

Belarus 2023

Prohibition of torture index

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INVESTIGATION EFFECTIVENESS INDEX 0

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| Population — 9 155 978 | Convicted — No current data |
| Number of police officers — No data | Persons under investigation — No current data |
| Number of penitentiary service employees — No data | Detainees under administrative arrest — No data |
| Law enforcement budget (police, prison service): Ministry of Interior € 553 724,17; Penitentiary system's agencies and organizations € 134 020,54; Investigative Committee € 92 404,89 | Budget per prisoner — No data |

STATE'S TORTURE RESPONSE MECHANISM

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| Number of investigators | No data available |
| Number of complaints of torture and ill-treatment, including from places of detention | No data available |
| Recording system for complaints of torture and ill-treatment | Ordinary system for crime record |

GOVERNMENT BODY INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE

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| Whether there is a body authorized to investigate torture | No separate independent body |
| Geographic coverage | Represented in all territorial units |
| Budget | Covers minimum essential costs |
| Number of complaints alleging torture | No data available |
| Number of criminal cases instituted | No data available |
| Number of cases taken to court | No data available |

JUDICIAL REVIEW

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| Provisions on inadmissibility of evidence obtained through torture | Norms are not binding |
| Number of statements made in court alleging torture during the investigation | No data available |
| Number of convictions for the use of torture | No data available |

RATIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

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| UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1984) | Signed and ratified |
| Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2002) | Neither signed nor ratified |
| European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1987) | Neither signed nor ratified |
| European Convention on Human Rights | Neither signed nor ratified |

ANTI-TORTURE PROVISIONS IN DOMESTIC LAW

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| Explicit legal prohibition of torture | Explicit prohibition in domestic law |
| Criminal sanctions for torture | No sanctions |
| Implementation of Istanbul Protocol in national legislation | The Istanbul Protocol standards are partly incorporated in national legislation |
| Whether the definition of torture is consistent with the provisions of relevant conventions | Consistent with the provisions of relevant conventions |

AVAILABILITY OF PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES

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| Documenting the actual detention start time | Retroactive (arrest reports are drawn up retroactively during the investigation) |
| Lawyer notification at the actual arrest/detention start time | None or after 3 hours |
| Family notification | None or after 3 hours |
| Medical examination of administrative detainee | None or after 3 hours |
| Medical examination of criminally detained | None or after 3 hours |

PREVENTION OF TORTURE

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| Independent external review mechanism | No independent external review mechanism |
| Video surveillance | Some but not all facilities are equipped |
| Access to archived video evidence | Not protected, accessible to officials at places of detention |