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| 2011 | Turkey | Büşra Ersanlı (f) constitutional expert, historian (2) [PEN/HRW] * work for Constitutional Commission of Peace and Democracy Party [BDP]. + terrorism. ~ awaiting trial. |
| 2011 | Azerbaijan | Jabbar Savalan (m) history student (1) [AI] * peaceful political activism. + possessing illegal drugs. ~ sentenced to 2,5 years' imprisonment. |
| 2011 | Iran | Seyed Hossein Javdani (m) history lecturer (1) [NEAR] * online articles about the Green movement after June 2009 elections. + no. ~ dismissal; <i>previously</i> : threat of dismissal; as student banned from university. |
| 2011 | Rwanda | Agnes Uwimana (f) editor, Saidati Mukakibibi (f) journalist (1) [PEN] * interpretation of 1994 genocide (among others). + threatening state security, genocide ideology, divisionism and defamation. ~ sentenced to 17 (Uwimana) and 7 (Mukakibibi) years' imprisonment. |
| 2011 | Iran | Fatemeh Masjedi (f) historian, Maryam Bidgoli (f) women's rights activists (1) [AI] * peaceful collection of signatures for petition demanding end to discrimination against women in Iran. + spreading propaganda against the system. ~ sentenced to one year's imprisonment, reduced to six months; free pending further legal challenges |
| 2010 | Russia/Ingushetia | Mukhmed Gazdiev (m) retired history teacher (1) [AI] * enquired into his son's enforced disappearance. + no. ~ intimidated, harassed (home search). |
| 2009 | Peru | Salomón Lerner Febres (m), former truth commission president (1) [HRW/NEAR] * efforts to prosecute former military figures involved in armed conflict (1980–2000). + no. ~ death threats. |
| 2008 | Russia | <i>Memorial</i> (archive on Stalinist crimes) (1) [HRW] * office raided, part of archive confiscated. + no. ~ still targeted. |
| 2008 | Uzbekistan | Anonymous (m) (1970–), historian of ethno-politics and in Central Asia (1) [SAR] * harassed during interrogations by security service because of research topics, association with foreign scholars, visits to foreign universities. + no. ~ seeking to go abroad. |
| 2008 | Iran | Anonymous (m) (1957–), historian of Iranian and Turkish history (1) [SAR] * unauthorized Farsi translation of Ali Shariati biography + labeled “ideological non-conformist”. ~ dismissed, threatened with violence; seeking to go abroad. |
| 2007 | Haiti | Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine (m) ([1953]–), Wilson Mesilien (m) ([1968]–), founders-coordinators of Fondasyon Trant Septanm (1) [AI] * campaign on behalf of victims of 1991–94 military regime and of 2004–6 violence; campaign to abolish army. + no. ~ Pierre-Antoine: abducted; Mesilien: death threats. |

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| 2007 | Iran | Mehrnoushe Solouki (f) (1970–), French-Iranian filmmaker and journalism graduate student in Canada (2) [SAR/NEAR] * discovery of 1988 mass grave of regime opponents. + intent to commit propaganda. ~ imprisoned; trial adjourned; permitted to leave in January 2008. |
| 2007 | Iraq | Anonymous (m) (1954–) historian of modern (Turkish, Ottoman) period (1) [SAR] * threats, harassment after sectarian militia group takeover of university. + no. ~ life in danger; went to Fairfield University, CT, USA. |
| 2007 | China | Lü Gengsong (m), history graduate and writer (3) [PEN] * critical writings (incl. history of corruption); pro-democracy activities. + subversion. ~ expulsion as history teacher (1993); sentenced to 4 years' prison (2008); released (2011); deprived of political rights. |
| 2007 | Turkey | Hrant Dink (m) (1954–2007), journalist (3) [PEN/European Court of Human Rights (ECHR)] * comments on 1915 Armenian genocide [y]. + insulting Turkish identity. ~ several trials; assassinated; ECHR: Turkey violated Dink's rights to life and free expression. |
| 2007 | Iraq | Five historians (m) (all deceased) (1) [CARA] * no. + no. ~ assassinated. |
| 2007 | China | Anonymous (m), Uighur historian and anthropologist (1) [SAR] * engaging with Uighur separatists. + not known. ~ repeatedly detained; abroad; risk of arrest upon return. |
| 2006 | China | Dolma Kyab [aka Lobsang Kelsang Gyatso] (m) (1976–), Tibetan history teacher and writer (3) [PEN] * manuscript on democracy, sovereignty, communism, colonialism, religion, geography. + endangering state security. ~ exiled, returned, charged, sentenced to 10,5 years' prison; in bad health. |
