



## IN THE MEDIA

This year, our Media Watch Project ramped up efforts and trained over 3,000 volunteers to identify harmful and biased narratives. Media Watch campaigns strengthen public discourse, tackle misinformation and challenge language that dehumanizes marginalized populations. One letter at a time, we are taking back the narrative.

- 3600+ Active Media Watch Volunteers
- 212 Media Outlets Engaged
- 6 Formal Trainings
- 459 Campaign Actions
- 18,500 Media Watch Emails sent

In a world inundated by misinformation and easily fabricated reports, op-ed articles are a crucial part of shaping public opinion and defending human rights. Our op-eds and media work challenge biased news coverage and amplify the voices of the oppressed. With your support, we collaborated with experts to co-author 5 powerful op-eds in major media outlets.

- 5 Op-ed articles
- 25 Media Interviews

**WORDS OF JUSTICE**

**GLOBAL NEWS MISLEADS READERS WITH VILIFYING CLICKBAIT**

Discussing the rise in terrorism in Canada, Global News vilifies the Muslim community while glossing over terrorism from far-right groups. Let them know this is unacceptable and biased!

[WordsOfJustice.org/campaigns/Global-YouthRadicalization](https://www.WordsOfJustice.org/campaigns/Global-YouthRadicalization)

**WORDS OF JUSTICE**

**CALLING OUT THE NATIONAL POST FOR SPREADING MISINFORMATION**

In his recent article, Leslie Roberts delegitimizes Palestinian sources, uses dehumanizing language, and fails to include the pertinent context of occupation, apartheid, and genocide in Gaza.

Send a message to the author and the National Post editorial board. Demand accountability. Demand ethical journalism.

[WordsOfJustice.org/campaigns/campaigns/NP-Fact](https://www.WordsOfJustice.org/campaigns/campaigns/NP-Fact)

## PARLIAMENTARY PRESS CONFERENCES



Human Rights Groups & MP Urge Thai Authorities to Halt Deportation of 48 Uyghur Refugees

Human Rights & Civil Society Call on Parliament to Recognize Genocide in Gaza



Denied Entry to West Bank, Canadian Delegates Hold Ottawa Press Conference on Illegal Settlements



## #JUSTICEMINUTE SERIES

In 2025, our education team produced 30 Justice Minute videos exploring different aspects of our human rights campaigns on social media, reaching 34K plus views. Justice Minutes are part of a broader justice education initiative designed to raise awareness of priority concerns and equip communities with practical advocacy tools.



## NEXTGEN TRAINING

We hosted 4 NextGen trainings in Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto and Kingston. A full day of focused human rights based workshops in each city led by subject matter experts exploring topics such as meeting with your MP and using social media for positive change. Our transformational workshops are designed to build the next generation of change-makers!

- 130 Participants trained
- 6 Human rights topics covered
- 4 Cities
- 12 Experts engaged



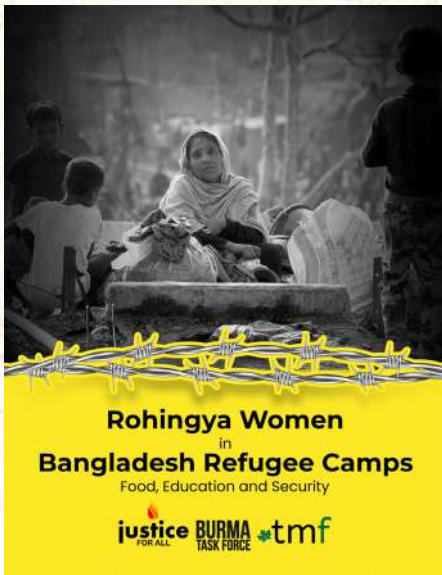
## INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY

2025 witnessed the amplification of Indigenous-led reconciliation across supporter and collaborator communities. Through the efforts of our campaign engagement coordinator, we established relationships with Indigenous organizations, forging pioneering connections among them and community groups, advocates, leaders, students and educators. We cannot challenge global genocides without first acknowledging the one that took place in Canada.

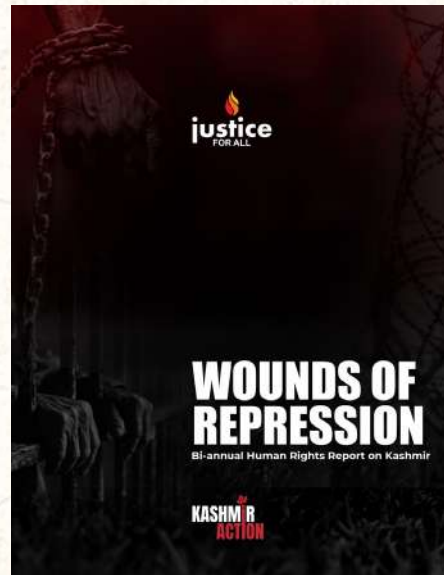
- 32 Indigenous community programming engagements
- 8 engagements with the Native Women's Resource Centre
- 12+ Indigenous educational events
- 5 major Indigenous cultural gatherings attended



## RESEARCH & REPORTS



Rohingya Women in Bangladesh Refugee Camps: Food, Education and Security



Wounds of Repression: Bi-Annual Human Rights Report on Kashmir



JUSTICE COLLABORATORS:  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOLIDARITY!**

To all our Justice Collaborators,  
thank you for being part of this vital journey with us.

Your commitment to our shared mission has made a profound difference. We are grateful for your dedication to protecting human rights. We look forward to our continued partnership in the coming years.



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