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DIGNITY FOR THOSE LOST.

PEACE FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND.



WHY?

Every Casualty Counts was established by and for organisations engaged in casualty recording following a series of meetings of experts from Afghanistan, Bosnia, Colombia, Guatemala, Iraq, Israel, Kosovo, Pakistan, Palestine, Serbia and Somalia.

Although each group operated in unique cultural and political circumstances, they shared a common realisation: that it was not just weapons which devastated communities. There were even more permanent and insidious forms of annihilation: **denial, ignorance, amnesia.**



Because if we forget, we are guilty, we are accomplices. We could not prevent their deaths the first time, but if we forget them they will be killed a second time. And this time, it will be our responsibility.



Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor,
Nobel Prize acceptance speech 1986

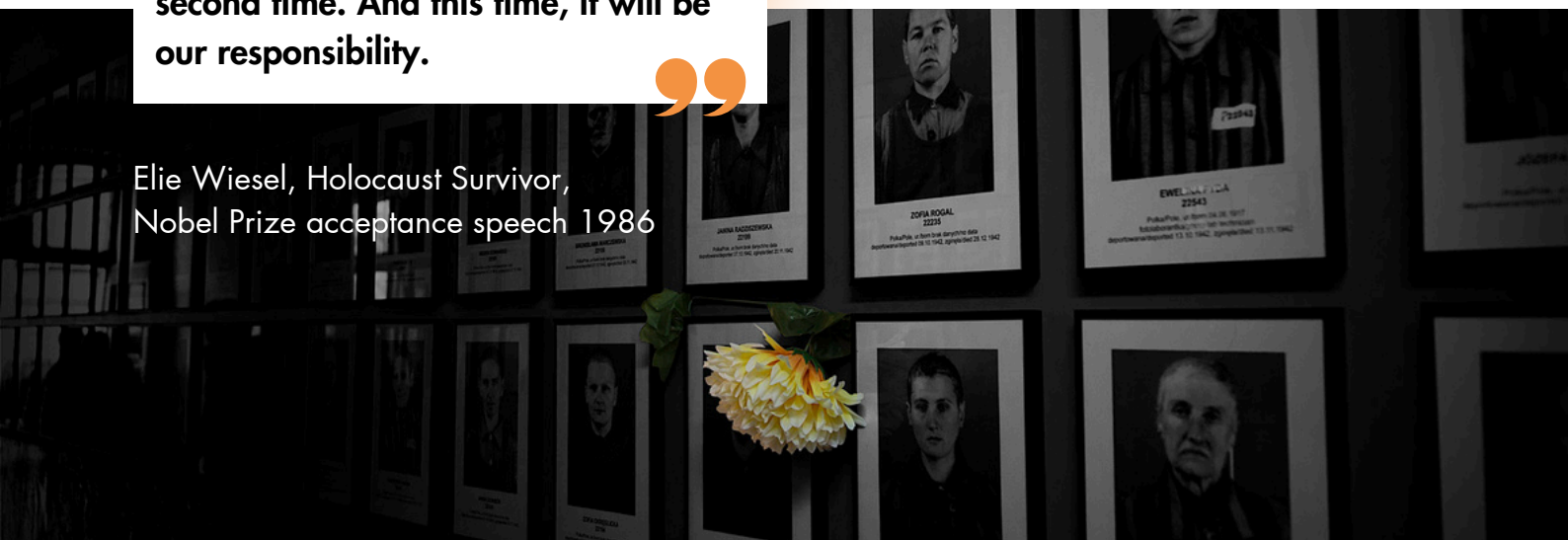
Tens of thousands of people lose their lives to armed conflict each year. If they are not documented, they leave behind a gap which cannot be filled.

Families who don't know the truth about a loved one's fate will never be able to grieve properly. Women who can't prove their husband's death cannot remarry. Orphans cannot inherit property.

Without evidence contained within casualty records, war criminals cannot be prosecuted successfully. Survivors cannot claim compensation. Politicians and military leaders cannot be held to account for reckless actions.

