



A YEAR OF COURAGE IN ACTION



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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA OVERVIEW

Amnesty International is the world's oldest and largest human rights organization, monitoring and acting to end global human rights abuses.

Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) is the largest national section of Amnesty International, marshalling 360,000 members and 1,700 local and student groups that take action to free prisoners of conscience, prevent abuses and bring to justice those responsible.

AIUSA empowers local human rights activists to challenge abuses by state and non-state actors around the globe. We advocate at the highest levels of diplomatic power on behalf of those who often have no other champions. We leverage the media to expose violations and educate the public about critical human rights issues. We rally people of conscience to action.

AIUSA's unique strength is the commitment of our activists and members, who give both their time and their financial support to help ensure that international human rights standards are respected and who serve as a collective voice to defend and promote human rights. Their commitment to human rights around the world makes AIUSA a powerful force for peace and justice.



Larry Cox
Executive Director
Amnesty International USA



Ellen Dorsey
Chair, Board of Directors
Amnesty International USA

Dear Friends,

As we confront the magnitude of suffering around the world, it seems impossible to imagine how individuals can change the systems of oppression that create human rights violations, war and systemic discrimination. Right now, human rights abuses of the worst kind are taking place in more than 150 countries and regions, including our own. Disregarding its responsibility as the world's most powerful state to set a global standard for right conduct, our government continued in 2007 to weaken the prohibition against torture and ill-treatment, and to detain hundreds of prisoners in Guantánamo Bay and Bagram, and thousands in Iraq.

Yet 2007 was also a year of courage in action. Thirty thousand saffron-robed Burmese monks led pro-democracy protests against their country's military rulers, thousands of Pakistani lawyers marched in opposition to President Musharraf's dictatorial rule, and people of conscience everywhere refused to accept the denial of human rights in any instance, in any country, by any actor. Each day, 2.2 million members of Amnesty International stood, in spirit and action, alongside these courageous men and women in defense of those who are vulnerable.

Last year, Amnesty International members were a powerful force for change: raising global consciousness about the urgent crisis in Darfur, Sudan; freeing people unjustly imprisoned; halting executions; denouncing torture and rape as a weapon of war; and making sure the "disappeared" were not forgotten. We are particularly proud of the dedicated activism of the 360,000 members of AIUSA, Amnesty International's largest national section. Through campaigns like *The America I Believe In*, we challenged the human rights violations perpetrated by the U.S. government in its "war on terror," and we demonstrated that the commitment of Americans to human rights is a force to be reckoned with.

Thanks to the exceptional support of people like you, Amnesty International USA mounted an extraordinary defense of global human rights in 2007 and, as you'll read in the pages to follow, proved that there is no equal to the courage of thousands of individuals marching and raising their voices together, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to protect human rights.



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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Human rights remained under siege in 2007. In Darfur, Sudan, one of the world's worst humanitarian crises raged on, having claimed more than 200,000 lives and displaced 2.6 million people. Across the globe, millions of women continued to face violence and sexual abuse, and countries continued to execute their citizens. In the United States, our government persisted in undermining the human rights foundations upon which global peace and security rest.

Undaunted, Amnesty International's 2.2 million members dedicated themselves to creating a safer, more just world for us all. When a crisis broke, we responded in an instant, exposing abuses and bringing international pressure and condemnation to the perpetrator's doorstep—work that embodies one of the world's greatest hopes for saving lives and stopping human rights violations.

Here at home, the courageous actions of hundreds of thousands of AIUSA activists helped win monumental victories in 2007, leaving no doubt that through our collective efforts, human rights can be realized.



