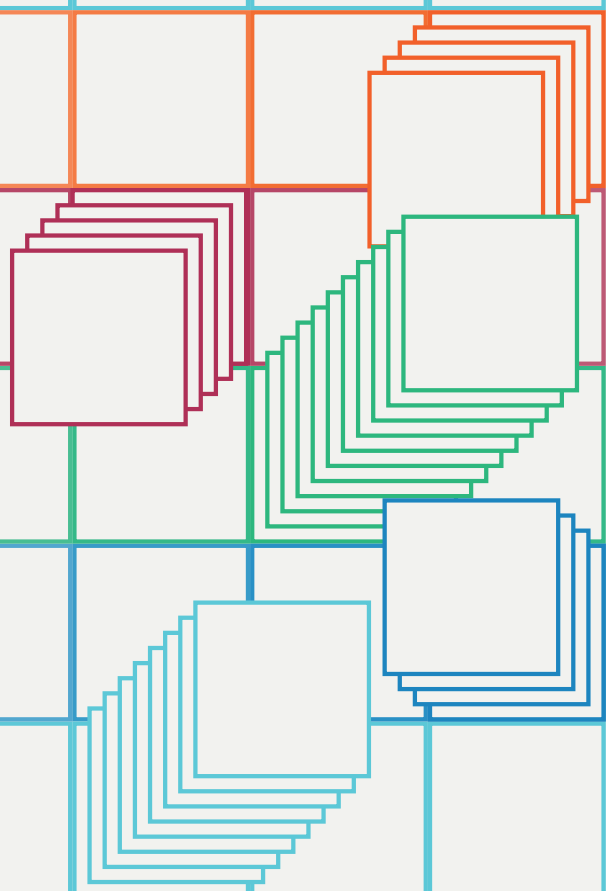




Annual Report 2025

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About Mnemonic

Mnemonic is a non-profit organisation dedicated to collecting, preserving and analysing digital open source information as documentation of human rights violations and international crimes. We began our activities as Syrian Archive in 2014, a rapid response project working in close collaboration with journalists, documentation groups and citizens fighting to preserve digital information from the Syrian conflict: images, videos and other postings as invaluable historical artefacts and potential evidence of human rights abuses.

Mnemonic grew out of the recognition that Syrian Archive's workflows could be adapted to other locations where violations should be documented and preserved and where methodological expertise and secure technical infrastructure would be essential support to overstretched documenters facing significant risk.

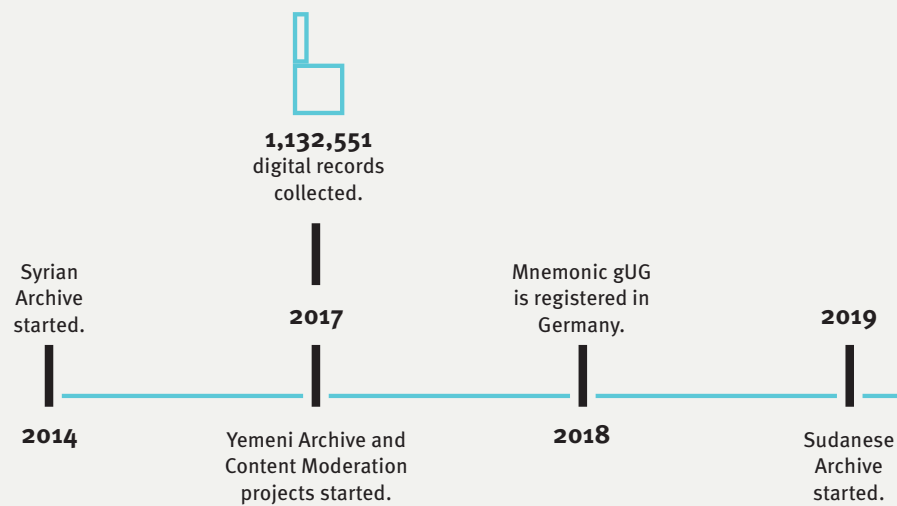
We have safeguarded over 40 million digital records – equivalent to over 110 years' worth of video – across our archives covering Syria, Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen, Palestine and Iran. Our Technology Team has developed advanced digital tools and a robust in-house infrastructure to ensure the security and integrity of our data, partners and operations. Mnemonic honours the work of journalists, civil society organisations (CSOs) and individuals who risk their lives to document atrocities, by safely archiving potential evidence and verifying it in line with the highest standards required for legal proceedings and accountability mechanisms.

Mnemonic has contributed to groundbreaking strategic litigation, including open source analysis in the case that led to a new arrest warrant against Bashar al-Assad,

as well as providing analysis used in a complaint asking the Danish authorities to investigate Dan-Bunkering in relation to fuel deliveries linked to Russian airstrikes in Syria. Mnemonic also contributes to field-building through sectoral publications, including contributing a chapter on “Practicing solidarity with open source investigations” for the forthcoming second edition of Digital Witness. Our work is frequently cited by the media, and we collaborate with investigative journalists, civil society organisations, legal groups, accountability mechanisms, academia and memorial institutions by offering access to our archives.

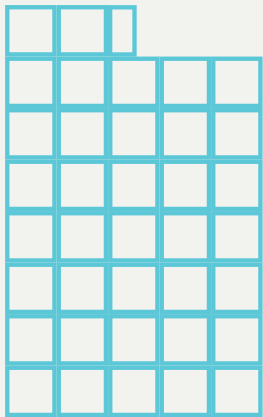
Mission

Mnemonic advances sustainable peace, justice and accountability by empowering human rights defenders, legal professionals and advocacy actors to harness digital documentation, by archiving, investigating, building capacity and memorialising evidence of human rights violations, environmental crimes and international crimes.



Vision

We strive for a future where digital archives inspire global action. We aim to ensure no voice is lost to time or violence. We envision our Archives to serve as safeguards of evidentiary potential to be leveraged by human rights defenders, civil society, families of victims, accountability mechanisms and national and international prosecutors in the pursuit of justice, as well as for the preservation of historical memory, so every human rights violation is recognised.



How We Work

Mnemonic’s archival programmes – Syrian Archive, Yemeni Archive, Ukrainian Archive, Sudanese Archive and Rapid Response – advance our mission and vision through a set of core interlinked activities. At the centre of this work is archive building: the systematic preservation, verification and organisation of digital records documenting human rights violations. Our archives are led and informed by our staff who draw on local, regional and technical expertise. Mnemonic’s teams carry out four main types of research projects that shape how the archives are used and shared. These four activities – public investigations, dataset creation, strategic legal accountability work and responses to information requests – are the basis of our research and engagement.

Public investigations are online, open source fact-finding investigations into a team’s working context. Carried out independently or jointly with partners, these investigations are strategic and public-facing interventions, usually designed to shed light on under-reported phenomena or incidents of harm.

Mnemonic’s archival programmes produce large, carefully tagged and organised datasets by investigating prominent well-documented events in their working context. “Fueling the Conflict,” one such dataset, covered Russian airstrikes in Syria that took place while the Danish company Dan-Bunkering supplied jet fuel to the Russian companies JSC Sovfracht and Maritime Assistance LLC, which have been identified as supporting the Russian air force’s operations in Syria. Other examples include “Targeting Health,” which documented attacks on medical facilities in Syria, and “Endangering the Media,” which documented the apparent targeting of media workers in Yemen. Each dataset project includes hundreds of carefully tagged materials and is designed to enable systematic analyses, evidence-based reporting and accountability processes. These projects often serve as resources for journalists, investigators and CSOs.

Together with our partners, Mnemonic’s programmes participate in strategic legal accountability projects, advancing criminal case-building and other litigation efforts. This includes the sharing of evidentiary materials, contextual research and technical expertise, always in alignment with international legal standards.

Requests for information are the primary mechanism through which our teams respond to external stakeholders seeking access to preserved records or research support. Through these requests, our teams are able to safely facilitate external access to the archives. Teams receive requests from a wide range of stakeholders, including major news media, family and victims’ associations, civil society groups,

investigating offices at international accountability mechanisms, documentary filmmakers and national prosecutors and war crimes units. Responding to requests for information requires highly confidential and often time-sensitive research and constitutes a significant portion of our teams’ work.

If you would like to send a request to one of Mnemonic’s teams, please contact us at info@mnemonic.org.

Other aspects of our work, such as technical development, outreach and external training are explored further in the sections that follow.

Support Us

Your support is important in ensuring the independence of our digital memories. Every contribution counts.

[Make a donation](#) today to support our work and ensure that no voice is lost to time or violence. With your help, our archives can support the families of victims, human rights defenders, accountability mechanisms, and prosecutors in their pursuit of justice and preservation of historical memory.



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Our 2025 Highlights

- ❑ **Overall partnerships and collaborations:** Mnemonic worked with a total of 48 partners across 10 countries to support 250+ human rights defenders and practitioners.
- ❑ **Overall open source investigations and information sharing:** Across our Archives, our teams published 18 open source investigations and submitted 85 dossiers of open source information relevant to human rights violations and international crimes in Syria, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and Palestine to various external stakeholders, including academia, media, accountability mechanisms, official investigators, legal representatives and public authorities.
- ❑ **Overall media mentions:** Our work was cited by numerous prominent media outlets, with 70 articles featuring our achievements. For more, please see [Mnemonic Press](#), [Syrian Archive Press](#), [Ukrainian Archive Press](#), [Yemeni Archive Press](#) and [Sudanese Archive Press](#).
- ❑ **Technical development:** Mnemonic strengthened its technical infrastructure and launched a new version of Diwan, designed in accordance with digital forensics standards, to support the immutability, integrity, authenticity and reliability of collecting and preserving digital records. We also expanded the Elfehrest Actors Mapping platform with map and timeline views that visualise actors and their relationships within chains of command. Elfehrest is now used by investigators and researchers across multiple countries.

