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IN KYRGYZSTAN

INFOGRAPHIC REPORT

Monitoring of Temporary Detention
Facilities of the Kyrgyz Republic
Internal Affairs Bodies in 2016-2018
Report by the Coalition against
Torture in Kyrgyzstan



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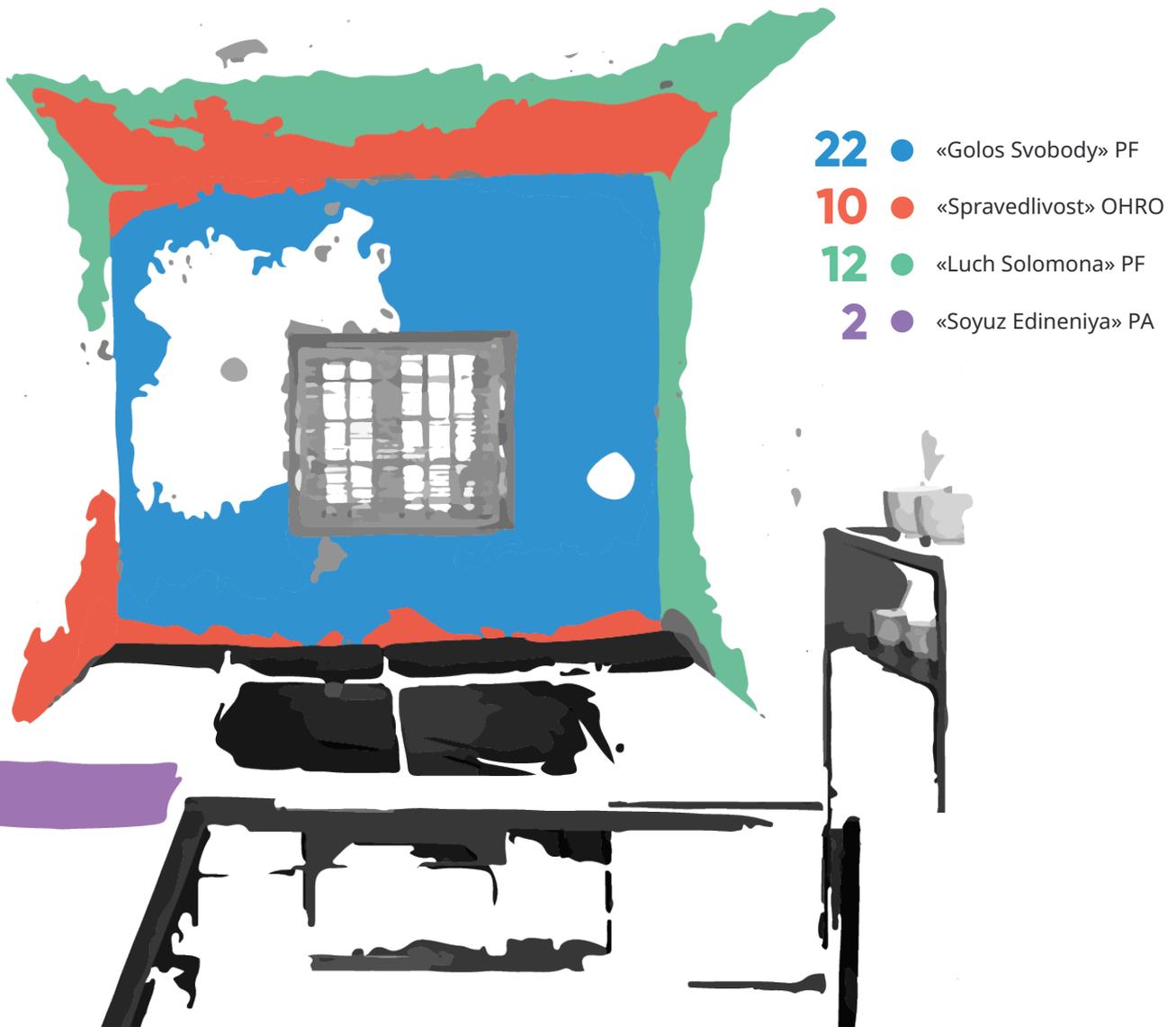


