

Day of the endangered lawyer '13



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**DAY OF THE
ENDANGERED LAWYER**

**BASQUE LAWYERS UNDER THREAT
GENERAL REPORT
24 JANUARY 2013**



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ELDH European Association of
Lawyers for Democracy and
World Human Rights

1. INTRODUCTION

Lawyers once again have denounced the situation of the endangered lawyers and protested all over Europe. The III International Day of Endangered Lawyer is in this year 2013 taking the case of the Basque Lawyers. Just few days before the endangered lawyers day a police operation took place in Istanbul, arresting several lawyers, which was also denounced on the 24th of January.

The protests took place in several European cities: Roma, Milano, Genoa, Brussels, Bern, Paris, Berlin, Düsseldorf, The Hague, Holland, Istanbul, London, Madrid, Barcelona and Donostia - San Sebastian.

2. SUMMERIZED REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES

Rome

Protest of lawyers in front of the Spanish embassy. The UCPI (Union of criminal chambers, the main association of criminal lawyers in Italy) will support the day of the endangered lawyer.

24 GENNAIO 2013
TERZA GIORNATA
DELL'AVVOCATO
PERSEQUITATO



Gli Avvocati Europei chiedono: Gli Avvocati Baschi in Spagna devono poter esercitare liberamente la propria attività professionale.

ore 14.30 DAVANTI ALL'AMBASCIATA SPAGNOLA LARGO FONTANELLA BORGHESE SOLIDARIETA' CON GLI AVVOCATI BASCHI PERSEQUITATI



Milano

Protest of lawyers in front of the Spanish consulate



Genova

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Paris

We haven't got pictures of the protest, but there is an internet video at <http://www.lahaine.org/index.php?p=66764>

Brussels

Around 20 lawyers protesting in front of the embassy of Spain. Two persons (Isabelle VERHAEGEN and Pierre ROBERT) have been invited in the Embassy and have seen the deputy minister of the Ambassador (Mister LORENZO). They gave him the Petition and the Report. He said he was going to transmit these documents to the Spanish authorities and that our requests would be examined.



Barcelona

A Conference on the issue of the Endangered lawyer was organized in Barcelona at the Bar Association. Alfonso Zenon took part in it as speaker, explaining his personal case as well as the other Basque colleagues.





The Hague

Protest in The Hague of about 15 lawyers, it was freezing cold. The banner and the forum discussion, which was success and going to the councillor of the Spanish ambassador, who accepted the petition.

CITATION FROM THE WEBSITE OF
THE SPANISH EMBASSY

**SPAIN AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AND RESPECT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS**

THE EUROPEAN UNION IS AN ORGANIZATION OPEN TO THE WORLD. IT WAS FOUNDED ON THE
COMMON VALUES OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW, AND
RESPECT
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. ITS STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES INCLUDE THE
CREATION OF A STABLE,
UNITED EUROPE, WITH A UNIQUE VOICE ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE.
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO SPAIN, BOTH
AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND AS A SYNONYM
FOR GREATER PROSPERITY AND SECURITY FOR ALL CITIZENS.

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A SERVICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR EFFECTIVE PROBLEM SOLVING
IN THE INTERNAL MARKET.

EUROPE DIRECT
A SERVICE TO HELP BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS FIND ANSWERS TO THEIR
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION.

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Berlin



20 people protested in front of the Spanish embassy on 24.1.13 and an event (together with the bar association berlin and vdj) on 25.1.13 evening with a lecture with 40 guests about the situation of Basque lawyers and about Hans Litten (former lawyer in the 1930th years, died in concentration camp Dachau 75 years ago).



Düsseldorf

Several lawyers protested in front of Central Courthouse.



Istanbul



A successful protest took place in Istanbul, where lawyers denounce the harassment against lawyers and the danger recent massive arrests in Istanbul just few days before the Endangered lawyers day, where several lawyers were arrested and sent to prison.

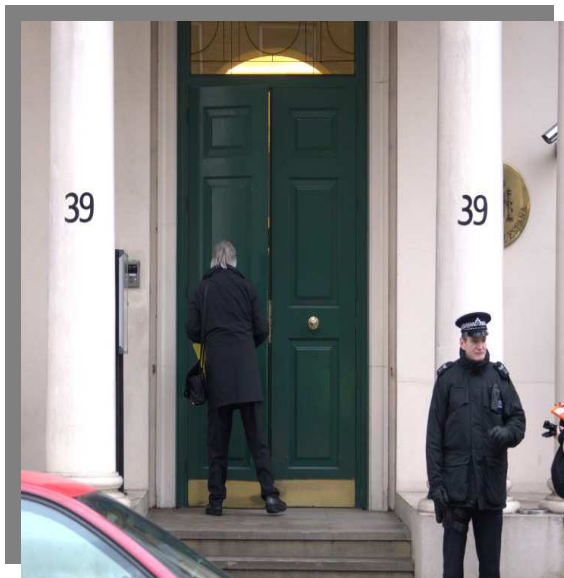


London



A demonstration was organized in front of the Spanish Embassy in central London, including Michael Mansfield QC, Haldane President, and Bill Bowring, Barrister and International Secretary, and other members of the Haldane executive; and Estella Schmidt and members of CAMPACC. Michael Mansfield handed in a letter and a petition. The news of the protest was widely circulated, and can also be found at Haldane's website

<http://www.haldane.org/news/day-of-the-endangeredlawyer.html>



Madrid



An attack against the tribute plaque for the lawyers assassinated in Madrid. The attack with Spanish-flag colours paint was done against the plaque in honour of the lawyers assassinated on 24th of January 1977. The plaque is at the door of their legal office.

The International Day of Endangered Lawyer`s Day date was taken in commemoration of those four labour lawyers that were killed in Madrid.

Donostia



A successful conference was organized in Gipuzkoa Bar Association in which it was analyzed the persecution against lawyers just after Franco times (with the testimony of Miguel Castells) and today (with Haizea Ziluaga); and also the persecution against lawyers because of the use of the Basque language in the Court and the problems being a lawyer of social movements.