| 2006 | United States | Waskar Ari (m) (Bolivian Aymara) historian (1) [AAAS, NEAR] * denied visa to teach Latin American history at University of Nebraska, Lincoln, USA + cancellation of old visa under terrorism-related section of US visa legislation. ~ granted visa in July 2007. |
| 2005 | Iran | Yasub al-Din Rastgari (m) ([1927]–) Shi'a scholar (1) [PEN] * historical work critical of policies of historic characters, including Wahhabi sect personalities. + insulting Islam and causing schism. ~ charged, sentenced to 4 years' prison. |
| 2005 | Peru | Luis Alberto Rueda Curimania (m) archaeologist, Carlos Alberto Suarez Canlla (m) odontologist, Máximo Ángel Banda Roca (m) anthropologist (2) [AAAS] * exhumations at a military base, Ayacucho, and analyzing the human remains recovered from it. + no. ~ death threats. |

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| 2005 | Turkey | Orhan Pamuk (m) (1952–) writer (3) [PEN] * statements abroad on Armenian genocide of 1915 and Kurdish insurrection of 1984–2000 [y]. + insulting Turkish identity. ~ proceedings ended; threats after Dink's assassination. |
| 2005 | Armenia | Yektan Turkyilmaz (m) (?1972–) (Turkish) cultural anthropologist (2) [PEN/AAAS] * unaware that he was required to declare any books over 50 years old at customs. + export of "contraband" goods. ~ arrested and imprisoned; tried; released. |
| 2004 | Turkey | Hakan Albayrak (m) journalist (1) [PEN] * wrote article saying that Atatürk was buried without funeral prayer. + insulting memory of Atatürk. ~ sentenced to 15 months' prison (of which 5 to serve); released. |
| 2004 | Bangladesh | Humayun Azad (m) (?1947–2004) author of historical novel (1) [PEN] * novel on religious groups who collaborated with Pakistani army in 1971 independence war. + no. ~ death threats; stabbed; coma; attacks and injuries; new death threats; deceased 2004. |
| 2004 | Turkmenistan | Rakhim Esenov (m) (?1928–) (Russian) author of historical novel, a.o. (3) [AI/PEN] * imported copies of historical novel banned and its "historical errors" criticized by president [y]. + inciting social, national, and religious hatred using the mass media. ~ detained; released after 16 days; left country; 2008: charged dropped, returned. |
| 2003 | Kuwait | Yasser al-Habib (m) (?1973–) writer (5) [AI/PEN] * lectured on Islamic (also Wahhabi) historical issues to private audience. + defaming companions of Prophet; attempting to overthrow regime. ~ abducted; detained; ill-treated; amnestied; in hiding; sentenced in absentia to 10 years' prison; home raided; fled to UK; 2006: sentenced in absentia to 10 years' prison for second time. |
| 2003 | Guatemala | Fredy Peccerelli (m) forensic anthropologist, a.o. (6) [AI/AAAS] * exhumation of civil war victims to serve as evidence in genocide trials [y]. + no. ~ threats and intimidation; threats continue. |
| 2003 | Kazakhstan | Anonymous (f) (1956–) (Armenian-born) art historian, archaeologist (1) [SAR] * research unrelated to Kazakhstan and Kazakh nationalism not approved. + no. ~ dismissed; unemployed. |
| 2002 | Argentina | Fernanda Sanssone (f) archaeology student, a.o. (1) [AI] * exhumation of graves of disappeared. + no. ~ threats; current status unknown. |
| 2002 | Iran | Hashem Aghajari (m) (1957–) historian (6) [AI/PEN/AAAS] * speech called for religious renewal: Muslims should not "blindly follow religious leaders." + apostasy, blasphemy. ~ 74 lashes; 8 years' internal exile; 10-year ban on teaching; death penalty repealed, commuted to 4 years' prison; death penalty imposed again, revoked |

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| | | again; 3 years' prison; released; ban lifted. |
| 2002 | Guatemala | Members of forensic anthropology foundations (2) [AI] * exhumation of civil-war victims to serve as evidence in genocide trials [y]. + no. ~ threats and intimidation; threats continue. |
| 2002 | China | Xu Zerong (m) (1954–) historian (1) [PEN] * sent photocopied classified documents from Korean War abroad; active as publisher in Hong Kong. + leaking state secrets; economic crimes. ~ detained; held incommunicado; 13 years' prison; appeal pending. |
| 2001 | Guatemala | Matilde Leonor González Izas (f) historian (1) [AI] * research into mechanisms used by military to control local communities [y]. + no. ~ threats after hiding; current status unknown. |