Without records, whole families, villages and communities are entirely erased from history. Societies never learn the truth about their past; victims and perpetrators have no common ground on which to rebuild.

Without casualty records, there is no evidence. **Without evidence, no justice. Without justice, no peace.**





Every Casualty Counts is the **global champion** for the recognition of every person killed in armed conflict. We work with partners around the world to ensure that every life lost is recorded, identified, and acknowledged. Our mission is grounded in the belief that the systematic recording of casualties is **an ethical and legal obligation**, not an optional extra.

Our core work is **completely unique** and spans three foundational pillars:

SUPPORTING CASUALTY RECORDERS

The Casualty Recorders Network – an international collective of independent casualty recording organisations from across the globe – has always been at the heart of our work.

Since the beginning, we have worked with Network members to provide training, support, advice and solidarity to casualty recorders, wherever they are. We harness the collective expertise of the membership to provide peer support and training where it is most needed. Our resource library is packed with guidance on every aspect of recording casualties and freely available to all members, so they can constantly improve the accuracy and impact of their work.

We raise funding to support Network members who are sometimes the only source of reliable information on the impact of conflict. We facilitate their participation in international security, humanitarian and human rights meetings. We provide personal as well as technical support for people conducting work which has a heavy emotional toll.

“This movement ensures that no casualty recording organisation works in isolation.”

CAMPAIGNING FOR NAMES, NOT NUMBERS

There is a widely held – and false – assumption that in ‘the fog of war’ it is not possible to record the dead accurately. This belief creates a smokescreen for those armed actors who don’t want the **world to see what is really happening.**

Our experience shows that **it is possible** to record and identify victims of armed conflict accurately and promptly, **even in the most extreme circumstances** – as long as there is political will and proper resourcing. We campaign to ensure states implement these obligations, and make every effort to identify and document victims of armed conflict.

We bring Network members to the United Nations to ensure that decision-makers have access to reliable information on the true human toll of armed violence. **We work with diplomats to build greater political recognition** of the importance of recording casualties.



“When no one is counting, anything can be denied.”

PROVIDING THE EVIDENCE

To support our mission, we conduct research on the impact of casualty recording, its basis in international law, and how to **make it more effective**.

We believe that recording every individual life lost is more than just a legal and moral imperative: it's a vital tool for peace. Our research provides the evidence.

We have published groundbreaking analysis of states' responsibilities to identify and document victims of war, and extensive studies into casualty recording practices around the world. We published the internationally-recognised Standards for Casualty Recording in 2016, which are still in use today.

Our research has been used by the United Nations Department for Peace Operations, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, NATO Allied Command, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. It has been cited in UK parliamentary debates and news media around the world.

"Casualty recording is about truth. And truth is the foundation of accountability."





NOBODY IS TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

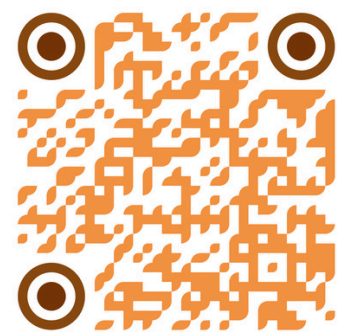
That's why we're recruiting **1,000 ordinary people** to become founding members of the **Remembrance Collective**. Will you be one of them?

Members commit annually to sharing the task of ensuring every life lost in conflict is recognised, recorded, and remembered.

As a Founding Member, you will receive:

- Personal recognition in our online Remembrance Collective page
- A personalised welcome email and digital certificate
- Personal invitations to annual online remembrance events
- The chance to dedicate your membership in memory of someone
- And **the knowledge that you are helping ensure lives lost in war are not erased, but remembered with dignity**

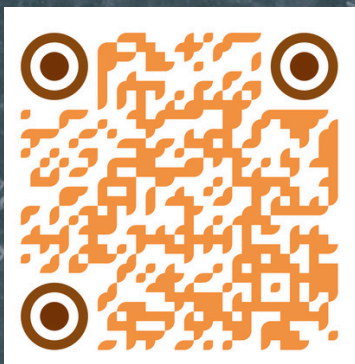
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