- **TEMPORARY DETENTION FACILITIES (TDFs) MONITORING COVERAGE.**

Between 2016 and 2018, the monitoring programme of the Coalition against Torture covered all TDFs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Reference: | *The Kyrgyz Republic Ministry of Internal Affairs administrates 46 TDFs with 259 cells and 1,217 beds. The actual occupancy rate is 1,374 people. Built between 1960s and 1980s, many TDFs do not meet international standards and sanitation and hygiene requirements.¹*

Number of TDFs visited by member organizations of the Coalition against Torture in charge of the monitoring programme



Responsibility for the practical implementation of the monitoring programme of the Coalition against Torture in relation to TDFs is assigned to four member organizations of the Coalition operating in four major regions of the country.

¹ The 3rd national report of the Kyrgyz Republic on the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment for 2012-2016



• VISITS TO TDFs BY COALITION MEMBERS



In 2016-2018, member organizations of the Coalition conducted 1,018 monitoring visits to TDFs.

Visits to TDFs

Member organization of the Coalition against Torture	2016	2017	2018	2016-2018
«Soyuz Edineniya» PA (Talas)	128	32	20	180
«Spravedlivost» OHRO (Jalal-Abad)	130	100	111	341
«Luch Solomona» PF (Osh)	119	84	81	284
«Golos Svobody» PF (Bishkek)	157	31	25	213
TOTAL	534	247	237	1018



- OBSTRUCTION OF ACCESS TO TDFS

During the reporting period (from 2016 to 2018), access of Coalition monitoring team experts to TDFs and persons detained in custody was obstructed 11 times.

Obstruction of access to TDFs

2016

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Batken Rayon DIA TDF
(two times)
Jalal-Abad City DIA TDF
Mailuu-Suu Town DIA TDF
Alamudun Rayon DIA TDF

2018

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Nookat Rayon DIA TDF
Leilek Rayon DIA TDF
Batken Rayon DIA TDF
Kyzyl-Kiya Town DIA TDF