Taking Action on the Most Urgent Human Rights Issues: AIUSA's Campaigns and Actions Program

AIUSA's Campaigns and Actions Program gives members and activists the tools to protect people whose human rights are threatened and to end impunity for those who commit human rights violations. In 2007, our campaigns and actions successfully:

Pressed the United Nations to pass Security Council Resolution 1769, authorizing nearly 26,000 peacekeepers as part of a joint United Nations–African Union peacekeeping force to stop the abuses in Darfur, Sudan. Unanimous passage of this critical resolution demonstrated the impact of grassroots activism. AI's activism included Web and e-mail actions, call-in days, rallies, and a meeting with human rights leaders, such as AIUSA's Executive Director Larry Cox, and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Denounced U.S. abuses in the "war on terror." The U.S. government is detaining approximately 265 men at the Naval Base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, fewer than 25 of whom have been charged with a crime. Many detainees have allegedly endured torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment. In addition, an unknown number of men have been kidnapped by U.S. officials and transferred for interrogation to foreign governments known to torture, a practice known as "extraordinary rendition."

Amnesty International was among the first organizations to call for the closure of Guantánamo and an end to extraordinary renditions. Last year, AI launched *TearItDown.org*, a major global online campaign to close Guantánamo, end rendition and stop illegal and secret detention.

In the United States, AIUSA launched our *The America I Believe In* campaign to affirm human rights principles

of justice, the rule of law and human dignity. We collected thousands of petition signatures saying *no* to torture, *no* to illegal detention and secret prisons, *no* to kidnapping, and *yes* to the human rights values that we hold dear.

In October, AIUSA kicked off the *86 Days* campaign to mark the time between two infamous dates: October 17, the anniversary date of the passage of the Military Commissions Act (MCA), and January 11, the anniversary date of the first detainee's arrival at Guantánamo. AIUSA activists rallied and held vigils nationwide, urging President Bush to close Guantánamo and either charge detainees with a recognizable crime and give them a fair trial or release them unconditionally. We also called on the U.S. Congress to reverse provisions of the MCA that tried to prevent U.S. courts from hearing *habeas corpus* petitions.

To secure firsthand evidence of the legal proceedings in Guantánamo, Amnesty International USA's legal observer made multiple visits to the detention center last year. Her reports added unimpeachable credibility to the call for restoring detainees' rights, served as the basis for AIUSA's testimony to Congress and our lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill, and brought international attention to the facility at Guantánamo. AI continues to urge the U.S. government to allow international human rights organizations and U.N. experts unrestricted access to Guantánamo and all other U.S. detention facilities.

Worked toward a world without executions. In 2007, executions worldwide fell significantly, and the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for a universal moratorium on executions. More than two-thirds of all countries have now abandoned the death penalty.

At home, Americans are becoming increasingly skeptical about the death penalty in view of a judicial system that has wrongfully convicted at least 129 people across the United States. The number of U.S. executions per year has fallen from a high of 98 in 1999 to 53 in 2006 to 42 in 2007. In December, AIUSA helped win a historic victory

when New Jersey became the first state to abolish the death penalty by legislation since it was reintroduced in 1976. Three AIUSA activists organized the state coalition that united law enforcement associations, victims' family groups and large numbers of activists to put grassroots pressure on state legislators before the vote.

AIUSA members and activists also helped halt several executions. We gathered more than 100,000 signatures in support of Troy Davis, who has been on Georgia's death row for more than 16 years despite compelling evidence of his innocence. Davis was within hours of death when the parole board granted a stay, citing grassroots campaigning and the national visibility we generated.

Advanced the struggle for women's human rights. As part of our global *Stop Violence Against Women* campaign, members of AIUSA exposed pervasive violence against women and girls and pushed policymakers to stop the abuse.

In April, AIUSA released *Maze of Injustice*, a groundbreaking report that exposed widespread violence against indigenous women in the United States and systemic failure to punish those responsible. Our report and the nationwide media coverage it generated led directly to congressional hearings, a draft concept paper for legislation that would address sexual violence against Native women, changes in Oklahoma's police training policy, and Oklahoma's new emergency phone system for reporting rape.

Additionally, AIUSA successfully lobbied the U.S. House of Representatives to pass Resolution 100, urging the governments of the United States and Guatemala to work together to address the unsolved murders of more than 2,500 Guatemalan women and girls since 2001.