Select Highlights

- On 25 November, Syrian Archive, the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression, and Action For Sama (AFS) supported the filing of a criminal complaint in Denmark by seven survivors and family members of victims of airstrikes in Syria, calling on the authorities to assess the possible complicity of the Danish shipping company Dan-Bunkering in war crimes and crimes against humanity. The complaint alleges the company's complicity on the basis of jet fuel supplied to Russian forces conducting unlawful airstrikes against civilians in Syria. Read more about the complaint, including detailed investigation reports, on ["Fuelling the Conflict,"](#) a dedicated webpage.
- Syrian Archive attended the hearing on immunities protections for former Syrian president Bashar al-Assad in relation to the [use of chemical weapons](#) in August 2013, which was held in July at the highest court in France. Syrian Archive joined the proceedings as a civil party alongside the Syrian Centre for Media and Freedom of Expression (SCM), the Open Society Justice Initiative, Civil Rights Defenders, Physicians for Human Rights and individual victims.
- Yemeni Archive submitted two formal communications to UN Special Procedures, and took part in two joint meetings with the UN Special Rapporteurs on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and counter-terrorism.
- Marking ten years since the start of Russia's military involvement in Syria, on 30 September, Syrian Archive and Ukrainian Archive jointly hosted a Mnemonic webinar "Justice Beyond Borders: From Syria to Ukraine, Holding Russia to Account," bringing together human rights defenders from both countries to share practice and explore collective action against impunity.

- Sudanese Archive published an eight-part series of open source investigations "The Burning of Displaced Persons' Shelter Centers in El Geneina," documenting attacks on sites in West Darfur where displaced civilians were sheltering. The series reconstructs the events using publicly available information. The findings were complemented by legal analysis from Northwestern Pritzker Law's human rights clinic.
- Iranian Archive supported a criminal complaint filed in Argentina, under universal jurisdiction, by survivors of Iran's state violence and the Iran Human Rights Documentation Center, with the Atlantic Council's Strategic Litigation Project directly supporting the filing. The complaint is based on extensive documentation of abuses during Iran's crackdown on the "Woman, Life, Freedom" protests.
- Mnemonic has been granted consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), enabling us to engage with key intergovernmental bodies and amplify the voices of communities affected by war and state repression at the highest international levels, strengthening our push for accountability.



SYRIAN ARCHIVE

In the year following the fall of the Assad regime, Syrian Archive monitored and investigated renewed sectarian violence in coastal governorates and in Al-Suwayda, shedding light on how such violence complicates pathways to comprehensive transitional justice. At the same time, Syrian Archive continued supporting accountability efforts for violations that took place during the Assad regime. We contributed, along with partners, to a criminal complaint by survivors and family members calling on the authorities to investigate whether Danish company Dan-Bunkering was potentially complicit in war crimes and crimes against humanity on the basis of jet fuel delivered to Russian forces conducting unlawful airstrikes against civilians in Syria.

Syrian Archive's 2025

Key Takeaways

This table provides a snapshot of our key accomplishments.
See the following section for further details.

Archiving

- Archived 378,272 new digital records.
- Collected and added 12,081 new sources. The source list now totals 32,135.

Datasets and Open Source Investigations

- Created 1 dataset comprising 583 incidents relating to air-strikes against civilians.
- Created 1 dataset compiling records of Israeli attacks in Syria since October 2023, updated to cover February – May 2025.
- Published 8 open source investigations.

Legal Accountability

- Engaged in 2 legal actions: the Hearing before the French Cour de Cassation on Bashar al-Assad's immunity and arrest warrant, and the filing of a criminal complaint in Denmark asking the authorities to investigate Dan-Bunkering for possible complicity in international crimes.

Requests for Information

- Received 81 requests for information, of which 46 were responded to: 35 legal requests, 3 media requests, 5 requests from CSOs and 3 from academic and/or research institutions.

Capacity Building

- Conducted, along with partners, 8 external trainings to a total of 148 people from various Syrian groups and organisations.

Outreach

- Organised 3 events/workshops.
- Participated in 40+ national and international events.
- Published 7 newsletters and blog posts commemorating the first anniversary of the fall of the Assad regime, and the ten-year anniversary of Syrian Archive.

Media

- Featured and cited by media and academic publications 46 times.
- Published a press release on Fueling the Conflict.
- Contributed, in partnership with the Centre for Information Resilience (CIR), to a short documentary, "Filming their Revenge" available on Vimeo, and Youtube, using forensically preserved and verified images and videos about grave human rights violations from Syrian Archive's collection.

Open Source Investigations



Armed Factions' Mobilization to the Syrian Coast in March 2025

July 8, 2025

The report “Armed Factions’ Mobilization to the Syrian Coast in March 2025” reconstructs how violence escalated in several locations on the Syrian coast between 6 and 11 March 2025. It shows that after attacks by Assad-loyal groups on security forces caused heavy casualties, a large-scale and multi-directional mobilisation followed, involving newly formed Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Interior units as well as armed civilians from across Syria. Using geolocated videos, social media posts, and faction statements, the report maps when and where different armed groups moved into the coastal region and how these overlapping deployments coincided with mass killing, looting and vandalism of private properties and other degrading treatments, mainly against Alawite civilians. It provides evidence-based information on the mobilisation of armed groups and has contributed to combating widespread misinformation in a fragile and highly debated context.



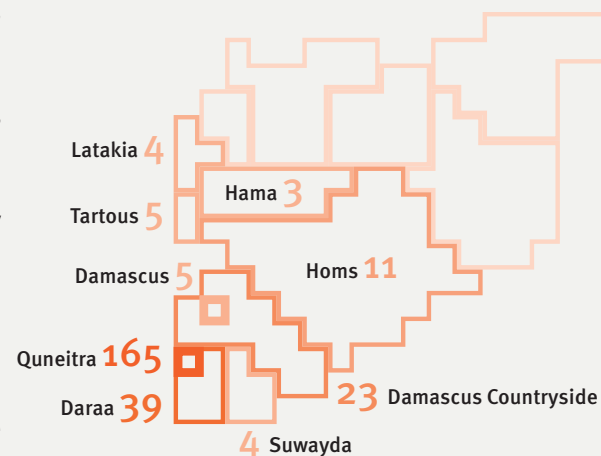
Read the full investigation online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

Israeli Attacks on Syria – February to May 2025

July 18, 2025

The report “Israeli Attacks on Syria (February – May 2025)” documents and analyses 260 incidents attributed to Israeli forces across Syria during that period. It finds that the majority of incidents were concentrated in southern Syria, especially Quneitra and Daraa, and documented ground incursions, air attacks on civilian and military infrastructure, killings of civilians and military personnel, the seizure and killing of livestock, and the bulldozing and burning of forests. Overall, it concludes that the scale and geographic spread of attacks increased during the period, with significant impacts on both military infrastructure and local civilian populations. This report is an update to the previous investigations into Israeli Attacks on Syria in 2024.

Distribution of attacks attributed to Israeli forces by governorate



Read the full investigation online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

Open Source Investigations



Fuelling the Conflict: Could a Company be Criminally Liable for Russian Airstrikes in Syria?

November 27, 2025

The dedicated website “Fuelling the Conflict: Could a Company be Criminally Liable for Russian Airstrikes in Syria?” brings together three in-depth reports investigating airstrikes by Russian and/or Syrian armed forces that impacted civilian infrastructure and residential areas.



- Schools complex, Hass, 26 October 2016
- Bakery in Hraytan, 27 May 2016
- Al Quds Hospital in Aleppo, 27 April 2016

The investigations are public-facing versions of investigative reports included in a [criminal filing](#) by victims and survivors in Denmark in November 2025. The filing asked Danish authorities to assess the potential of criminal liability on the part of Danish company Dan-Bunkering for supplying jet fuel to the Russian companies JSC Sovfracht and Maritime Assistance LLC, which most probably enabled the Russian air force to operate in Syria between 2015 and 2017, likely fuelling thousands of airstrikes, including attacks that resulted in civilian deaths. The case generated significant media coverage in Denmark following reporting by [Danwatch](#) and [Ekstra Bladet](#).

Read the full project online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

Attacks Against Religious Sites Dataset Analysis

December 15, 2025

The publication “Attacks on Religious Sites from 1 December 2024 to 31 August 2025” consists of a series of three in-depth investigations covering attacks on religious and cultural heritage sites in Syria’s Hama governorate. The publication documents 55 verified incidents of damage to religious sites during this period. The report shows that attacks often involved vandalism, burning, shelling, or demolition, and were

	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Aleppo	3		1							4
Damascus			1				1			2
Damascus countryside					1			1		2
Daraa	1					1				1
Deir Ezzor								1	1	3
Hama	4	2	2	2	1		1			12
Homs	2	2	4		2		1			11
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linked to broader episodes of instability and sectarian violence in early 2025. The findings serve as a systematic record of these incidents, support advocacy on the protection of religious minorities and cultural heritage, and contribute credible open source documentation that can be used by journalists, human rights organisations, and accountability mechanisms.

- The attack on the [Hagia Sophia Church in Al-Suqaylabiyah](#), Rural Hama (11 December 2024, shortly after the fall of the Assad regime).
- The bombing of the [Shrine of Sheikh Muhammad al-Ajami](#) (9 January 2025).
- The attack on the [Shrine of Sheikh Nasser Asaad](#) (5 March 2025).

Additionally, the publication includes a summary of [data analysis](#) of the recorded incidents in the dataset during the time period covered by the investigation.

Read the full investigation online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

Legal Accountability

Chemical Weapons Project: Immunities Hearing Before the French Cour de Cassation on Bashar al-Assad's Historic Arrest Warrant

July 2025 marked a major legal milestone in the pursuit of accountability for the use of chemical weapons in Syria. The French Cour de Cassation held a hearing on 4 July 2025 to consider the immunity challenge raised against the arrest warrant that had been issued for Bashar al-Assad in relation to the use of chemical weapons in 2013. A decision by the court was reached on 25 July 2025, invalidating the arrest warrant for Bashar al-Assad while he was still president of Syria, due to the immunity of a head of state.

The hindrance was only temporary, however, because the Cour de Cassation clarified that a new arrest warrant for al-Assad could be issued since he was no longer the head of state. Subsequently a new international arrest warrant was issued against Bashar al-Assad in the same case on 29 July 2025.

Members of Syrian Archive's team travelled to Paris to attend both the hearing and the anticipated decision, alongside other civil parties and partner organisations involved in and contributing to the case. Syrian Archive participated in joint press releases and public statements coordinated by the civil parties.

