



Established in 1990, **SOLIDE - Support of Lebanese in Detention and Exile** - is a Lebanese NGO that works with Lebanese communities in Lebanon and around the world on the cases of Lebanese victims of enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and exile. Our focus on such cases is a part of a wider human rights advocacy policy. Arbitrary detention, enforced disappearance and torture are crimes against humanity and the situation in Lebanon from 1975 until 2005 allowed for these violations to happen on a large, continuous and systematic manner and the result was 17,000 victims of enforced disappearance. The perpetrators were the local Lebanese militias and the 3 regional powers namely the PLO, Syria and Israel. SOLIDE's work is to highlight these violations in general and the Syrian army's violations in particular and to set in motion a campaign for the establishment of a national commission of investigation. SOLIDE is pushing forward for a campaign to exhume all the mass graves in Lebanon. It also calls for the establishment of a DNA database for all the families of the disappeared. Our final objective is to see an end to the problem of the Lebanese victims of enforced disappearance, and to make sure that no human rights violations in Lebanon would happen with impunity through a serious and major reform in the Lebanese penal law.