

Donatella Rovera

Donatella Rovera's work as Amnesty International's senior investigator on crisis response takes her to the world's most dangerous and desperate areas. From armed violence in Syria and Libya to the conflicts in Gaza and Sudan, Rovera has reported on the serious human rights abuses that make page one headlines. Most recently, she spent weeks during April and May inside Syria, traveling to 23 villages and towns, to expose the Syrian army's vicious campaign of reprisals against people suspected of supporting the opposition. Rovera went forward, despite the Syrian government's refusal to grant Amnesty International official permission to enter Syria. In May 2011, she reported from the besieged Libyan city of Misurata as it was under heavy bombing by al-Gaddafi forces. In August of that year, she made the difficult trip to the Nuba Mountains of Southern Kordofan as the Sudanese armed forces bombed civilian areas, preventing aid from reaching desperate displaced people. She has also reported from crises in the Ivory Coast and Algeria.

Rovera was born in Italy to an Argentinian father and Romani-Rumanian mother, raised in France and educated in the U.K. She studied at the School for Oriental and African Studies of London University, focusing on Middle East politics, Arabic, Hebrew, international human rights and humanitarian law, refugee law, Shari'a law and international criminal investigations.

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Read Rovera's recent oped about the situation in Syria in *The Washington Post*.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/why-syria-feels-abandoned/2012/05/30/gJQAd8yg2U_story.html