This case represents a landmark moment in efforts to challenge impunity for the use of chemical weapons and other grave international crimes. Syrian Archive's engagement in the case reflects our core focus on transforming long-term open source documentation into concrete legal accountability outcomes. It also demonstrates our commitment to supporting survivor-led justice efforts, collaborating with civil parties and legal partners, and contributing to public understanding of the significance of universal jurisdiction and judicial proceedings against high-ranking perpetrators.

Jet Fuel Project: Filing of a Criminal Complaint in Denmark Naming Dan-Bunkering for Possible Complicity in International Crimes

On 25 November 2025, seven survivors and family members of victims of airstrikes in Syria filed a criminal complaint in Denmark calling on the authorities to assess the possible complicity of Dan-Bunkering, a major Danish shipping company, in war crimes and crimes against humanity. The complaint relates to the company's 2015 – 2017 business transactions linked to the supply of jet fuel to Russian military logistics companies in Syria. The lawfulness of airstrikes by Russia's and Assad's forces in Syria has been regularly and widely questioned: the strikes commonly resulted in well-documented impacts to civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Syrian Archive contributed to this landmark legal action following years of open source documentation and investigative research into the impacts of airstrikes in Syria. This included conducting in-depth investigations into three of the incidents at the core of the filing.

Danish investigative outlet Danwatch extensively reported the story, working also with Ekstra Bladet.

Requests for Information

As a result of the initiation of transitional justice processes in Syria in 2025, Syrian Archive saw a sharp increase in requests related to new opportunities for accountability and memorialisation.

- ▣ Received 81 requests for information: 50 legal requests (including sharing information with legal offices or jurisdictions), 16 media requests, nine from CSOs and six from academic and/or research institutions.
- ▣ Responded to 46 requests for information including 35 legal requests, three media requests, five from CSOs, three from academic and/or research institutions.

Out of 35 legal responses, 13 are related to case building; either directly, whereby Syrian Archive is part of case building (seven responses) or indirectly participating through the provision of information to other organisations working on case building (six); the rest of legal responses are to investigative authorities.

Capacity Building

External Training:

Syrian Archive, leveraging Mnemonic's in-house tools and training materials, along with partners' expertise conducted eight external trainings to a total of 148 trainees from various Syrian groups and organisations:

- Online training to support human rights defenders and lawyers based in Homs, Syria in leveraging open source documentation of human rights violations for casebuilding and strategic litigation efforts in partnership with the Syrian Centre for Legal Studies and Research.
- Training on verification techniques using geolocation for a group of trainees from various Syrian civil society organisations in partnership with CIR. Both trainings were provided by Syrian Archive Research Coordinator using in-house developed training materials.
- Training for Syrian journalists on Open Source Research and Verification Training and Combating Hate Speech in Damascus, in collaboration with the local organisation, Bidaya Youth Development. The training covered key concepts and technical skills including metadata extraction, open sources analysis, content verification and analysis, and geolocation fundamentals, including landmark identification.
- Two training sessions to human rights defenders and lawyers in Tartus and Latakia conducted in collaboration with Syrian Centre for Legal Studies and Research, covering basic concepts and practices of digital security for human rights defenders.
- Two training sessions to members of SEEN and Syrian Investigative Reporting for Accountability Journalism Association (SIRAJ), focusing on building reliable evidence through the archiving and management of collected data.
- One training for members of SEEN, SIRAJ, Verify-Sy and SCM on investigation planning.

Outreach

On 30 September, marking ten years since the start of Russia's military involvement in Syria, Syrian Archive and Ukrainian Archive hosted a webinar that brought together human rights defenders from Syria and Ukraine to share practices, learnings and inspiration, and to explore potential avenues for synergies and collective action against impunity. The event highlighted how impunity for violations committed in Syria profoundly challenges the Syrian transition, and how it is the same impunity that emboldens continued and large-scale attacks on civilians in Ukraine.

In collaboration with Ukrainian Archive, Syrian Archive also coordinated a closed online workshop, titled "Media and Journalistic Collaboration for Strengthening Accountability in Syria and Ukraine" in November 2025. The workshop brought together journalists and open source researchers

reporting on the armed conflicts in Syria and Ukraine to explore shared methodologies and tools for open source documentation and evidence gathering, with the aim of strengthening cross-border legal accountability, truth-seeking, memorialisation, and international advocacy on behalf of survivors and affected communities.

Syrian Archive participated in more than 40 national and international events including:

- A March 2025 panel on "Memory and Justice and the Role of the Media and Civil Society Organizations," organised by Canal France International (CFI), the French media development agency at the Arab World Institute in Paris.
- A panel at the International Journalism Festival in April, where Mnemonic's Managing Director participated in discussion about the role of journalism in shaping Syria's past and future.



At “The Most Documented War: Enacting Archives” conference in Lviv, Ukraine, Syrian Archive participated as part of a cross-programmatic collaboration within Mnemonic (see page 46 for further details).

A workshop with the National Commission on Missing Persons (NCMP) in Damascus in August, which brought together civil society organisations to discuss and launch a civil society support platform to coordinate efforts to search for missing persons.

September 2025’s “Shaping the Future in Transition – Perspectives for Syria and Iraq” conference, organised by HAWAR.Help in Berlin, Germany; where Syrian Archive’s Programme Manager participated in a panel discussion on transitional justice pathways in Syria.



“Build Peace 2025 – Towards a Pluriverse of Peace” conference in November, in Barcelona, co-organised by Build Up and International Catalan Institute for Peace.



“Syrian–German Dialogue on Dealing with the Legacy of the Past,” organised by the German Federal Foreign Office. Held between 17 and 22 November in Berlin, Germany, this event brought together representatives of the Transitional Justice Commission and members of Syrian civil society groups with German officials and experts on the topic.

“Navigating Disinformation and Rebuilding Trust: the Role of Independent Media in Syria” in December, organised by CFI.

SOAS Archives of Solidarity launch event and panel in December, organised by SOAS University of London & Archives of Solidarity.

Multiple closed-door workshops and policy meetings, including with European and international policy makers, as well as meetings with other civil society and human rights organisations around topics covering transitional justice and accountability pathways.

Partnerships

Syrian Archive deepened partnerships and collaborated with various partners, including:

- The Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression and Action for Sama. Both organisations also contributed to the criminal complaint filed in Denmark naming Dan-Bunkering.
- Global Rights Compliance and Huquqyat. Both organisations contributed to Syrian Archive’s efforts to compile evidence and support case-building work for possible future litigation processes.
- The Danish investigative media outlet Danwatch, which undertook extensive reporting with regard to the impact Syrians continue to face after airstrikes.
- Human Rights Watch and Syrians for Truth and Justice on an investigation into identity-based killings in the coastal areas in March 2025.
- Centre for Information Resilience on producing data, charts and infographics in our updated report on the Israeli attacks in the period from February to May 2025. The collaboration also included contributing to a capacity building programme for four Syrian civil society organisations. Syrian Archive provided various sessions on topics related to open source investigation skills and techniques.
- Syrian Centre for Legal Studies and Research in a project aimed to strengthen the capacity of human rights defenders in three different locations in Syria on basic open source investigation skills and digital security.

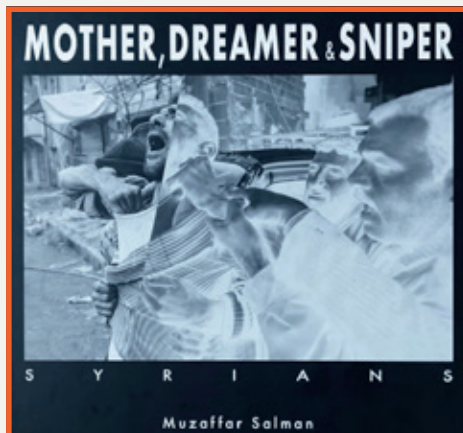
Memorialisation

A public event “Voices of Memory, Visions of Justice” was held in Berlin in September and attended by approximately 40 participants. During the event, the photojournalist, Muzaffar Salman, launched his curated photographic book, “Mother, Dreamer and Sniper.” The book contains 120 photographs documenting Syria before and after the war, a work aimed at restoring



the human dimension to Syria's digital memory, going beyond the stark documentation of atrocities by putting everyday memories into their tragic context, and ensuring future generations can understand not only what was lost, but how people lived before conflict destroyed their communities.

The event also featured a screening of "Homs, you are in our heart," a short film created from archived materials in collaboration with Queen Mary University, London, which was followed by a discussion examining how preserved digital content shapes collective narratives, the role that ownership and accessibility of such content influences the development of these narratives, and how storytelling helps to achieve and uphold inclusive justice.



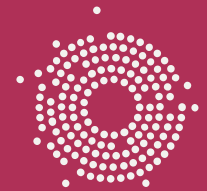
Partner testimonials

Huquqyat deeply values its collaboration with Syrian Archive, whose rigorous open source investigations, evidence preservation, and commitment to documenting violations in Syria have made an essential contribution to accountability efforts. Their work has been particularly important in supporting case-building around siege, starvation, and other international crimes, including through our collaboration on the Kneel or Starve project. Syrian Archive's expertise, integrity, and survivor-centred commitment to justice make them an indispensable partner, and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue working together.

Huquqyat

Our collaboration with Syrian Archive has been invaluable in advancing accountability efforts. Their meticulous approach to open source investigations and evidence preservation, combined with their commitment to justice, makes them an indispensable partner in building cases for future litigation. We look forward to continuing this important work together.

Global Rights Compliance



YEMENI ARCHIVE

In 2025, Yemen witnessed another year of escalating violence and regional entanglement, marked by intensified U.S. military operations against areas controlled by the Houthis, also known as Ansar Allah, including strikes on vital infrastructure, residential neighbourhoods, and civilian objects. Civic space inside the country continued to shrink through renewed waves of arbitrary detention targeting peaceful demonstrators, civil society actors, humanitarian workers, and UN staff, particularly by the Houthis. Within this context, Yemeni Archive prioritised responsive investigative work and sustained documentation of violations committed by all parties to the conflict, including advancing long-term investigations into detention and enforced disappearance cases, while continuing to support Yemeni organisations in building independent open source investigation and documentation capacities. In parallel, Yemeni Archive expanded its advocacy and accountability efforts, engaging with international accountability mechanisms and launching public-facing campaigns grounded in documentation that centres the experiences of Yemeni victims and survivors.

