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Survivors of Torture Share Message of Hope and Recovery
Governor Schwarzenegger Proclaims June 26 as a Day in Support of Victims of Torture

- WHAT:** In recognition of the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, representatives from the California Consortium of Torture Treatment Centers, as well as survivors of torture who have received rehabilitative services, will discuss the long-term mental and physical effects of torture and how treatment centers in California are playing an important role in the recovery process.
- WHO:**
- Kathi Anderson, executive director, Survivors of Torture, International
 - Torture survivor from Bosnia who now lives in San Jose
 - Torture survivor from El Salvador who now lives in Los Angeles
 - Kim Luu, attorney, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- WHEN:** **Thursday, June 26, 2008**
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Governor's Press Conference Room 1190
State Capitol
- WHY:** Tens of thousands of people flee to the United States every year to seek asylum and refuge from the torture they encounter in their native countries. The specialized services offered by torture treatment centers help survivors of torture to heal, rebuild trust, and reconnect to their communities.
- VISUALS:**
- English and Spanish-language spokespersons will be available for interviews
 - Images of victims of torture

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The California Consortium includes the Center for Justice and Accountability in San Francisco; the Center for Survivors of Torture at Asian Americans for Community Involvement in San Jose; the Institute for Redress and Recovery in Santa Clara; Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles; Program for Torture Victims in Los Angeles; Survivors International in San Francisco; and Survivors of Torture, International in San Diego.

To conduct this advocacy day in Sacramento, the consortium has selected Schubert Flint Public Affairs, a firm based in Sacramento, and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, a law and consulting firm providing pro bono services from its Sacramento office. Learn more about June 26 and torture treatment by visiting www.notorture.org.