AIUSA also worked with Senators Joseph Biden (D-DE) and Richard Lugar (R-IN) to introduce the bipartisan International Violence against Women Act (I-VAWA). I-VAWA creates a comprehensive approach for addressing global violence against women, thereby furthering U.S. foreign policy goals such as combating terrorism,



PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE PROFILE: PROFESSOR MESFIN WOLDEMARIAM

Ethiopia's most prominent human rights defender, geography professor Mesfin Woldemariam, 78, founded the nongovernmental Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO) in 1991 to investigate and report on human rights violations in Ethiopia. In 2005 he left his position as EHRCO chair to join the election campaign of his country's main opposition party.

Mesfin was detained by Ethiopian authorities in November 2005 in connection with public demonstrations protesting alleged election fraud. The charges against him included "outrage against the Constitution" and "inciting, organizing and leading armed rebellion." Mesfin refused to defend himself, insisting his trial was politically motivated, and thus unlikely to be fair. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Soon after Mesfin's arrest, AI named him a prisoner of conscience and called for his immediate and unconditional release. For seven months, Special Focus Case volunteers sent appeals on his behalf to Ethiopian authorities. In part due to the pressure we generated, Professor Mesfin and 37 others were freed and pardoned on July 20, 2007.

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fighting poverty, fostering good governance and ending the HIV epidemic. AIUSA collaborated with hundreds of U.S. and International NGOs.

Lobbied the U.S. government to increase funding for Darfur peacekeeping. Through online actions, petitions and direct advocacy, AIUSA's Government Relations staff put intense pressure on the U.S. Congress and the Bush administration to increase U.S. funding for African Union (AU) and international peacekeeping forces in Darfur. As a result of our efforts, the House of Representatives added \$100 million for AU peacekeeping and increased funds for U.N. peacekeepers.

Mobilizing a Grassroots Human Rights Movement: AIUSA's Membership Program

Our Membership Program coordinates the activities of AIUSA volunteers who are active in 1,700 U.S. community and campus chapters and professional and issue-based networks. Our 360,000 dues-paying members routinely act on a range of urgent human rights issues. An additional 108,000 supporters take instant action online. Last year, our network members campaigned on issues such as ending impunity for private military and security companies, bringing Sudanese war criminals to justice, ending identity-based discrimination, and prohibiting health professionals from participating in executions. In 2007, AIUSA:

Mobilized grassroots activists to protect individuals at risk. Each year, AIUSA members come to the aid of hundreds of men, women and children unjustly imprisoned for the peaceful expression of their beliefs. Our Special Focus Case project brings concentrated action to bear on behalf of individuals in danger. Our Urgent Action Network provides a rapid response to crises involving individuals at immediate risk of torture, death or other grave human rights violations. And our Freedom

Writers take monthly action on three human rights cases around the world. Their letters free prisoners of conscience, stop torture, launch investigations and save lives.

In 2007, our Special Focus Case volunteers helped secure the freedom of 38 men and women jailed in Ethiopia, including human rights defender Mesfin Woldemariam. Urgent Action Network members took action on behalf of more than 900 individuals at risk, including Sudanese environmental activist and prisoner of conscience Mohamed Jalal Ahmed Hashim, who was arrested for opposing construction of the Kajbar Dam. Network members sent a flood of letters and faxes on Hashim's behalf, and he was soon released. Our Freedom Writers acted on cases in 31 countries, including that of Bui Thi Kim Thanh, a human rights lawyer in Vietnam who was released in July 2007 following her detention without medical basis in a mental-health facility.

Pressed the Sudanese government to admit the full UNAMID peacekeeping force without obstruction or delay. AIUSA members successfully lobbied U.S. Senators to pass a resolution calling on the Chinese government to use its influence and economic leverage to urge the Sudanese president to admit the U.N.-African Union peacekeeping mission in Darfur (UNAMID). AIUSA also delivered a global petition with over 500,000 signatures to the White House urging Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to help end the bloodshed by getting UNAMID peacekeepers on the ground with everything they need to protect civilians. Furthermore, because much of the funding for the military campaign in Darfur derives from the oil industry, AIUSA activists urged U.S. investment companies with connections to Sudan's oil industry to adopt policies addressing this human rights crisis.

