

INTERNATIONAL DAY IN SUPPORT OF TORTURE VICTIMS

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

June the 26th is International Day in Support of Torture Victims. This day was created by the United Nations General Assembly to highlight the horrors of torture and to remember those who have been tortured. June 26 is the day the "Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" came into effect. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan explained: "This is a day on which we pay our respects to those who have endured the unimaginable. This is an occasion for the world to speak up against the unspeakable." He said the day is "dedicated to remembering and supporting the many victims and survivors of torture around the world".

Torture is one of the biggest abuses of human rights. The terrible thing is that it is so common throughout the world. Almost every country is accused of using torture, in one form or another. There are millions of victims alive today, bearing terrible physical, emotional and psychological scars. Their torture can continue for a lifetime, with bad dreams and nightmares. Those who torture think up the most terrible ways of causing pain and abuse. This includes rape, electrocution, burns, horrific cuts, sleep deprivation and near-lethal beatings. There is still a long way to go in the fight against torture. There seems to be no end in sight to this inhumane treatment of others. Only 105 countries have signed up to the Convention against Torture.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. highlight the horrors | a. effect |
| 2. remember those who | b. our respects |
| 3. came into | c. survivors of torture |
| 4. a day on which we pay | d. of torture |
| 5. speak up against the | e. have been tortured |
| 6. the many victims and | f. unspeakable |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Torture is one of the biggest | a. the world |
| 2. it is so common throughout | b. a lifetime |
| 3. using torture, in one form | c. abuses of human rights |
| 4. Their torture can continue for | d. up to the Convention |
| 5. terrible ways of causing | e. or another |
| 6. Only 105 countries have signed | f. pain and abuse |

LISTENING GAP FILL

June the 26th is International Day in Support of Torture Victims. This _____ the United Nations General Assembly to highlight the horrors of torture and to remember _____ tortured. June 26 is the day the "Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" _____. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan explained: "This is a day on which _____ to those who have endured the unimaginable. This is an occasion for the world to _____ unspeakable." He said the day is "dedicated to remembering and supporting _____ survivors of torture around the world".

Torture is one _____ of human rights. The terrible thing is that it is so common throughout the world. Almost every country _____ torture, in one form or another. There are millions of victims alive today, bearing terrible physical, emotional and psychological scars. Their torture can _____, with bad dreams and nightmares. Those who torture think up the most terrible _____ and abuse. This includes rape, electrocution, burns, horrific cuts, sleep deprivation _____ beatings. There is still a long way to go in the fight against torture. There seems to be _____ this inhumane treatment of others. Only 105 countries have signed up to the Convention against Torture.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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endured
against
created
torture
respects
horrors
effect
speak

Torture is one of the biggest _____ of human rights. The terrible thing is that it is so _____ throughout the world. Almost every country is accused of using torture, in one form or another. There are millions of victims _____ today, bearing terrible physical, emotional and psychological _____. Their torture can continue for a lifetime, with bad dreams and nightmares. Those who torture think up the most _____ ways of causing pain and abuse. This includes rape, electrocution, burns, horrific _____, sleep deprivation and near-lethal beatings. There is still a long way to go in the fight against torture. There seems to be no end in _____ to this inhumane treatment of others. Only 105 countries have _____ up to the Convention against Torture.

alive
sight
common
terrible
abuses
signed
scars
cuts

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

June the 26th is International Day in Support of Torture Victims. This day was *creation / created* by the United Nations General Assembly to highlight the *horrors / horrific* of torture and to remember those who have been *tortures / tortured*. June 26 is the day the "Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" came into *affect / effect*. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan explained: "This is a day on which we *buy / pay* our respects to those who have endured *the / an* unimaginable. This is an occasion for the world to speak *down / up* against the unspeakable." He said the day is "dedicated to remembering and supporting the many *victimless / victims* and survivors of torture around the world".