Yemeni Archive's 2025

Key Takeaways

This table provides a snapshot of our key accomplishments.
See the following section for further details.

Archiving

- Archived 574,305 new digital records, as well as 1215 incidents of human rights violations.
- Collected and added 1,814 new sources. The source list now totals 12,438.

Open Source Investigations

- Published 4 open source investigations.

Outreach

- Participated in Bread&Net annual conference and a side event to the 58th session of the UN Human Rights Council.

Media

- Published 4 newsletters, 1 special issue and 1 blog post
- Produced 1 podcast episode on Social Media as a Tool for Justice in Yemen, and featured on a podcast series on “Civilian Harm in Conflict” by LawPod.
- Featured and cited by the media 14 times, including two mentions by Human Rights Watch.

Legal Accountability

- Submitted information to UN Special Procedures;
- Submitted a Civilian Harm Report via the U.S. Central Command portal and coordinated with partners on further legal initiatives.

Capacity Building

- Conducted 2 trainings for 23 participants from Yemeni and international organisations on open source research and verification methodologies.
- Led an intense capacity strengthening programme with two partner organisations, resulting in 2 joint investigations.

Requests for Information

- Responded to 2 legal requests for information.

Open Source Investigations



[English](#)



[Arabic](#)

Houthi Arrest September Revolution Anniversary Celebrants

January 28, 2025

The report “Houthi Arrest September Revolution Anniversary Celebrants” documents the arrest of civilians by Houthi forces for marking the anniversary of Yemen’s September 26 Revolution, the 1962 republican uprising that established the Yemen Arab Republic. The investigation focuses on cases in Ibb and Sana’a governorates, documenting Houthi methods of repression, including threats, patrols, direct contact with individuals and deployment in schools. It includes geolocation analysis and a detailed annex of arrestee information. The investigation reflects a broader Houthi pattern of suppressing public commemoration of the anniversary.



Read the full investigation online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

Drone Attack on a Market in Taiz Governorate

April 16, 2025

The investigation “Drone Attack on a Market in Taiz Governorate” documents a drone attack on the Al-Bumiyah popular market in Maqbanah district, Taiz Governorate, on 1 December 2024. A drone dropped explosives on the crowded market, killing and wounding civilians. Through the use of visual verification, examination of the impact site, casualty information and the munitions used, the investigation pointed to the Houthis as the responsible party. Indeed, no other military activity was reported in the area at the time of the attack; however, Yemeni Archive did not receive any official confirmation from the Houthis.



Read the full investigation online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

Open Source Investigations



The U.S. Airstrike on Ras Isa Oil Port

July 2, 2025

The investigation “The U.S. Airstrike on Ras Isa Oil Port” documents the attack in Hudaydah governorate on 17 April 2025, part of the broader March – May 2025 US bombing campaign against the Houthis, known as Operation Rough Rider. The strikes in this particular incident killed between 74 – 80 people and injured over 170. Among the dead were port



workers and rescue personnel struck in a follow-up strike as they responded to the initial blast, which caused significant destruction to the oil terminal’s infrastructure. The investigation reconstructs the chronology of the strikes, their geolocations and the munitions used, as well as examining the physical destruction of infrastructure and environmental damage, with satellite imagery showing oil leaking into the Red Sea. It also addresses the humanitarian consequences: imports and humanitarian aid to Yemen pass through the ports of Ras Isa, Hudaydah, and As-Salif, and the port’s destruction marked a significant blow to these civilian supply chains.

Read the full investigation online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

U.S. Airstrikes on Residential Homes in Qahzah, Sa’da Governorate

November 5, 2025

The investigation “U.S. Airstrikes on Residential Homes in Qahzah, Sa’da Governorate” documents U.S. airstrikes on residential homes in Qahzah during the March – May 2025 U.S. bombing campaign in Yemen. The strikes targeted two residential buildings, killing at least 15 people. The investigation



examines the destruction of civilian homes, the civilian casualties, and the broader humanitarian impact of attacks on residential areas.

Read the full investigation online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

Legal Accountability

Both the Ras Isa and Qahzah investigations were part of an official communication with relevant UN Special Procedures, which included the submission of information and two subsequent joint meetings with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights.

Additionally, Yemeni Archive submitted a Civilian Harm Report via the U.S. Central Command portal highlighting the civilian toll of the U.S. airstrike on Ras Isa Oil Port, in coordination with partners like Airwars.

Capacity Building

Yemeni Archive conducted two training programmes for five Yemeni civil society organisations; Nas Aden, Neswan Voice, SAM Organisation for Rights and Liberties, Rasd Coalition and Musaala:

- A training on digital archiving and open source preservation was held in May for 12 participants from Global Rights Compliance and its three local Yemeni partner organisations. Participants were trained on the use of Elfehrest, Yemeni Archive's archiving platform, to securely preserve and organise open source documentation, and were provided continued access and technical support following the training.
- An intensive training on open source investigation methodologies, verification tools, and OSINT practices was held in August for 11 participants representing four Yemeni human rights organisations and media platforms. Following the training, Yemeni Archive continued to work closely with two of the participating organisations through a joint investigative mentorship cycle, resulting in the joint publication of two investigations.

Outreach

Events

As part of its Human Rights Council advocacy, Yemeni Archive partnered in February with the Gulf Centre for Human Rights, the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS), SAM Organisation for Rights and Liberties, and Yemeni Teachers Network on an HRC58 side event titled "Yemen Need for HRC Action – 12 Years On: The Cost of Impunity in Yemen." Yemeni Archive's intervention highlighted the continued harm borne by civilians in Yemen, the urgent need for an independent international accountability mechanism, and the importance of international action to address Yemen's humanitarian and economic crises.

In October, Yemeni Archive also participated in Bread&Net 2025 on the issue of digital rights, armed conflict, and documentation, where it co-presented a session alongside WITNESS titled "Filming the Aftermath of Aerial Attacks." The session explored what it means to document violence amid armed conflict and fear, showcasing Yemen as a central example. Discussions reflected on the risks surrounding documentation practices, including questions of who documentation may expose or endanger, and how different perpetrators can produce similar environments of fear and intimidation for journalists, human rights defenders, and affected communities. The session also emphasised the importance of understanding local context as a core safety practice within open source documentation and visual evidence gathering.



Media

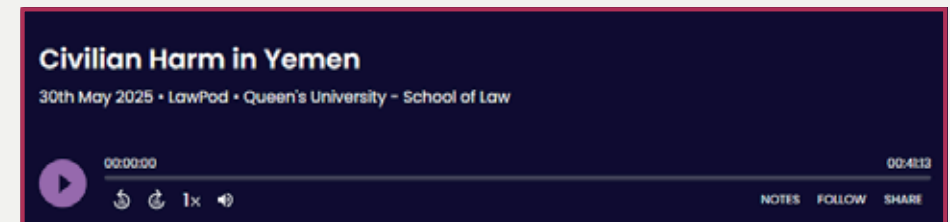
Published four quarterly [newsletters](#) and one special issue on the spread of mis- and disinformation in Yemen. The newsletters addressed documentation, memory and justice, as well as urgent accountability and protection concerns, including the assassination of Ifthian al-Mashhari, the escalating arbitrary detentions of civil society and UN staff, and the Qahzah investigation.

Published a blog post, “[A War of Narratives: How Mis- and Disinformation Endanger Lives, Distort Memory, and Delay Justice in Yemen](#),” drawing on the team’s firsthand investigative experience to document how mis- and disinformation operate as tools of war: endangering civilians, obscuring violations, distorting collective memory, and delaying justice. The piece also emphasized the need for counter-narratives grounded in verified evidence, open source methodologies, and ethical documentation practices.

The publication was accompanied by a podcast episode, “[Social Media as a Tool for Justice](#),” in which the team discusses the spread of mis- and disinformation on social media in Yemen, while reflecting on how responsibly-handled social media content can support documentation, verification, and accountability. The episode highlighted the importance of ethical sharing, source verification, and careful contextualisation in a digital environment where harmful narratives, manipulated content, and misinformation can circulate rapidly.



Throughout 2025, Yemeni Archive was also featured and cited by the media 14 times. Some highlights include the Human Rights Watch articles “[Human Rights Lawyer Arrested: Release Human Rights Lawyer Abdulmajeed Sabra](#)” and “[UN Member States Must Reinvigorate Efforts to Protect Civilians and Uphold International Law](#).”



Yemeni Archive’s Programme Manager, was featured in an episode of the LawPod podcast (Queen’s University, Belfast) mini-series on “[Civilian Harm in Conflict](#),” discussing the psychological, economic, and physical harms faced by Yemeni civilians and the obstacles to achieving reparations and accountability.

Partnerships

Yemeni Archive deepened its existing partnerships with SAM Organisation for Rights and Liberties and Neswan Voice through collaborative mentorship and capacity building on joint investigations, including research planning, evidence collection, verification and analysis. The resulting investigations, one examining detentions and related violations in areas controlled by the Southern Transitional Council, and another into the politically motivated killing of Iftihan al-Mashhari, Director of the Cleaning and Improvement Fund in Taiz, are scheduled for publication in 2026. In addition, Yemeni Archive signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the [Yemen Justice Network](#). Yemeni Archive supported the Yemen Justice Network's launch of a Transitional Justice Week by contributing to and circulating a public statement as well as designing a poster highlighting the importance of accountability and justice in Yemen.

Yemeni Archive partnered with the Gulf Centre for Human Rights and the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies on a side event at the 58th session of the UN Human Rights Council.

Yemeni Archive also expanded its network to involve new local partners who represent youth and women platforms in the new media, such as Nas Aden and Yemen Future.

In addition, Yemeni Archive coordinated with international human rights organisations, including the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, HRW and the International Service for Human Rights.