Activism played an equally important role in convincing the Chadian government to accept both U.N. and European Union peacekeepers to protect Darfuri refugees in eastern Chad. In his press conference announcing Chad would welcome the peacekeepers, the Chadian ambassador to the United States stressed AI's role in effecting this change in policy.



"I want to thank those groups that especially have worked hard with us to combat this particular crime, and I'd like to mention their names: Amnesty International ..."

—U.S. Rep. Solis (D-CA), sponsor of H. Res. 100, The Murders of Women in Guatemala

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PAGES 5 & 6 (Left to Right) Professor Mesfin Woldemariam, former Secretary General of the Ethiopian Human Rights Council, was released from prison in July 2007 © AI, Protesters stand with monks in Mongolia to show support for the pro-democracy protesters in Burma © AI

PAGES 7 & 8 (Left to Right) Amnesty film crew shoots interview inside Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp © AI, Get on the Bus 2007 Campaign: concerned students demand justice for Bhopal © AI, AIUSA Close Guantánamo rally, January 2007 © AI, Women from North Darfur testifying to Gaetan Mootoo, Amnesty International researcher in Tina, Chad © AI



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"We were in the dark ages in comparison to the opportunity our children received via the AI [human rights] curriculum. To know is awareness, to see is experience, to participate is power ... We must raise responsible, expansive and critical children into compassionate, intelligent and aware leaders who see themselves in every human face. It is the only prescription for the future that can work."

—Parent of PS 11 student, Brooklyn, NY



Altered U.S. policy toward Colombia in light of ongoing human rights abuses. For the first time since the multi-billion-dollar predominantly military aid package called "Plan Colombia" was initiated in 2000, AIUSA was able to significantly change U.S. policy. The 2008 aid package cuts military and police assistance by 31 percent, increases social and economic aid by 70 percent, and requires Colombian authorities to dismantle "successor armed groups" that have traditionally collaborated with Colombian security forces and have a brutal history of violence. A combination of grassroots actions—including e-mails, letters and phone calls from activists to members of Congress—and a rally outside of the White House drove these long-overdue changes.

Marched in solidarity with the people of Burma. Within 24 hours of the Burmese government's violent crackdown on peaceful protests, AIUSA acted in support of the Burmese people. Amnesty International called for the release of all who had been imprisoned and urged the U.N. to send an envoy. Thanks to our quick response, a high-level envoy was sent and hundreds of monks and others were released.

Convinced police departments to stop targeting LGBT individuals. Nearly four decades after the Stonewall riots launched the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights movement, and despite significant progress in the recognition of LGBT rights, police abuse and misconduct toward LGBT people persist in the United States. Last year, AIUSA activists pressed local police departments to sign a pledge to take concrete steps to end the targeting of LGBT individuals. To date, the pledge has been signed by police departments in six cities: Washington DC, San Antonio (TX), Fargo (ND), Lexington (KY), Memphis (TN) and Atlanta (GA).

Piloted human rights education (HRE) programs. The AIUSA HRE program partnered with Participant Productions to produce and distribute a comprehensive guide to the film *The Kite Runner* to approximately 10,000 educators across the United States.

The HRE program also piloted the World of Human Rights program at Brooklyn, NY's public elementary school PS 11. Five hundred students in grades K–5 were introduced to human rights through a daylong event at the beginning and in ongoing class work.

