

# United Nations Human Rights Prize

The winners of the prestigious United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights were:

FIRST AWARD - December 1968 - 20th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Manuel Bianchi** (Chile), Ambassador, Chairman of Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- **René Cassin** (France), Original member of Human Rights Commission
- **Chief Albert Luthuli** (posthumously) (South Africa), President of the ANC
- **Mehranguiz Manoutchehrian** (Iran), Attorney/Legal Adviser and Senator
- **Petr Emelyanovich Nedbailo** (Ukraine), Member, Human Rights Commission
- **Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt** (posthumously) (U.S.A.), First Lady, President of the Human Rights Commission

SECOND AWARD - December 1973 - 25th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Dr. Taha Hussein** (posthumously) (Egypt), Professor of Literature
- **C. Wilfred Jenks** (posthumously) (UK), Director-General of International Labour Office
- **Maria Lavalle Urbina** (Mexico), Lawyer, Professor
- **Bishop Abel Muzorewa** (Zimbabwe), President of the ANC, Bishop of United Methodist Church
- **Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam** (Mauritius), Prime Minister of Mauritius
- **U Thant** (Myanmar), Secretary-General of the United Nations

THIRD AWARD - December 1978- 30th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Begum Ra'Ana Liaquat Ali Khan** (Pakistan)
- **Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan** (Iran)
- **Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King** (Posthumously) (USA)
- **Mrs. Helen Suzman** (South Africa)
- **The International Committee of the Red Cross**
- **Amnesty International**
- **Vicaria de la Solidaridad** (Chile)
- **Union nationale des femmes de Tunisie**

FOURTH AWARD - December 1988- 40th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Baba Murlidhar Devidas Amte** (India), Lawyer
- **John Humphrey** (Canada) Director, United Nations Division of Human Rights
- **Prof. Adam Lopatka** (Poland), President, Supreme Court of Poland
- **Bishop Leonidas Proaño** (Ecuador)
- **Nelson Mandela** (South Africa)
- **Winnie Mandela** (South Africa)

FIFTH AWARD - December 1993- 45th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Mr. Hassib Ben Ammar** (Tunisia), President of the Arab Institute for Human Rights
- **Dr. Erica-Irene Daes** (Greece), Chair/Rapporteur, Working Group on Indigenous Populations
- **James Grant** (U.S.A.), Executive Director of UNICEF
- **The International Commission of Jurists**
- **The Medical Personnel of the Central Hospital of Sarajevo**

- **Dr. Sonia Picado Sotela** (Costa Rica), Jurist, Vice President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- **Ganesh Man Singh** (Nepal), Supreme Leader of the Nepali Congress
- **The Sudanese Women's Union**
- **Father Julio Tumiri Javier** (Bolivia), Founder and President, Permanent Assembly of Human Rights in Bolivia

SIXTH AWARD – December 1998 – 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Sunila Abeysekera** (Sri Lanka), Director of Inform
- **Angelina Acheng Atyam** (Uganda), who has worked to secure the release of children in rebel captivity in Uganda
- **Jimmy Carter** (U.S.A.), former President of the United States
- **Jose Gregori** (Brazil), Head of the Brazilian National Secretariat for Human Rights
- **Anna Sabatova** (Czech Republic), one of the founding members of "Charter 77"
- A Prize was given in honour of all **human rights defenders**.

SEVENTH AWARD – December 2003 – 55th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Enriqueta Estela Barnes de Carlotto** (Argentina), President of the Asociación Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo [Association of Plaza de Mayo Grandmothers]
- **Deng Pufang** (China), Founder and Director of the China Disabled Persons' Federation
- **The Family Protection Project Management Team** (Jordan)
- **Shulamith Koenig** (U.S.A), Executive Director of the People's Movement for Human Rights Education
- **The Mano River Women's Peace Network in West Africa** (network of women's organizations from Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea)
- **Sergio Vieira de Mello** (Brazil), special posthumous award

EIGHTH AWARD – December 2008 – 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Louise Arbour** (Canada), former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Benazir Bhutto** (posthumously) (Pakistan), former Prime Minister and leader of the opposition who was assassinated.
- **Ramsey Clark** (U.S.A.), former Attorney General
- **Dr. Carolyn Gomes** (Jamaica), of Jamaicans for Justice
- **Dr. Denis Mukwege** (Democratic Republic of the Congo), co-founder of the General Referral Hospital of Panzi
- **Sr. Dorothy Stang** (posthumously) (Brazil), murdered nun, Human Rights Watch

NINTH AWARD – December 2013 – 65th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Biram Dah Abeid** (campaigner against slavery) from Mauritania
- **Hiljmnijeta Apuk** (human rights activist and campaigner for rights of people with disproportional restricted growth – short stature) from Kosovo\*
- **Liisa Kauppinen** (President emeritus of the World Federation of the Deaf) Finland
- **Khadija Ryadi** (Former President of the Morocco Association for Human Rights) Morocco
- **Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico** (Mexico's Constitutional Court)
- **Malala Yousafzai** (student activist), Pakistan