Partner Testimonials

Participants in Yemeni Archive's training programmes reflected on the impact of the training:

Nearly all the sessions added something new to my knowledge and refined my skills, especially the session on platform algorithms and content moderation. This training was one of the most beneficial I have participated in.

Training participant, mis- and disinformation training

This training is closely connected to my field of work. I have already started applying what I learned, and I find myself more motivated to continue learning and building on the skills I gained.

Training participant, responding to whether they would use the skills gained to conduct open source investigations.



UKRAINIAN ARCHIVE

In 2025, large-scale Russian strikes continued to degrade energy infrastructure, residential buildings and civilian areas across Ukraine. Ukrainian Archive focused its investigative work on documenting patterns of attacks on civilians, particularly the targeting of public transport in areas on the front line, while continuing to support legal accountability efforts by cooperating with national and international investigative and judicial bodies and strengthening the capacity of Ukrainian civil society partners to independently document and verify violations using open source methodologies.

Ukrainian Archive’s 2025 Key Takeaways

This table provides a snapshot of our key accomplishments. See the following section for further details.

Archiving - Archived 486,094 new records. - Collected and added 1,581 new sources. The source list now totals 11,024.	Legal Accountability In response to requests for information received, Ukrainian Archive supported investigations by 3 different European police units.
Open Source Investigations Led and carried out research for 1 open source investigation into attacks in Kherson region.	Capacity Building - Delivered 5 trainings for participants from 7 partner organisations. - Participated in 1 capacity building workshop on “AI for Justice” in Oslo and a mock trial exercise for Ukrainian judges on prosecuting war crimes cases in domestic courts.
Requests for Information Received 12 requests for information, of which 9 were responded to: 3 legal requests, 5 media requests and 1 from a civil society organisation.	Outreach - Contributed to the Dialogue Group on Accountability for Ukraine. - Co-organised 1 public webinar with Syrian Archive
Media Interviewed on a <u>podcast</u> series about accountability and law.	

Open Source Investigations



The team led and conducted research for an open source investigation into attacks in the Kherson region. Through geolocation, chronolocation and munitions analysis of four specific incidents, the team identified a pattern of Russian drone and artillery strikes on public buses. The researchers identified and analysed incidents that happened in Kherson and its suburbs between December 2024 and August 2025, which together killed 10 people and injured 43 – 47. The full investigation is scheduled for publication in 2026 in both English and Ukrainian.

Outreach

Ukrainian Archive organised the following events:

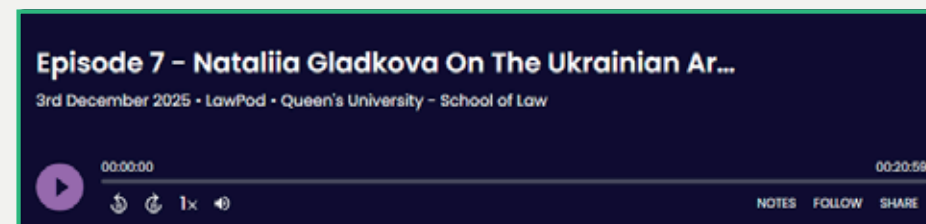
- On 30 September, marking ten years since the start of Russia’s military involvement in Syria, Ukrainian Archive and Syrian Archive jointly hosted a webinar that brought together human rights defenders from Syria and Ukraine to share practices, learnings and inspiration and to explore potential avenues for synergies and collective action against impunity. The event highlighted how impunity for violations committed in Syria profoundly challenges the Syrian transition, and how the same impunity emboldens continued large-scale attacks on civilians in Ukraine.
- Ukrainian Archive, in collaboration with Syrian Archive, also coordinated a closed online workshop in November entitled “Media and Journalistic Collaboration for Strengthening Accountability in Syria and Ukraine.” The workshop brought together journalists and open source researchers reporting on the armed conflicts in Syria and Ukraine to explore shared methodologies and tools for open source documentation and evidence gathering, with the aim of strengthening cross-border legal accountability, truth-seeking, memorialisation, and international advocacy on behalf of survivors and affected communities.



Ukrainian Archive contributed various outreach events and initiatives including

- The work of the [Dialogue Group on Accountability for Ukraine](#). Ukrainian Archive engaged with the group throughout the year, focusing particularly on evidence collection and the acceptance of open source information in judicial proceedings in Ukraine, contributing to conclusions recommending a dedicated legal definition for open source materials in Ukrainian law and formal recognition of NGO verification as expert input in judicial proceedings.
- The Lviv Media Forum, held in May, brought together Ukrainian and international media professionals to discuss wartime journalism, responsibility, and the role of truthful information in times of war.
- “The Most Documented War: Enacting Archives” symposium, also held in Lviv, in May, focused on the practical, ethical, and methodological challenges of turning collected war-related materials into accessible, usable archives. It was attended by programme managers of Ukrainian Archive and Syrian Archive and sparked valuable discussions on cooperation between Syrian Archive, civil society, journalist and academic communities, including possible exchanges of experience, methodologies, and lessons learned from documentation of conflict-related atrocities and reconstruction efforts.
- Ukrainian Archive was invited to join the newly created OSINT Hub of Ukraine’s Office of the Prosecutor General. In December 2025, the team contributed to discussions and supporting documentation, including “OSINT Hub Operating Procedure: Interaction between the OPG and NGOs” and a request template designed to improve future cooperation between prosecutors and civil society OSINT actors.

Media



- Ukrainian Archive’s Programme Manager spoke on the [LawPod podcast](#) (Queen’s University, Belfast) as a part of the three-part series “Can the record be trusted?” about preserving digital evidence of human rights violations that have occurred in Ukraine since Russia’s invasion and what this means for the future of evidence, accountability, and collective memory. She also discussed how digital tools and cross-archival collaboration with Syrian Archive are advancing documentation and legal accountability efforts.

Capacity Building

- Provided five tailored training sessions on advanced search and preservation of at-risk digital content using Mnemonic’s Elfehrst platform, reaching 29 participants from seven partner organisations, including four Ukrainian civil society organisations (ZMINA, Truth Hounds, Media Initiative for Human Rights, and Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group) and three international NGOs and media outlets. Training was adapted to each organisation’s investigative and legal workflows, and dedicated projects and groups were created within the platform to support their ongoing work.
- Participated in the international workshop “AI for Justice: Using Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in War Crimes Archiving,” held in June in Oslo, Norway. The workshop was organised by UiT The Arctic University of Norway and NGO Truth Hounds. The training brought together over 30 participants from Ukrainian and international civil society organisations, human rights groups, digital investigation initiatives, and research institutions working on documentation, archiving, and accountability for international crimes. The programme combined expert presentations, peer exchange, and hands-on sessions on the use of generative AI, retrieval-augmented generation, chatbots, and AI tools for processing video, images, and audio in the context of war crimes archiving. During the workshop, Mnemonic presented its work, sharing practical experience in collecting, structuring, preserving, and making conflict-related digital evidence accessible for accountability actors.
- Ukrainian Archive participated in a June mock trial exercise, organised by Asser Institute in partnership with Ukraine’s National School of Judges, for 19 Ukrainian judges on the topic of prosecuting war crimes cases in domestic courts. Ukrainian Archive was represented by its Ukraine-based Senior Legal Advisor, who served as an expert witness on OSINT evidence. The Senior Legal Advisor guided participants through the assessment of open source evidence, advised prosecution, defence, and judicial teams on integrating OSINT findings within a broader evidentiary framework, and was cross-examined on a simulated OSINT investigation report. The exercise marked many participants’ first direct engagement with OSINT as a form of legal evidence, generating strong interest in further training on the topic.
- Contributed to the “Guide for Risk Management in the Context of Emergencies, Armed Conflict and Crises,” developed and published by IMS in March. The guide is based on contextual analysis of the situation in Ukraine and provides recommendations for social media platform companies on safeguarding human rights, freedom of expression, and access to information in crisis and armed conflict settings.

Partnerships

Established official partnerships with TRIAL International and Deutsche Welle. Ukrainian Archive solidified its partnerships with Truth Hounds, Civil Rights Defenders, Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group, ZMINA, Media Initiative and Human Rights and joined OSINT Hub of Ukraine’s Office of the Prosecutor General.

Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with “Recovery Window”, a national media network uniting Ukrainian and regional outlets, civil society organisations, and analytical centres dedicated to covering the reconstruction of war-affected regions.

Partner Testimonials

Thank you for all the work you do – it is also a way of preserving the memory of all the consequences of this terrible war.
Office of the Prosecutor General, Ukraine.

We use Mnemonic’s tools in our regular open source documentation work. Given the increase in hacking attacks on Telegram and the loss of several important sources among Russian opposition human rights defenders, there has recently been a significant rise not only in archiving, but also in the use of archived materials when creating profiles of victims and perpetrators in our new case database. [...] Over the past year, we have started using archive search as a source-gathering tool for analytical work. Because of the length of the conflict and the vast number of information sources describing events and publishing testimonies, Ukrainian Archive has become a kind of database of sources filtered according to human rights criteria. [...] In the context of what is likely the most extensively documented conflict in human history, such a tool has proven extremely useful.

ZMINA team.



SUDANESE ARCHIVE

In 2025, Sudan's civil war continued to devastate civilian life. The war entered a critical phase when the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) escalated their siege on El Fasher and ultimately took over the city in a way that the UN Fact-Finding Mission on Sudan (FFM) found to have “the hallmarks of genocide.” In its reports, the FFM also documented a pattern of violations by both the RSF and the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), including deliberate attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure, summary executions, arbitrary detention and torture. Amid what the United Nations described as the world's largest humanitarian and displacement crisis, with over 12 million displaced persons, Sudanese Archive intensified its efforts to preserve open source information depicting violations, investigating particularly severe incidents, deepening its engagement with international accountability mechanisms, and expanding partnerships with Sudanese civil society organisations to strengthen their capacity to use open source information.

Sudanese Archive's 2025 Key Takeaways

This table provides a snapshot of our key accomplishments. See the following section for further details.

Archiving

- Archived 203,633 new digital records.
- Collected and added 5,777 new sources. The list now totals 14,494.