Raising Our Collective Voice: AIUSA's Communications Program

Our Communications Program provides the leadership, strategy and tools to help Amnesty International increase its visibility, extend its reach, and inform people in the United States and around the world about human rights issues. In 2007, AIUSA:

Brought national attention to the abuse of indigenous women in the United States. Our Media Relations Unit generated significant press coverage of AIUSA's *Maze of Injustice* report, including major stories in *The New York Times* and on National Public Radio. The NPR story spurred astonishing support for Pretty Bird Woman House, an at-risk shelter that we noted in the AIUSA report on Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

Launched *Instant Karma: The Amnesty International Campaign to Save Darfur*. With the help of some of the world's most famous musicians, Amnesty International mobilized people of conscience to stop the human rights catastrophe in Darfur. *Instant Karma* combined the power of John Lennon's music—in the form of a double CD featuring U2, Green Day, Aerosmith and many other major artists—with cutting-edge forms of instant activism. Interactive Media Awards chose the *Instant Karma* Web site as "best in class," the organization's highest honor. The album's liner notes directed purchasers to AIUSA's Web site where they could sign a petition for Darfur. The petition generated more than 500,000 signatures, which AIUSA subsequently delivered to the White House.

Launched *Eyes on Darfur Satellite Project*. AIUSA's Darfur campaign received a major boost with the launch of the groundbreaking *Eyes on Darfur* satellite

project, which leveraged the power of high-resolution satellite imagery to provide unimpeachable evidence of the atrocities committed in Darfur—enabling action by private citizens, policy makers and international courts. *Eyes on Darfur* also broke new ground in protecting human rights by allowing people around the world to literally "watch over" and protect twelve intact, but highly vulnerable, villages using commercially available satellite imagery.

The Web site's launch attracted intense media coverage in all major U.S. news outlets, including a long piece in *The Washington Post* Sunday magazine and stories on CNN and NPR. The media attention spurred public interest in the Web site, pushing eyesondarfur.org to the top of AIUSA's most widely viewed sites.

Helped win a stay of execution for Troy Davis. AIUSA's Media Relations Unit played a critical role in winning a reprieve for Davis by convincing the national media—including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, CNN, and National Public Radio—to cover the story for the first time in the more than 15 years since Davis' trial. Amnesty also held two press conferences in Georgia that helped reverse the negative tone of local press coverage. Prosecutors in Georgia cited this publicity as one of the reasons Davis' case was considered by the state Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Shining a Light on Human Rights Abuses Worldwide: AIUSA's International Program

Our International Program supports Amnesty International's research and reporting of human rights conditions around the world, often with on-the-ground missions. In 2007, Amnesty International:

Spotlighted human rights crises with investigative reports. Amnesty International released hundreds of reports in 2007 on the most important human rights issues, including interrogation techniques and detention conditions at Guantánamo; torture and other ill-treatment in Egyptian detention centers; ongoing injustice and

impunity within Mexico's criminal justice system; and the unfolding crisis in eastern Chad, where Janjawid militia from Sudan escalated attacks on civilians.

Conducted high-level missions to Egypt, Pakistan, Thailand, Somalia, Bangladesh and scores of other countries. One delegation traveled to Cairo, Egypt, to release a new report detailing AI's concerns that Egypt's draft anti-terrorism law will further entrench human rights violations—including arbitrary arrests, torture and unfair trials—that have been key features of Egypt's counterterrorism campaign. The delegation met with the minister in charge of drafting the anti-terrorism bill and with officials from Egypt's Human Rights Council and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. AI also convened a roundtable discussion for Egyptian human rights defenders and NGOs on strategies for protecting human rights.

Dispatched a research delegation to the Horn of Africa to meet with people displaced by the crisis in Somalia. Amnesty International reported violations of international humanitarian law—including torture, rape, extrajudicial executions, arbitrary detention, and the targeting of journalists and human rights defenders—by all parties to the conflict and called on the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia and to take action to stop the abuses. AIUSA provided funds for specialized trauma treatment to assist survivors of torture.

Educated thousands on the global justice movement. AIUSA premiered the documentary *Justice Without Borders*. Produced in collaboration with Skylight Pictures, the film explores the global movement seeking justice and accountability for perpetrators of the most grave human rights abuses. Through interviews with AIUSA Executive Director Larry Cox, International Criminal Court prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rigoberta Menchú and other human rights defenders, the film follows the stories of survivors seeking justice for human rights crimes committed in Peru, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Guatemala. To date, activists have organized 400 screenings in towns and cities across the United States.

