

Beirut-based Zovighian Public Office launches new podcast on truth-telling and accountability for atrocity crimes

Press release



Zovighian Public Office founder Lynn Zovighian launched the new truth-telling podcast, *Smallest truths*, with first special guest, international religious freedom leader Nadine Maenza.

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Beirut, Lebanon – October 14, 2025: Amid persistent impunity and political neglect in the Middle East and South Caucasus, the Zovighian Public Office (ZPO) has launched *Smallest truths*, a new podcast series exploring how survivor-led truth-telling strengthens accountability for atrocity crimes. By amplifying the smallest details of lived experience — often the most decisive evidence in justice processes — the series aims to protect truth from erasure and help shift power away from perpetrators and toward survivors and their allies.

Short and analytical in format, each episode reflects upon and consolidates years of field-based experience in responding to atrocity crimes. Conversations present an ethical and strategic framework for humanitarian diplomacy and international human rights law to increase the chances of justice, carrying forward dignity, safeguarding memory, and advancing community ownership. Through measured dialogue and grounded reflection, *Smallest truths* examines how international due process, policy, and humanitarian systems can be strengthened by centering survivor evidence and moral courage.

“Truth-telling is the first form of justice,” said Lynn Zovighian, Founder of the Zovighian Public Office. “This podcast is about preserving the moral and factual record when politics and power try to erase it.”

She added: “We wanted to produce this podcast because the Middle East is too often discussed from the outside. *Smallest truths* is designed from within the region to serve its communities — rejecting exclusion and redefining dialogue and decision-making toward true voice and accountability.”

To inaugurate the podcast, the first three episodes have been released as a three-part conversation between podcast host and ZPO founder Lynn Zovighian and global international religious freedom leader Nadine Maenza. Together, they explore questions of survivor leadership, the endurance of truth through atrocity, and the risks of peace processes that exclude affected communities.

The launch of *Smallest truths* follows a period of solemn remembrance marked by the eleven-year commemoration of the Yazidi Genocide, the fifth anniversary of the Beirut Explosion, and the second commemoration of the ethnic cleansing of the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh. Since 2015, the Zovighian Public Office has partnered with survivors to protect the dignity and voices of their communities in humanitarian diplomacy and international courts of law.

“In every atrocity, the smallest truths are the hardest to preserve and amplify — and yet they are what make justice possible,” said Zovighian.

Listen to *Smallest truths* on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and YouTube, with full transcripts and learning resources available at <https://zovpub.org/ZPO-Podcast>

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