Requests for Information

- Received 3 legal requests for information, of which 2 were responded to.
- Responded to 1 request for information from a civil society organisation.

Datasets & Open Source Investigations

- Advanced thematic datasets, focusing on chain-of-command structures and patterns of systemic violence against civilians and civilian infrastructure.
- Published 6 open source investigations.

Capacity Building

- Trained 4 partner civil society organisations on open source research and investigations.

Outreach and Media:

- Featured and cited by the media or academia 6 times.

Open Source Investigations



The Burning of Displaced Persons' Shelter Centers in El Geneina

July 16, 2025

Sudanese Archive advanced its investigative work by publishing an in-depth series of investigations documenting the systematic burning of ten internally displaced persons (IDP) shelters in El Geneina, West Darfur, between April 24 – 27, 2023.

The investigation “The Burning of Displaced Persons’ Shelter Centers in El Geneina” consists of eight parts, including:

- Six verified case studies on the destruction of shelters
- Satellite imagery and video analysis
- A [legal review](#) that places the attacks within a broader pattern of human rights violations in Darfur, in collaboration with the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law International Human Rights Clinic.

The investigation demonstrates that all ten shelters were completely destroyed and identifies widespread, systematic violence and the total absence of civilian protection, including the displacement of thousands of people. The findings reveal a continuation of violence that echoes the atrocities committed in Darfur from 2003 – 2005, which many international bodies recognised as potential war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.



Read the full investigation online: [English](#), [Arabic](#)

Open Source Investigations



English



Arabic



Investigation into the burning, and displacement of residents of the El Geneina Local Administration Shelter Center



Investigation into the burning, and displacement of residents of Girls' Secondary Schools Shelter Centers



Investigation into the burning, and displacement of residents of Al-Burhaniya Square Shelter Center



Investigation into the burning, and displacement of residents of Imam Al-Kadhim School Shelter Center



Investigation into the burning, and displacement of residents of the Dar Masalit School and Ministry of Education Shelter Centers



Investigation into the burning, and displacement of residents of three shelter centers within the Ministries of Social Development, Urban Planning, and Youth and Sports

Legal Accountability

Sudanese Archive continued its engagement with the United Nations' Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan (FFM Sudan) to share information to support their documentation and investigations.

Sudanese Archive also received three requests for information and responded to two of these legal requests. This work contributed to legal investigations into allegations of grave international crimes committed in Sudan and supported accountability processes before international and regional mechanisms.

Capacity Building

Sudanese Archive team conducted four external trainings for over 30 participants from four organisations, these included:

- A February online training for a local partner Adeela, which featured the collaborative development of joint investigation methodologies that combined open- and closed-source documentation practices.
- An October online training in coordination with renowned international organisations about the fundamentals of open source investigation techniques, including geolocation and satellite image analysis and verification of visual content using Sudanese Archive's casework examples.
- A two-day training in December hosted along with Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies on introduction to open source research.
- A December online training for a local partner, Darfur Voices, about the essentials of open source research, geolocation and verification methods.

Outreach

In April, Sudanese Archive participated in a policy-focused session at the UK Parliament, where its work was presented as part of broader advocacy for justice in Sudan.

Media

Sudanese Archive was featured and cited by the media and academia six times in 2025, including by [FIDH](#), the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#), [Andariya](#), [Drone Wars](#), [Pambazuka](#) and [EuroMed Rights](#).

Partnerships

Sudanese Archive strengthened partnerships with existing and new legal and human rights organisations both local and international including Adeela for Culture and Arts, Darfur Human Rights Observatory (DHRO), Darfur Victims Support Organization (DVSO), Darfur Voices, the Sudanese Center for Media and Information Literacy (SCMIL), the Gender Centre for Research and Training (GCRT) and the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies.

Rapid Response

In 2025, the Rapid Response team monitored and documented human rights violations across multiple conflict zones.

The team collected and archived open source digital materials that documented human rights violations and international crimes committed by different actors against civilians and civilian objects in the context of ongoing military operations in Palestine, including Gaza and the West Bank.

The Rapid Response team also documented violations during the armed conflict between Iran and Israel in June 2025, while simultaneously tracking the intensification of state repression within Iran, particularly against women and girls, Afghan nationals, Kurdish communities and residents of Sistan-Balochistan.

The team also extended support in monitoring human rights violations in Lebanon, Afghanistan and Nagorno-Karabakh. Through this work, the team prevented data loss, supported justice and accountability for potential litigation, and contributed to journalism and advocacy. In particular, the team supported the filing of a criminal complaint in Argentina seeking accountability for crimes against humanity during Iran's "Woman, Life, Freedom" protests.

Rapid Response Programme's 2025 Key Takeaways

This table provides a snapshot of our key accomplishments. See the following section for further details.

Emergency Response

Monitored and documented human rights violations across multiple conflict zones, including human rights violations in Gaza, West Bank, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Afghanistan and Nagorno-Karabakh.

Archiving

Archived 3,134,427 new digital records, including 101,947 for Iranian Archive project and 2,676,179 Palestinian Archive project.

Collected and added 15,990 new sources. The source list now totals 35,941.

Legal Accountability

Contributed to 2 legal actions; 1 criminal complaint and 1 case under Iranian and Palestinian Archive projects

Contributed to the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran (FFM Iran) and The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel.

Requests for Information

Received 34 requests for information in total. This includes 24 legal requests, 7 media requests and 3 requests from academia, of which 23 were responded to.

Capacity Building

Trained more than 20 human rights defenders from 2 organisations working on different regions, including Myanmar, Pakistan, Afghanistan, East Asia on open source investigations techniques and preservation.

Outreach

Participated in 5 events.

Media

Co-authored a Just Security [article](#) on preserving Iran protest content.

Iranian Archive cited in the [CEPS 2025 Ideas Lab report](#)

Palestinian Archive featured in [Drop Site News](#) and cited by [Der Spiegel](#) on the conflict in Gaza.

Legal Accountability

- ❑ Iranian Archive continued its active engagement with the UN Fact-Finding Mission on Iran by sharing forensically preserved information and in-depth analyses.
- ❑ Iranian Archive supported the criminal complaint filed in Argentina by survivors of Iran's state violence, which were supported by the Iran Human Rights Documentation Center and the Atlantic Council's Strategic Litigation Project.
- ❑ Palestinian Archive contributed to the mandate of the UN Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel through sharing forensically preserved information and in-depth analysis.
- ❑ Palestinian Archive project contributed to legal case building and proceedings through timely information sharing, in-depth analysis, and forensic preservation of information requested by relevant partners.

Requests for Information

- ❑ The Rapid Response team received 34 requests for information in total. This includes 24 legal requests made by international, non-state and state legal actors, seven media requests made by news agencies, documentary producers, and independent journalists, and three information requests made by universities, international organisations, CSOs, and independent researchers. The Rapid Response team responded to 23 of these requests, by providing information or analysis and sharing access to established and vetted partners to our databases.
 - ❑ Among these, Rapid Response responded to a media request from a production house that was producing a documentary about Afghanistan's human rights situation, planned for



broadcast by German broadcasters in 2026.

- ❑ Iranian Archive shared preserved information that contributed to three reports: gender persecution, disappearances and deaths, and school poisonings in Iran. These reports were conducted by the Human Rights Center at UC Berkeley School of Law, the Digital Investigations Labs at UCLA School of Law, Atlantic Council Strategic Litigation Project, Stanford Humanitarian Program at Stanford Law School, and Azadi Archive.



Capacity Building

- ❑ The Rapid Response team trained more than 20 human rights defenders from two organisations focusing on various regions, including Myanmar, Pakistan, Afghanistan and East Asia on open source data and preservation. This included:
 - ❑ One session on forensic preservation with Global Rights Compliance and its partner investigation team.
 - ❑ One session on open source investigation for 15 independent journalists from Myanmar, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, coordinated by Media in Cooperation and Transition.
- ❑ Palestinian Archive also provided coaching on forensic preservation to a group of human rights defenders documenting war crimes and perpetrator information. This engagement contributed to an increased content preservation rate and to strengthening the defenders' preservation practices. Additionally, in-person tool training was provided to two journalists and human rights defenders.

Outreach

Throughout 2025, Mnemonic’s Rapid Response team engaged with key events and convenings across the digital rights landscape, contributing to discussions on digital preservation and documentation, content moderation, and human rights in digital spaces. These include:

- ❑ RightsCon 2025 in February, Mnemonic participated and spoke in multiple sessions. The Rapid Response Programme Manager spoke on a panel on building an ecosystem of complementary and interoperable documentation tools alongside HURIDOCS, Horizontal, and WITNESS, and in a workshop titled “How a Collaborative Approach and AI Help Turn an Ocean of Data into Powerful Evidence,” hosted by Mnemonic.
- ❑ The Rapid Response Programme Manager also took part in the Global Gathering in September, hosted by Team CommUNITY in Estoril, Portugal, a conference dedicated to addressing digital rights challenges and fostering cross-regional exchange among practitioners and advocates. Mnemonic hosted a booth and engaged with various participants in the digital rights field.
- ❑ The Independent Tech Researchers’ Summit in Berlin, hosted by the Coalition for Independent Technology Research. In the September summit, the Programme Manager facilitated a session titled “Preserving Evidence in Support of Pursuing Justice”.
- ❑ At Bread & Net in Beirut in October, the annual digital rights unconference organised by SMEX, focused on West Asia and North Africa, the Rapid Response Programme Manager hosted a session together with Airwars to discuss digital tools and existing gaps. The Rapid Response Programme also hosted a session with European Legal Support Center, 7amleh, and SMEX to address issues around social media platforms’ content moderation policies.
- ❑ We joined the December conference Protect or Perpetuate? The European Union’s Choice on Palestinian Digital Freedoms in Brussels, convened by 7amleh, the Arab Center for the Advancement of Social Media. The conference gathered representatives from academia, civil society, journalism, EU institutions, and the technology sector to examine the implications of European regulatory frameworks and the political environment for Palestinian digital rights, freedom of expression, and access to information, as well as the broader responsibilities of governments and technology companies toward global majority communities.