Torture is one of the biggest *abuses / abuse* of human rights. The terrible thing is that it is *such / so* common throughout the world. Almost every country is accused of using torture, in one *from / form* or another. There are millions of victims alive today, bearing terrible physical, emotional and psychological *scars / scar*. Their torture can continue for a lifetime, with *worse / bad* dreams and nightmares. Those who torture think *up / on* the most terrible ways of causing pain and abuse. This includes rape, electrocution, burns, horrific cuts, sleep deprivation and near-lethal beatings. There is still a long way to go in the fight against torture. There seems to be no end in *vision / sight* to this inhumane treatment of others. Only 105 countries have signed *down / up* to the Convention against Torture.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

June the 26th is International Day in Support of Torture Victims. This day was (1) _____ by the United Nations General Assembly to highlight the horrors (2) _____ torture and to remember those who have been tortured. June 26 is the day the "Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" came into (3) _____. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan explained: "This is a day on which we (4) _____ our respects to those who have endured the unimaginable. This is an occasion for the world to (5) _____ up against the unspeakable." He said the day is "dedicated to remembering and supporting the many victims and survivors (6) _____ torture around the world".

Torture is one of the biggest abuses of human rights. The terrible (7) _____ is that it is so common throughout the world. Almost every country is accused of using torture, in one (8) _____ or another. There are millions of victims alive today, bearing terrible physical, emotional and psychological scars. Their torture can continue for a lifetime, with (9) _____ dreams and nightmares. Those who torture (10) _____ up the most terrible ways of causing pain and abuse. This includes rape, electrocution, burns, horrific cuts, sleep deprivation and near-lethal beatings. There is still a long way to go in the fight (11) _____ torture. There seems to be no end in sight to this inhumane treatment of others. Only 105 countries have (12) _____ up to the Convention against Torture.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) created | (b) creative | (c) creation | (d) creates |
| 2. | (a) by | (b) for | (c) of | (d) at |
| 3. | (a) affect | (b) effective | (c) effect | (d) affects |
| 4. | (a) buy | (b) pay | (c) lend | (d) sell |
| 5. | (a) turn | (b) volume | (c) shout | (d) speak |
| 6. | (a) of | (b) for | (c) by | (d) from |
| 7. | (a) thing | (b) this | (c) though | (d) that |
| 8. | (a) forms | (b) form | (c) farm | (d) from |
| 9. | (a) worse | (b) poor | (c) bad | (d) not good |
| 10. | (a) reflect | (b) believe | (c) opinion | (d) think |
| 11. | (a) back | (b) off | (c) for | (d) against |
| 12. | (a) singed | (b) signed | (c) drawn | (d) penned |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. This day was edcetra by the United Nations
2. the rrorhos of torture
3. came into cffete
4. we pay our ecstrsep
5. an ncocoisa for the world to speak up
6. victims and ivovsusrr of torture

Paragraph 2

7. one of the biggest uebass of human rights
8. so oomcnm throughout the world
9. millions of tmicivs alive today
10. bad dreams and nrsehtami
11. the fight agistan torture
12. this inhumane rtettmnae of others

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () scars. Their torture can continue for a lifetime, with bad dreams and nightmares. Those who torture think
- () up the most terrible ways of causing pain and abuse. This includes rape, electrocution, burns, horrific
- (**1**) June the 26th is International Day in Support of Torture Victims. This day was created by the United Nations General
- () respects to those who have endured the unimaginable. This is an occasion for the world to speak
- () Assembly to highlight the horrors of torture and to remember those who have been tortured. June 26 is the
- () another. There are millions of victims alive today, bearing terrible physical, emotional and psychological
- () common throughout the world. Almost every country is accused of using torture, in one form or
- () cuts, sleep deprivation and near-lethal beatings. There is still a long way to go in the fight against torture. There seems to
- () supporting the many victims and survivors of torture around the world”.
- () be no end in sight to this inhumane treatment of others. Only 105 countries have signed up to the Convention against Torture.
- () effect. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan explained: “This is a day on which we pay our
- () day the “Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment” came into
- () up against the unspeakable.” He said the day is “dedicated to remembering and
- () Torture is one of the biggest abuses of human rights. The terrible thing is that it is so

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. created was day This Nations United the by

2. have who those remember tortured been

3. which our is on pay This day we respects a

4. the for occasion an up speak to world

5. survivors world the around torture of

6. is the of Torture of abuses rights one biggest human

7. every is of torture country accused using

8. lifetime torture continue a Their can for

9. to way long a still is There go

10. signed have countries 105 Only up

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

DAY IN SUPPORT OF TORTURE VICTIMS

THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF TORTURE VICTIMS SURVEY

Write five questions about Day in Support of Torture Victims in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Day in Support of Torture Victims. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Day in Support of Torture Victims. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Day in Support of Torture Victims. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.