



Key Challenges

Persecution of applicants who have suffered torture. Gross and indiscriminate human rights violations during and after the January 2022 protests. Unofficial places of detention.

Population	19 126
Prison population	40 842
Convicted, including	34 842 , including 1 844 women, 30 children with convicted women and 53 convicted adolescents
In pre-trial detention	6 000
Detainees (under administrative arrest)	No data
Law enforcement budget	733 718 937 EUR (342.5 billion tenge)
Budget per prisoner per year	1 238.14 EUR (578 000 tenge)
Number of Penitentiary Service employees	6 851
Number of police officers	Data classified by the Ministry of Internal Affairs

Judgments documenting the problem of torture

Judgments and decisions of international bodies documenting the problem of torture and ill-treatment	0
Judgments of Kazakhstan's courts	5
Convictions on charges of false allegations of torture	1

Criminalization of torture and ill-treatment

Explicit prohibition of torture in criminal law	Torture is explicitly prohibited by law
Criminalization of acts falling within the definition of torture	There are concrete and clear sanctions
Definition of torture consistent with international treaties	Not fully consistent with the relevant Conventions

Government body investigating allegations of torture and ill-treatment

There is a body authorized to investigate torture	Torture cases are investigated by the Anti-Corruption Service, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the Prosecutor's Office. These bodies are directly accountable to the President (the Ministry of Internal Affairs is accountable to the Government)
Number of investigators	100 (Anti-Corruption Service)
Investigator workload	13.57
Investigating body's jurisdiction	Shared among the investigating bodies to avoid conflict of interest. The proportion of torture cases is less than 50%.
Geographic coverage	All administrative units of the Republic
Budget	Insufficient, does not cover essential costs
Number of complaints of torture and ill-treatment	1 357
Including those from places of detention	298 (according to the Anti-Corruption Service and the Ministry of Internal Affairs)
Number of criminal cases instituted	21
Sent to court	60
Number of courtroom complaints alleging torture during the investigation	45

Ratification of relevant international treaties

Relevant conventions	All relevant UN conventions are in force
Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2002)	Signed and ratified
Ratification of UN Treaty Bodies' individual complaints procedures	Relevant procedures of the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Committee against Torture
Istanbul Protocol	Partially implemented in national legislation

Procedural guarantees

Documenting the actual detention start time	The guarantee is established but applied selectively
Lawyer notification at the actual detention start time	The guarantee is established, but in practice lawyer notification is selective
Family notification	The guarantee is established but applied selectively in practice
Medical examination	Required but performed selectively. In the case of arrested criminal suspects, applied consistently without exception

Preventive mechanisms

Independent external review mechanism	Created and operating throughout the Republic; funding is consistent. In practice, administered by government
Video surveillance	Some, but not all facilities are equipped
Access to, and safekeeping of video evidence	Protected but accessible to officials at places of detention. No liability for tampering with the archives.