Media

- ❑ Rapid Response Programme Manager co-authored an article, Safeguarding Evidence: The Coalition that Preserved Content from Iran’s “Women, Life, Freedom” Protests, alongside colleagues from the International and Comparative Law Program at UCLA School of Law and the Atlantic Council Strategic Litigation Project.
- ❑ Iranian Archive was cited in the 2025 Ideas Lab report by the Centre for European Policy Studies.
- ❑ Palestinian Archive was cited in the media article Archiving Gaza: The Race to Save Evidence of War Crimes and Mass Destruction published by Drop Site News.
- ❑ Mnemonic’s Managing Director was cited by Der Spiegel in reporting on the conflict in Gaza.

Partnerships

- ❑ Active engagement with the Iran Digital Archive Coalition partners, including the Azadi Digital Archive for Human Rights, the Human Rights Center at UC Berkeley School of Law, the Digital Investigations Labs at UCLA School of Law, Iran Human Rights Documentation Centre and Atlantic Council Strategic Litigation Project.
- ❑ Continued engagement with the Transitional Justice Rapid Response Consortium led by the Centre for Justice and Accountability, also including the International Centre for Transitional Justice, the Centre for Victims of Torture and the Global Justice Lab at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Toronto.
- ❑ Palestinian Archive maintained 12 active partnerships, including with Law for Palestine, 7amleh, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, European Legal Support Center, and one independent researcher leading a team of human rights defenders.
- ❑ Active engagement with other partners, including Global Rights Compliance, Airwars, Impact Litigation, Siano Avocats, University Network for Human Rights, the Coalition for Independent Technology Research, and Human Rights Watch.

Partner Testimonials

Mnemonic has played a crucial role in supporting ELSC's work on documenting Big Tech repression of Palestine solidarity. Their expertise and contribution have been pivotal in advancing digital rights and ensuring a safer online space for all.

Kiran Chaudhuri, Senior Legal Officer, European Legal Support Center

Mnemonic continues to set the standard for our field for working with rigour, care and compassion to meet the challenges of today's accountability landscape. Over the last year, we have benefited hugely from their expertise and collaboration, particularly in the many moments of rapid response to new and resurgent conflicts.

Emily Tripp, Executive Director of Airwars

SLP's partnership with Mnemonic was instrumental in advancing accountability efforts on behalf of victims of Iran's Woman, Life, Freedom movement. Through its work preserving and organizing digital evidence of protest-related violence, Mnemonic safeguarded critical documentation of abuses and ensured its availability for future justice processes. Its collaboration with civil society partners to analyse this evidence provided valuable insights into the scale, geographic reach, and patterns of repression across Iran. This work significantly strengthened the evidentiary foundation of SLP's landmark case in Argentina and enhanced our understanding of the widespread and systematic nature of the violence committed against protesters.

Nushin Sarkarati, Deputy Director, Strategic Litigation Project,
Atlantic Council

We have been privileged to get the support of the Rapid Response team of Mnemonic in building cases in relation to very sensitive areas in conflict and we credit their pioneering work in applying open source intelligence to establish the reality of the crimes. Mnemonic's rigorous OSINT methodology, verification protocols, and analytical rigour have provided evidentiary bases that would otherwise be inaccessible to civil society actors and survivors seeking accountability before courts.

Jeanne Sulzer, Founding Partner of Impact Litigation & Clémence Witt,
Founding Partner of Siano Avocats

Mnemonic's work to archive, preserve and organize information related to the Woman, Life, Freedom movement has been critical to the ability of our students and staff to identify, analyse, amplify and seek accountability for gender-related crimes in Iran. At UC Berkeley's Investigations Lab, we deeply value the exceptional support Mnemonic's team has provided for our investigations into alleged crimes in Iran, and their partnership in securing justice for conflicts and crises around the world.

Alexa Koenig, Faculty Director of the Human Rights Center,
UC Berkeley

Legal and Research

Legal, Research and Policy Support Across Projects

Mnemonic's Legal and Research team plays an essential role in the organisation's accountability work, providing legal insight, methodological guidance, and strategic input across all projects. Through these functions, the team contributes to each of Mnemonic's four core research outputs, open source investigations, datasets, strategic legal accountability projects, and responses to information requests, supporting the teams to ensure legal soundness, methodological rigour, and strategic relevance.

A main area of support involves developing and updating internal resources, primarily Mnemonic's Research Handbook and its annexed resources. In 2025, this included updating internal guidance on setting up research profiles, navigating subpoenas, and conducting intermediary consultations. Beyond this cross-cutting support role, Mnemonic teams regularly draw on the Legal and Research team's expertise when navigating complex legal and policy questions that emerge in the course of project work. This year, these in-depth assessments addressed:

- Reassessing criteria and safety measures for sharing information with legally-empowered public authorities;

- Applying Mnemonic’s Research Policies to complex situations;
- Harmonising terminology and language used in technology, projects and communications;
- Sexual and gender based violence (SGBV)-related content and investigations; and
- Defamation and other possible bases for strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs).

Advancing Methodologies: Practising Solidarity with Open Source Investigations

Practising solidarity requires maintaining human connection as a starting point: building these relationships daily activities with intention and care for situated inequities, even when this may seem incompatible with open source investigative methodologies. When setting out to conduct a purely online, open source investigation, human rights advocates and the institutions they work in may find it easier to imagine that the starting point – and most important element – is not “people” but instead a “thing”: the information as it is “discovered” online.

In response, Haneen Kebriteh and Libby McAvoy have written a detailed reflection from practice on the dynamics, opportunities and choices that can reinforce divides and disempowerment and/or enable productive collaboration and solidarity between the content analysers who draw on open source information in efforts to advance human rights and accountability on one hand, and the content creators, the content subjects and their communities on the other. Drafted for the forthcoming second edition of “Digital Witness: Using Open Source Information for Human Rights Investigation, Documentation, and Accountability,” this chapter offers concrete ideas for “Practising solidarity with open source investigations.”

Presentations, Trainings and Expert Engagements

Throughout 2025, Mnemonic’s Legal & Research team engaged in a range of high-level legal forums and capacity-building initiatives:

- Mnemonic’s Senior Researcher and Legal Advisor co-hosted a session with Dr. Daragh Murray of Queen Mary University London School of Law for the Counter-Evidentiary Network, in March, presenting the roles of open source information in building the Kafr Nabl Surgical Hospital case, continuing Mnemonic’s active contribution to this growing community of practice dedicated to mapping the open source information landscape and identifying opportunities for collaboration, expertise sharing, and methodological development. The Legal and Research team also continued to participate in the Network’s monthly meetings throughout the year.
- Mnemonic’s Director of Programmes spoke at the CEPS Ideas Lab conference in March, to an audience of policymakers, researchers and representatives from civil society and industry. The Director of Programmes offered an overview of Mnemonic and the work of Syrian Archive specifically, with a demonstration of our work on medical facilities, sharing of a video of our joint investigation on the attack on Kafr Nabl Surgical Hospital. The presentation and discussion were attended by members of the European Parliament and other decision makers in Brussels, including representatives from think tanks and the European Commission.
- At RightsCon 2025 in February, Mnemonic’s Legal Advisor both spoke on a session examining lessons learned from the growing role of open source researchers in war crimes investigations, and moderated a discussion on hate speech and information warfare in the context of the Tigray War.
- The Legal Advisor also joined the RightsCon 2026 Programme Committee as external co-chair for the Justice, Litigation, and Documentation category, reviewing applications addressing strategic litigation, OSINT techniques, human rights documentation, and the ethical dimensions of legal technology.



- Mnemonic’s Legal Advisor delivered multiple sessions as part of an advanced Open Source Investigation training programme, organised in May by the Institute for International Criminal Investigations (IICI) and the Berkeley Human Rights Center (HRC), covering the design and implementation of investigative processes, report writing and presentation of findings, and the handling of information requests.

- Mnemonic’s Legal Advisor also presented at re:publica in May, sharing Mnemonic’s perspective on open source investigation and accountability work.

- Mnemonic’s Legal Advisor served as an expert witness in a trial advocacy training for international and UK-based litigators, organised in July by the Inner Temple and the TRUE Project, building on Mnemonic’s ongoing engagement with legal practitioners working with open source evidence in international and domestic proceedings.



- The team also contributed to external knowledge production in 2025, providing expert reviews of the WITNESS Filming the Aftermath of Aerial Attacks guide as well as a piece on AI and OSINT.

- Our team participated in the OHCHR RightsX Summit (2025 Human Rights Day).



- Our Managing Director spoke at two panels at the 14th Global Investigative Journalism Conference in Kuala Lumpur in November: the “Digging into Archives – Historical Investigations” and “Investigating War Crimes in Different Contexts and Regions” panels.”

Partner Organisations

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[Strategic Litigation Project](#)

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[Centre for Information Resilience \(CIR\)](#)

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Human Rights Studies \(CIHRS\)](#)

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[European Center for
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[European Legal Support Center](#)

[Human Rights Center,
UC Berkeley School of Law](#)

[Global Centre for the
Responsibility to Protect](#)

[Gulf Centre for Human Rights \(GCHR\)](#)

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[Transitional Justice Rapid Response
Consortium](#), led by the Centre for
Justice and Accountability, including
the International Centre for Transitional
Justice, the Centre for Victims of Torture
and the Global Justice Lab at the Munk
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Policy, University of Toronto

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[Iran Digital Archive Coalition](#)

[Iran Human Rights
Documentation Centre](#)

Palestine

[Law for Palestine](#)

[7amleh](#)

Sudan

[Adeela for Culture and Arts \(Adeela\)](#)

[Darfur Human Rights
Observatory \(DHRO\)](#)

[Darfur Victims Support
Organization \(DVSO\)](#)

[Darfur Voices](#)

[Sudanese Center for Media
and Information Literacy \(SCMIL\)](#)

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Research and Training \(GCRT\)](#)

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[Action For Sama \(AFS\)](#)

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Technology

Throughout 2025, Mnemonic continued to strengthen the technologies that underpin its digital evidence work. Our tools support the collection and preservation, organisation, and retrieval of online material, helping ensure that open source information relevant to human rights investigations and accountability processes remains accessible, verifiable and usable over time.

