

INTERNSHIP OPENING

# The case against Hissène Habré

Brussels and Senegal

2014-2015  
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**Internship Description:** Human Rights Watch (“HRW”) is seeking a full-time legal intern on a fellowship or scholarship to join the team on the case against Chad's exiled former President, Hissène Habré. HRW has been working for 14 years with Habré’s victims to bring him to justice. In 2013, a special court in Senegal indicted Habré on atrocity charges and he is now in detention awaiting a trial scheduled for early 2015. The victims are full parties in the proceedings, with the right to present evidence, examine witnesses and seek reparations. Please visit <http://www.hrw.org/en/habre-case> (English), <http://www.hrw.org/fr/affaire-habre> (French) for more information.

The internship will last a minimum of ten months starting in September 2014 or as soon as possible. The intern will be based at HRW’s Brussels office but may re-locate to Dakar, Senegal during the trial. The intern will be supervised by HRW’s Counsel Reed Brody. The internship will primarily focus on working with the victims’ legal team of Chadian, Senegalese and international lawyers, preparing for the trial and assisting with the trial. It will also involve drafting advocacy letters and press releases, monitoring press and events and assisting with research.

This internship is unpaid. Interns should come with their own funding. Students are often able to arrange academic credit, as HRW internships often offer direct exposure to the workings of an international human rights organization, close supervision by the HRW staff, interaction with other international organizations and foreign and domestic government officials, and opportunities to attend lectures, trainings and special events relating to human rights. Students should check with their individual academic institutions for requirements.

**Qualifications:** The internship is open to law students and law graduates with expertise in international criminal law. Applicants should be well-organized, self-motivated, and reliable with a strong interest in human rights. **Oral and written fluency in French** and proficiency in English is required.

**How to Apply:** Please apply immediately by emailing a letter of interest in English or French, a resume, two names or letters of reference and, if possible, a brief, unedited writing sample in French or English, (no calls or email inquiries, please) to [habre@hrw.org](mailto:habre@hrw.org). Please use "Habré Internship Application – 2014-2015" as the subject of your email and specify your dates of availability. Due to the large number of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted further.

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