2017

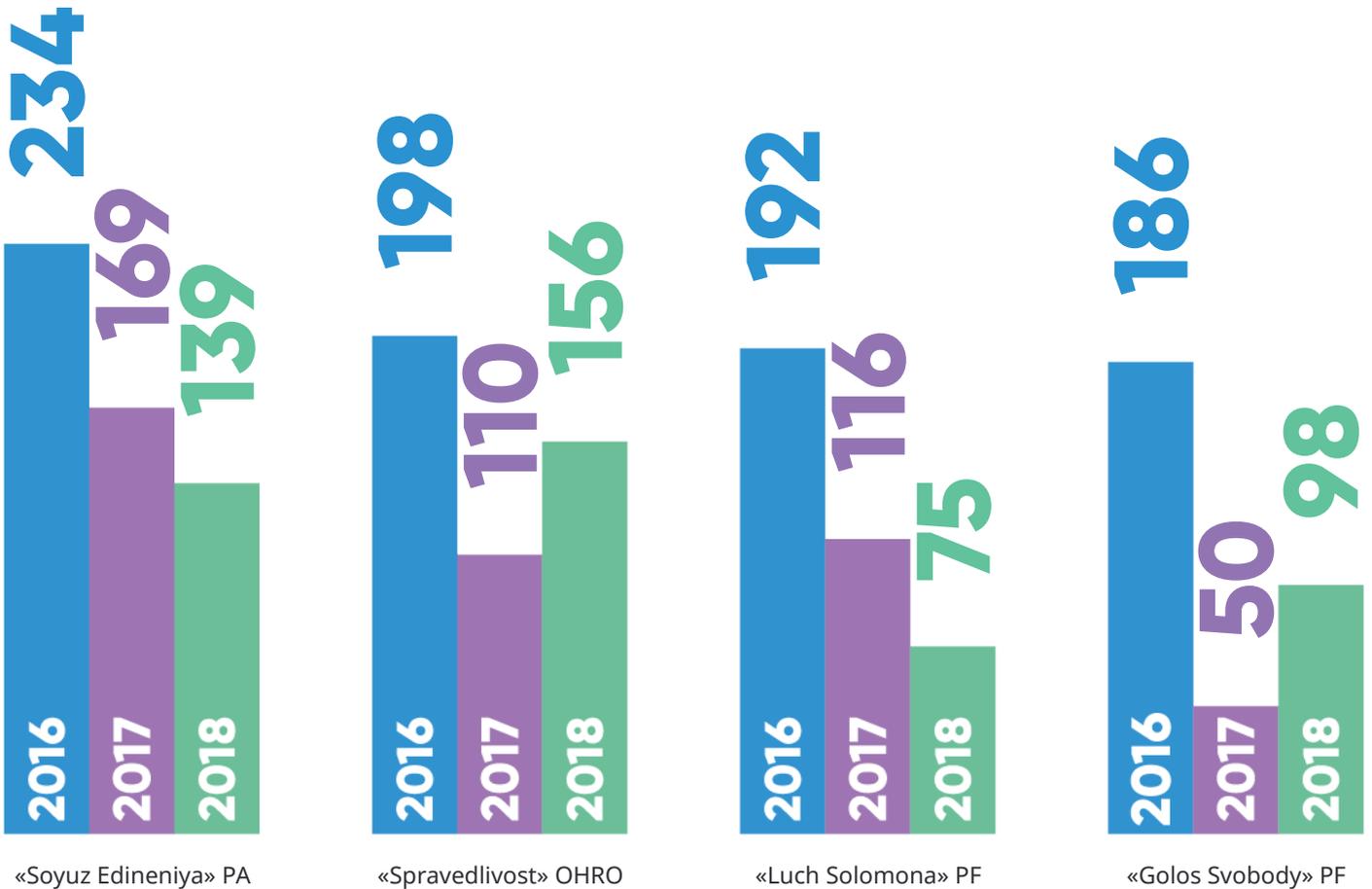
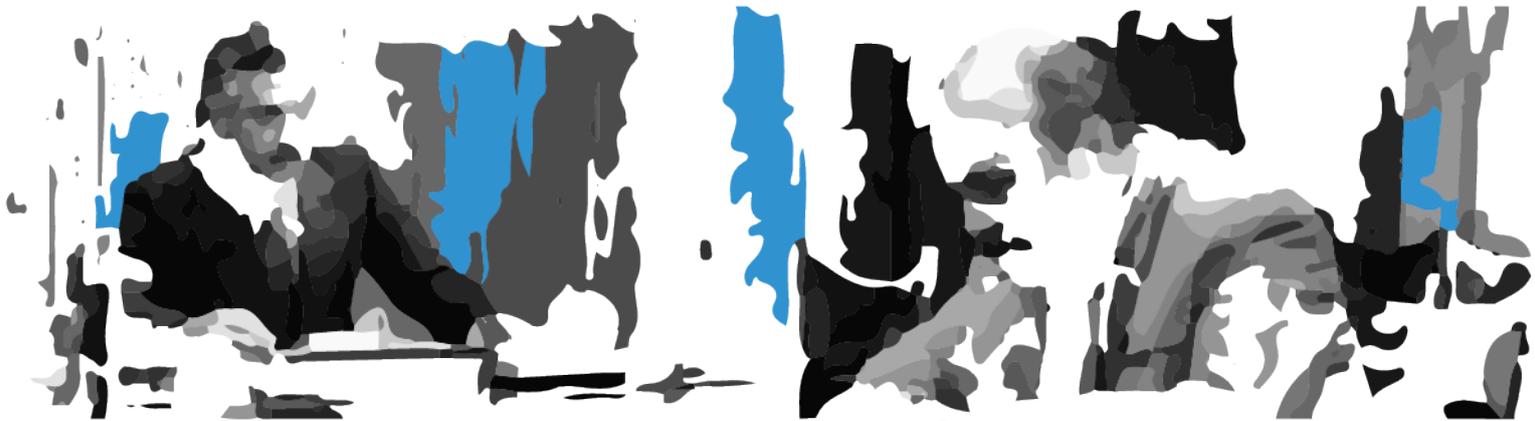
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Osh City DIA TDF
Toktogul Rayon TDF



- INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

Monitoring groups interviewed 1,723 persons detained in TDFs, which is two thirds (66.6%) of the total number of individuals that were kept in TDFs at the time of 1,018 monitoring visits.