Diwan

At the core of Mnemonic’s preservation work is Diwan, an internally developed software that enables both automated and manual large-scale archiving of open source material from social media platforms and websites. The name draws from the Arabic word ديوان – a curated collection of works united by theme or style – reflecting the tool’s purpose of bringing together digital material in a structured, credible way.

2025 brought substantial improvements to Diwan’s scope and resilience. The team launched Diwan v1, a next-generation version built around the principles of immutability, integrity, authenticity and reliability. Whenever Diwan v1 captures data from a source, a new record is generated and nothing is ever mutated, every version is retained, and changes at the source (e.g. an edited post, a deleted caption) can be tracked over time. Records are fingerprinted with cryptographic hashes, providing proof that the record is unchanged since the moment it was collected.

Across its seven country archives and its Rapid Response work, Diwan collected and preserved 5,570,998 open source digital records in 2025. These included 1,998,383 images, 2,585,473 text records, 983,303 videos, and 3,839 WACZ web-archive packages. This demonstrates Diwan’s capacity to collect and preserve open source digital material at scale across multiple geographic contexts and rapidly evolving crises.

Elfehrest

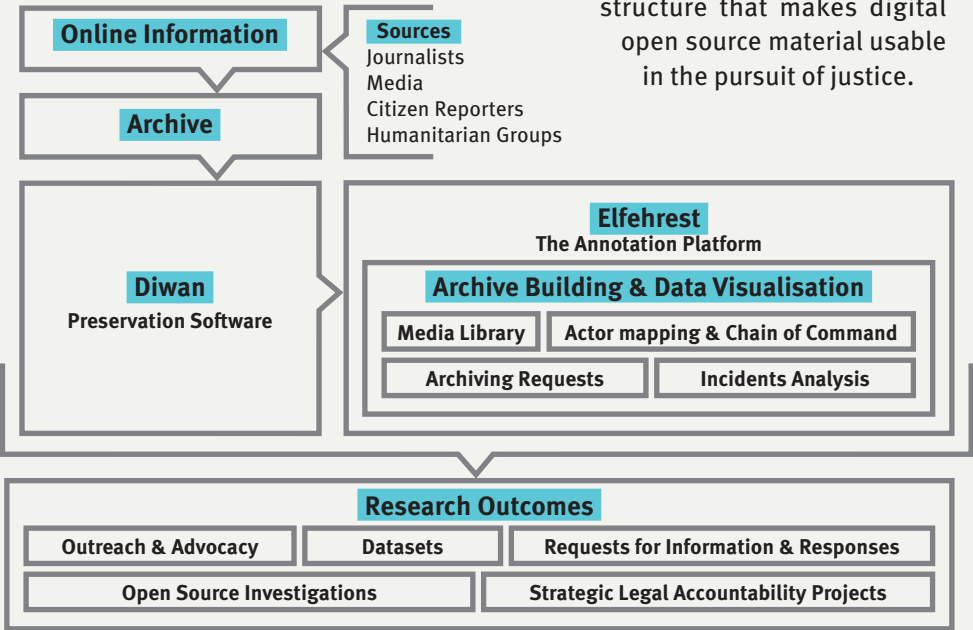
Material preserved through Diwan is made accessible via Elfehrest – Mnemonic’s in-house web platform for viewing and analysing archived open source information. Its name comes from the Arabic الفهرست, meaning “the index,” a fitting description

of its role in organising large volumes of digital content into actionable evidence. Elfehrest is in regular use by researchers and investigators across the human rights and accountability field.

Two significant features introduced in 2024 to support accountability and legal case-building were further developed in 2025: the Actors Mapping and Chain of Command features provide a structured way to document individuals and entities connected to specific events or incidents, enabling researchers to investigate their presence, relationships, and positions within relevant command structures in a standardised and searchable format.

The Actors Mapping and Chain of Command features help move Elfehrest beyond a media repository and toward the creation of a genuine investigative platform, enabling researchers to build structured, reproducible analyses around incidents and the individuals responsible for them. For accountability processes – whether before courts, UN mechanisms or transitional justice bodies – this kind of organised information can help elevate findings from initial observations to documented, substantiated claims. As Elfehrest continues to grow in both capability and user

base, it is becoming an increasingly indispensable part of the infrastructure that makes digital open source material usable in the pursuit of justice.



Outreach

- ❑ Mnemonic’s Director of Programmes spoke at the July 2025 “Reimagining Media Infrastructure: The Role of Digital Public Infrastructure in the WSIS+20 Agenda,” as part of the WSIS+20 High-Level Event.
- ❑ Mnemonic’s Managing Director presented at the “Symposium on New Technologies and the Missing, including Victims of Enforced Disappearance,” co-organised by the ICRC and partner institutions in Luxembourg. The event brought together more than 100 participants from 34 countries to examine how digital and emerging technologies can support efforts to locate missing persons, while addressing the risks of misuse, failure, and harm. The full symposium report is [available online](#).



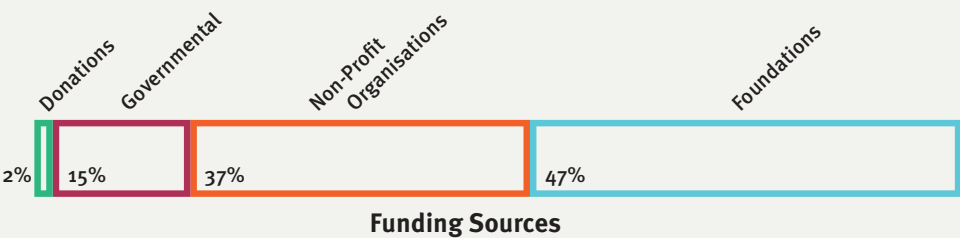
- ❑ Mnemonic’s Syrian Archive researcher spoke at a June event titled “AI Framing the Future – The Visual Script That Makes Violence Feel Inevitable,” organised by Tatwerk Performative Forschung in cooperation with Disruption Network Lab, in connection with the conference “Shadows of Illiberalism – Resisting the Radical Right in Berlin.”



Financial Overview

Fundraising

In 2025, Mnemonic secured €2,281,190.40 in funding for projects and operations through the generous support of 24 public and private donors who share our commitment to documenting human rights violations and international crimes.



Foundations represented the largest source of income, contributing 47% of total funding. This reflects their continued commitment to the Mnemonic’s mission and to the sustained nature of this work. A further 37% was generated through partnerships with other non-profit organisations, demonstrating the breadth of collaboration within our field.

Governmental sources accounted for 15% of income, an increase on previous years, and one that includes two notable firsts: grant funding from the UK’s FCDO in support of Syrian Archive, and from Liechtenstein in support of Ukrainian Archive. These contributions represent a broadening of our funding base and increased institutional recognition of our work.

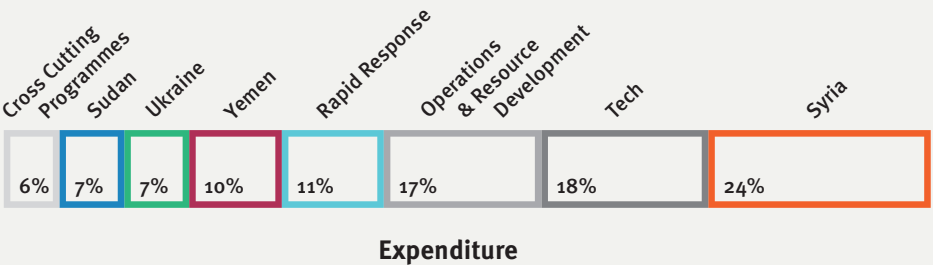
This financial support enables Mnemonic to conduct strategic investigations, maintain rigorous documentation practices, and pursue justice and accountability in conflict-affected regions and digital spaces.

Major Funders

- Allianz Foundation
- Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour
- Centre for Information Resilience
- Centre for Justice and Accountability
- Civil Rights Defenders
- Dignity – Danish Institute Against Torture
- DT Institute
- EDRI Participatory Grantmaking Mechanism
- UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
- Global Rights Compliance
- Gulf Centre for Human Rights
- International Media Support
- Liechtenstein Office for Foreign Affairs
- LUMINATE
- Oak Foundation
- Open Society Foundations
- People in Need
- Sigrid Rausing Trust
- The Syria Campaign

Annual Expenditure

Mnemonic allocates resources with careful consideration, ensuring that available funds are directed toward activities that advance its mission effectively. In 2025, expenditure reflected the organisation’s core priorities: targeted regional programming, technical development, and organisational sustainability, guided throughout by a commitment to transparency and impact.



Our Archives accounted for the largest portion of expenditure. Work in Syrian Archive expanded relative to the previous year, with 24% (€540,053) allocated to documentation and justice efforts in the country. Yemeni Archive represented 10% (€236,545) of total spending. The Rapid Response programme – including Iranian Archive and Palestinian Archive – accounted for 11% (€252,551), reflecting the need to address an emerging crisis in a timely manner. Ukrainian Archive and Sudanese Archive each account for 7% of total expenditure, at €156,053 and €162,443 respectively.

A further 6% (€122,612) was directed toward cross-cutting programmes that support Mnemonic’s regional work and broader objectives. These include our Legal Accountability work, which supports our methodology and accountability processes, and the Content Moderation programme, which addresses the impact of inconsistent and opaque platform policies on the documentation of human rights violations. Both programmes contribute to ensuring that open source digital information is utilised in legal proceedings and advocacy efforts in pursuit of accountability and a more equitable digital environment.

Technical work forms the foundation of Mnemonic’s operations and accounted for 18% (€404,399) of annual expenditure. These funds support the maintenance of core technical infrastructure, including the archiving system, Diwan, and the data visualisation and analysis tool, Elfehrest. This infrastructure enables the preservation and use of open source information in justice mechanisms and advocacy processes.

17% (€381,398) was allocated to operations and resource development, covering compliance, financial management, office costs, grant reporting, reserve-building and donor engagement. These functions support the organisation’s long-term stability and capacity to respond to evolving global challenges.

These allocations reflect an integrated approach that draws on legal, technical, and programmatic expertise to strengthen accountability and preserve the integrity of digital human rights documentation.

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