

Republic of Armenia

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Summary

- Not a single conviction for those who committed torture

- 3 criminal cases initiated against torture victims after their complaints

- Exempting torture perpetrators from liability (through amnesty, expiry of statute of limitations)
- Ineffectiveness of investigations into torture

Independent mechanism of external control

Accessibility and protection of video evidence

Video control

Population - 2 962 500 persons

Population in penitentiary institutions (convicts) — 1235 persons

Place for holding arrestees (arrestees) – 915 persons

Detainees (administrative detention) – 1 334 persons

Budget for law enforcement activities - EUR 135581400 (for penitentiary service and Police)

Policemen — 11 014 persons (10014 men, 1000 women)

An independent autonomous body has been established.

The archive is protected and there are penalties in place for

individual use are excluded.

damaging/editing, etc.

Video control equipment is not installed everywhere, sanitary zones of

- Rehabilitation of torture victims depends on the	Penitentiary service -2075 (1862 men and 213 women)
punishment of perpetrators	
Judicial decisions recording the issue of torture	
	2 (communications in the ECHR under Article 3 of the Convention)
Decisions of Armenian courts	1 (guilty verdict for abuse of office, released under amnesty)
Judicial decisions excluding evidence extorted through torture	No data
Criminalization of torture and ill-treatment	
Outright prohibition of torture in criminal legislation	An outright prohibition is enshrined in criminal legislation.
Criminalization of actions falling under the definition of torture	These actions are criminalized. No criminal punishment is set for cruel and degrading treatment.
Definition of torture in line with international treaties	Yes
The body investigating reports of torture and ill-treatment	
Existence of a body authorized to investigate cases of torture	A separate independent body.
Number of investigators	11
Number of torture cases currently underway	95
Reporting to	Prime Minister of the Republic
Geographical coverage	It is located in the capital city and its activity extends to the whole territory of the Republic.
Budget	Sufficient, covers all expenses.
Number of complaints on torture and ill-treatment.	No data
Ratification of international profile agreements	
Profile convention	Yes
UN Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and	Signed and ratified.
Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or	
Punishment (2002)	
Istanbul Protocol	The Protocol standards are partly included in the legislation.
Existence of procedural guarantees	
Documentation of the actual time of detention	The time of entering the police building is documented and not the actual detention time.
Notifying the advocate at the actual time of detention	No, the advocate is notified after the relevant person is brought to the investigative body.
Notifying relatives	After bringing the relevant person to the investigative body.
Medical examination	Implemented only for suspects and only after registering in isolation cells (not in police divisions).
Prevention of torture	