| 2001 | China | Tohti Tunyaz (m) (1959–) historian (5) [PEN] * research into Uighur history; received copy of 50-years-old list of documents on 1944 East Turkestan Independence Movement. + illegally acquiring state secrets for foreign persons, inciting separatism. ~ detained; tried; sentenced; appeal; 11 years' prison; 2 years' suspension political rights; released 2009; forbidden to join family in Japan. |
| 2001 | Turkey | Emrullah Karagoz (m) (?1978–), archaeology student (4) [AI] * membership in legal pro-Kurdish political party HADEP [y]. + aiding illegal organization. ~ detained; tortured; released; rearrested; current status unknown. |
| 2000 | Ethiopia | Badada Bayene (m) history student, a.o. (2) [AI] * fight between Oromo and other students after Tigrayan student presented paper, in which historical book with derogatory term for "Oromo" quoted. + unknown. ~ arrested; fear of torture; released. |
| 2000 | India | Anonymous (m), historian (1) [SAR] * coordinating editor of series on independence struggle (1938–47). + no. ~ dismissed; current status unknown. |
| 2000 | Burma/ Myanmar | Ma Khin Khin Leh (f) (?1966–), history teacher, a.o. (2) [AAAS/AI] * (with others) planned pro-democracy march on Martyr's Day. + unknown. ~ detained instead of spouse; life imprisonment; released February 2009. |
| 2000 | China | Song Yongyi (m) (1949–), (Chinese-born American) historian, librarian (3) [AAUP] * collected published documents on Cultural Revolution [y]. + purchase and illegal provision of intelligence to foreign people. ~ detained; 6 months' prison; released; expelled. |
| 1999 | Palestinian Authority | Abdulsittar Qassem (m) (?1949–), historian, political scientist, a.o. (4) [AAAS] * signed petition accusing government of corruption [y]. + no. ~ arrested; released; rearrested; released. |
| 1999 | Guatemala | Juan Gerardi Conedera (m) (1922–98) auxiliary archbishop (1) [AI] * coordinated Catholic truth commission (REMHI) report <i>Guatemala: Nunca más</i> (detailing abuses in 1960–96 civil war) [y]. |

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| | | + no. ~ assassinated; witnesses, lawyers, prosecutors, judges involved in trial threatened; sentences of 4 perpetrators reduced; 1 perpetrator killed in prison. |
| 1999 | Ethiopia | Gamachu Malka Fufa (m) (?1957–), Garuma Bekele (m) (?1960–), Tesfaye Deressa (m) (?1959–), writers (all interested in Oromo past) (1) [PEN] * journalism, human-rights activities on behalf of Oromo minority. + armed conspiracy and involvement with Oromo Liberation Front. ~ imprisoned without trial; solitary confinement; all released and exiled. |
| 1998 | Mexico | Andrés Aubry (m) (French) historian, anthropologist; Angélica Inda (f) archivist (1) [AAAS] * compiled archives about Maya Indians; assisted in peace talks between government and Zapatistas [y]. + no. ~ intimidated; harassed; archives confiscated; current status unknown. |
| 1998 | Palestinian Authority | Wael Ali Farraj (m) (?1975–) history student (1) [AI] * allegedly supported Islamist group. + no. ~ detained; ill-treated; not tried; release ordered in 1999; possibly still in prison. |
| 1998 | Burma/ Myanmar | Ko Aung Tun (m) (1967–), U Myo Htun [aka Ko Khun Sai] (m) (?1949–), historians (2) [AI/PEN] * wrote 7-volume history of Burmese student movement [y]. + collaborating with terrorist groups. ~ solitary confinement; tortured; 17 (later 13) and 7 years' prison respectively; U Myo Htun released in 2004; Ko Aung Tun's release announced in September 2009. |
| 1998 | Rwanda | Philomène Mukabarali (f) (?1943–) college director (1) [AI] * possessed leaflets expressing support for (pre–1959) monarchy. + endangering state security. ~ detained; tried; shortly imprisoned; released. |
| 1996 | China | Wang Dan (m) (1969–) history student (1) [AAAS] * leader of 1989 Tiananmen protests; signatory of pro-democracy petitions [y]. + conspiring to subvert government. ~ detained; incommunicado 17 months; 11 years' prison; 2 years' suspension political rights; expelled after 18 months; living in USA. |
| 1996 | Albania | Elvira Shapplo (f) historian; Vladimir Qiriaqi (m) archaeologist, a.o. (1) [AI] * published photograph of former Communist ruler Enver Hoxha in guide book. + distributing anti-constitutional writings. ~ detained; case dismissed; probably released. |
| <p><i>Abbreviations:</i> AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science), AAUP (American Association of University Professors), AI (Amnesty International), CARA (Council for Assisting Refugee Academics), HRW (Human Rights Watch); PEN (International PEN Writers in Prison Committee), SAR (Scholars at Risk).</p> | | |