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At the invitation of our Executive Director, Larry Cox, the following Amnesty International USA supporters offer assistance and guidance as members of the Executive Director's Leadership Council. Council members help chart a strong future for our work, providing insight into program priorities and the best use of business, philanthropy, finance, media, science, the arts and other fields.

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PAGE 9 (Top to Bottom) Lawyers demonstrate against President General Pervez Musharraf in the city court district of Islamabad, Pakistan, November 2007 © AI, Mohamed Jalal Ahmed Hashim, a prominent opponent of the construction of the Kajbar Dam and for that he was arrested in June 2007, and released in August 2007 © AI, Larry Cox speaks out against torture at a rally in Washington DC © AI

PAGE 10 Irene Khan, Secretary General for Amnesty International, at a women's empowerment group in Bangladesh © AI



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PAGE 11 Monk prays at Burma rally in London © AI

PAGE 12 Artist/Poet Chaniel Clark gave a performance in efforts to bring former Guatemalan general Ríos Montt to justice © AI

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Mary Jo Cole runs a shelter in Oklahoma for women who have been victims of sexual violence © Adam Nadel / AI

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(Left to Right) AI Researcher Liz Hodgkin talking to people in Ardamatta Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Durti camp, Darfur © AI, Maureen Kademaunga, Secretary general of the University of Zimbabwe Students Executive Council, was arrested on more than six occasions for leading demonstrations. As a result of her efforts, she has suffered physical assault while in police custody © AI, Get on the Bus 2007 Campaign © AI

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FISCAL YEAR 2007: 10/1/06 – 9/30/07

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Peter W. Farnsworth
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Cash	\$ 3,268,975
Investments	23,517,940
Other	7,572,487
Total Assets	34,359,402
Net Assets	21,632,793

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2006	Total 2007
OPERATING REVENUES					
Contributions from individuals	\$33,765,367	\$5,166,581	-	\$35,804,438	\$38,931,948
Grants from foundations	401,746	735,760	-	215,524	1,137,506
Donated services	7,199,765	-	-	7,393,596	7,199,765
Literature and merchandise sales	543,301	-	-	520,042	543,301
List rental	187,339	-	-	161,561	187,339
Events and miscellaneous income	361,483	8,171	-	348,064	369,654
Conference fees/regional fundraising	148,265	-	-	113,461	148,265
Net assets released from restrictions:					
Satisfaction of program actions	891,870	(891,870)	-	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions	7,270,648	(7,270,648)	-	-	-
Total operating revenues	50,769,784	(2,252,006)	-	44,556,686	48,517,778
EXPENSES					
International	11,892,830	-	-	11,371,282	11,892,830
Campaigns and actions	6,487,348	-	-	6,361,810	6,487,348
Membership programs	10,655,233	-	-	11,131,626	10,655,233
Communications and publications	15,320,776	-	-	11,582,680	15,320,776
Management and general	1,216,486	-	-	1,164,128	1,216,486
Fundraising	8,797,068	-	-	9,360,983	8,797,068
Total expenses	54,369,741	-	-	50,972,509	54,369,741
Increase (decrease) in net assets before non-operating revenues	(3,599,957)	(2,252,006)	-	(6,415,823)	(5,851,963)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES					
Bequests and planned giving	4,431,123	-	25,000	4,010,254	4,456,123
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	1,899,332	10,521	-	1,341,160	1,909,853
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1,157,941	1,921	-	(676,503)	1,159,862
Interest and dividends	707,558	(48,446)	-	646,890	659,112
Total non-operating revenues	8,195,954	(36,004)	25,000	5,321,801	8,184,950
Change in net assets	4,595,997	(2,288,010)	25,000	(1,094,022)	2,332,987
Net assets, beginning of year	8,761,666	8,626,973	1,911,167	20,393,828	19,299,806
Net assets, end of year	\$13,357,663	\$6,338,963	\$1,936,167	\$19,299,806	\$21,632,793

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