

# Issues of torture and ill-treatment in closed facilities in Central Asia countries



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Torture prevention in line with international standards is moving at varying pace across the Central Asia region. According to the research conducted by PRI in closed institutions for juveniles in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan in 2014 more than half of young respondents noted that were subjected to ill-treatment by police officers, who used violence to obtain confession statements. It is reported that a lack of investigation and prosecution into allegations of torture or ill-treatment by officials led to a culture of impunity amongst persons of authority in this regard. For instance, in 2016 General Prosecutor's Office of the Kyrgyz Republic received 435 civil appeals of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment across the country. Only 33 criminal cases were issued. The same goes for Kazakhstan, among 470 registered complaints only 12 were heard by the court in 2016. With torture still pervasive across the region and with little accountability for those who commit it, there is a clear need to promote and build the concept of monitoring places of detention where this needs to be encouraged, and to strengthen and support the measures already in place and functioning to increase their effectiveness. All Central Asia countries a lack of system of effective investigation of torture and death in custody. This side event will bring the latest data on torture in Central Asia countries and propose the ways to build effective torture prevention work.

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