

WHO WE ARE

The mission of U.S. Department of Justice's [Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism \(DOJ/OVT\)](#) is to support U.S. victims of overseas terrorism by helping them navigate foreign criminal justice systems and by advocating for their voices to be heard around the world.

DOJ/OVT advocates for U.S. victims and their families to obtain information, be present during foreign terrorism prosecutions, and have a voice during the foreign proceedings, as permitted by foreign law. We further provide policy advocacy on overseas terrorism victims' issues both within the U.S. government and throughout the world. The Attorney General of the United States established the office in 2005, and it is part of the DOJ's [National Security Division \(NSD\)](#).

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WHO WE SERVE

We assist U.S. citizens who have suffered direct physical, emotional or financial harm due to terrorist acts overseas. We also assist spouses, parents, children, siblings, or legally designated representatives, including when the direct U.S. victim is a minor, or is incapacitated or killed.

WHAT WE DO

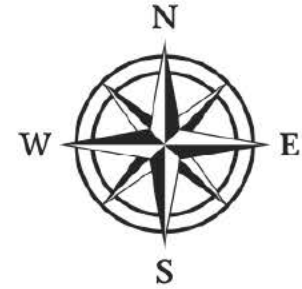


Services to U.S. Citizen Victims of Overseas Terrorism —

- We provide foreign system information and case notification,
- We advocate for victim attendance and participation in foreign criminal justice systems as permitted by foreign law, and
- We refer victims to U.S. and foreign government and non-government service providers.



Crime Victims' Rights Advocacy — We advocate for overseas terrorism victims' concerns within the U.S. government and throughout the world where possible and consistent with foreign law.



Expertise — We provide assistance within DOJ and to U.S. government partners on issues important to U.S. victims of overseas terrorism, including crime victims' rights, victim advocacy, national security and foreign prosecutions.

Our subject matter experts work with government and international organizations to deliver international training and technical assistance to encourage recognition of rights for victims of terrorism around the world. Grounded in U.S. victims' rights and international best practices, DOJ/OVT supports a role for terrorism victims in foreign partners' justice systems.



OUR PARTNERS



[Federal Bureau of Investigation
Victim Services Division](#)



Office for Victims of Crime
[International Terrorism Victim
Expense Reimbursement Program](#)



U.S. Attorney's Offices [Victim
Witness Coordinators](#)



U.S. State Department [Office of
Overseas Citizens Services](#)

For more information on how U.S. government agencies work together to assist U.S. victims of overseas terrorism in the immediate aftermath of an attack and over the long term, visit the U.S. Victims of Terrorism Abroad Task Force [website](#).



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