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2012: A mixed year for human rights - Amnesty International publishes timeline

Events in the past year should make leaders, companies and individuals the world over resolve to join the battle for human rights, said Amnesty International on 10 December, as it published a timeline surveying some of the key human rights moments in 2012 to mark human rights day.

2012: A year in Human Rights includes information on events such as the crisis in the Middle East, the arrest and imprisonment of Russian performers' Pussy Riot, executions in the USA, Japan and other countries plus forced evictions across the globe.

"Across the world we see millions of individuals who have achieved extraordinary change against the odds," said Salil Shetty, Secretary General at Amnesty International.

"These people stand in stark contrast to the governments which all too frequently stand by in the face of terrible violations from Syria to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"Crimes such as torture, disappearances and violence against women remain commonplace in parts of the world even though progress elsewhere is there to be seen.

"What we want in 2013 is more action and commitment to ensure everyone can enjoy their dignity and freedom."

[See Amnesty International's Timeline of Human Rights events in 2012](#)