



Human Rights in Jordan

JORDANIAN YOUTH ALLIANCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE

The Alliance

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The Report

The report herein is of two main themes:

- o Theme I: Provisions against torture in national legislation.
- o Theme II: The impact of “alternatives to detention” on youth and the role youth can play in promoting community sanctions to replace liberty-depriving penalties.

Review

- ▶ adopt a definition of torture that matches the one in the Convention against Torture. (Chile and Mexico)
- ▶ the prohibition of torture must be unconditional and without exception. (Hungary)

Recommendations

- ▶ Amend existing legislation and adopt additional legislation to ensure that Jor-danian law is in accordance with CAT Art. 2.
- ▶ Establish a national committee for monitoring the implementation of recommendations related to combating torture to ensure the State's commitment to their implementation.

Recommendations

- ▶ Jordanian law must assign civilian courts as a competent authority for hearing cases of torture as opposed to military courts (cf. CAT Art.12-13).
- ▶ Amend Article 208 in which the crime of torture is reclassified from a misdemeanor to a felony, without taking into account mitigating circumstances (cf. CAT Art.1 and 4).

Review

- ▶ Limit the use of administrative detention, respecting the rights of prisoners as specified in article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Ireland)
- ▶ Consider revising the use of administrative detention and take measures to guarantee access to legal assistance (Italy)
- ▶ Limit the use of administrative detention and ensure that judgments are held within a reasonable period of time (France)

Recommendations

- ▶ Amend Articles 3 and 7 of the Crime Prevention Law by including preventive measures in penal laws to reduce the risk of crime and granting these powers exclusively to civil courts.
- ▶ Limit the power to impose house arrests and transferring this power to the judiciary,
- ▶ Empower youth and building their capacities with regard to their legal rights and protection mechanisms guaranteed by the law.



 **Thank You**