TORTURE ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE COALITION AGAINST TORTURE

During the monitoring, TDF detainees submitted 140 allegations of torture.



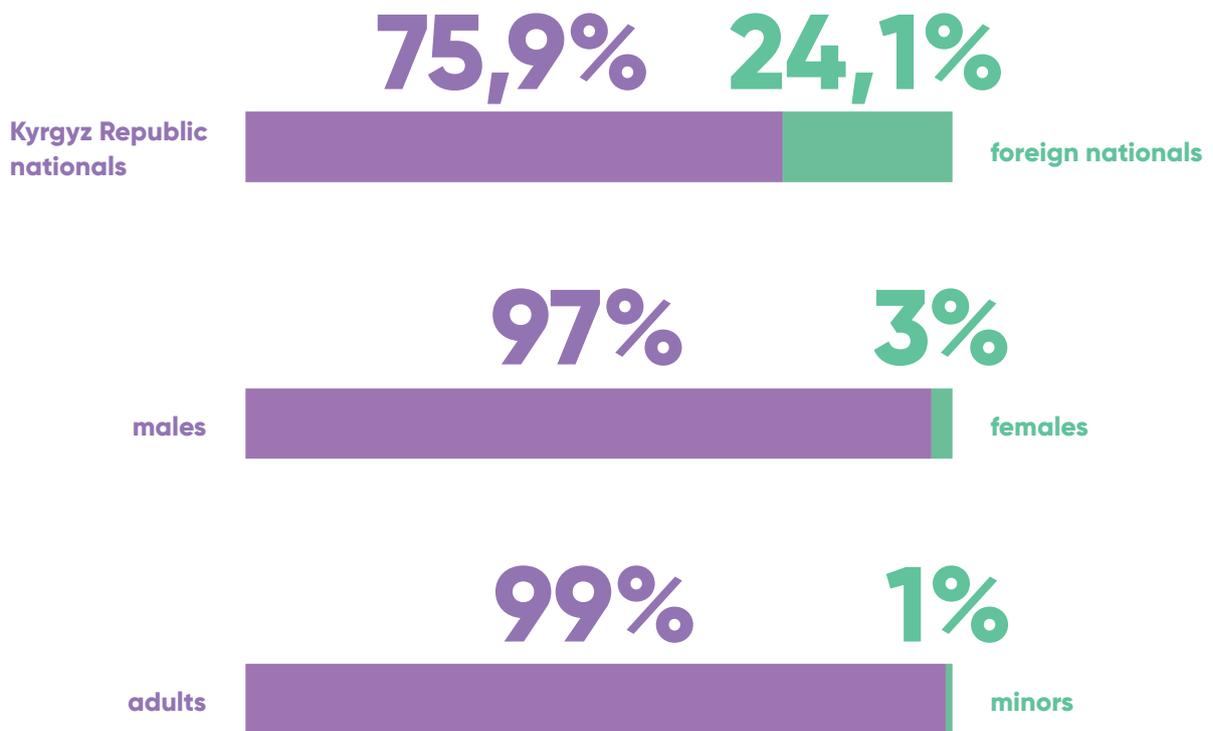
Torture allegations received by member organizations of the Coalition against Torture

Member organization of the Coalition against Torture	2016	2017	2018	2016-2018
«Soyuz Edineniya» PA (Talas)	0	1	2	3
«Spravedlivost» OHRO (Jalal-Abad)	10	24	15	49
«Luch Solomona» PF (Osh)	15	10	5	30
«Golos Svobody» PF (Bishkek)	34	8	16	58
TOTAL	59	43	38	140

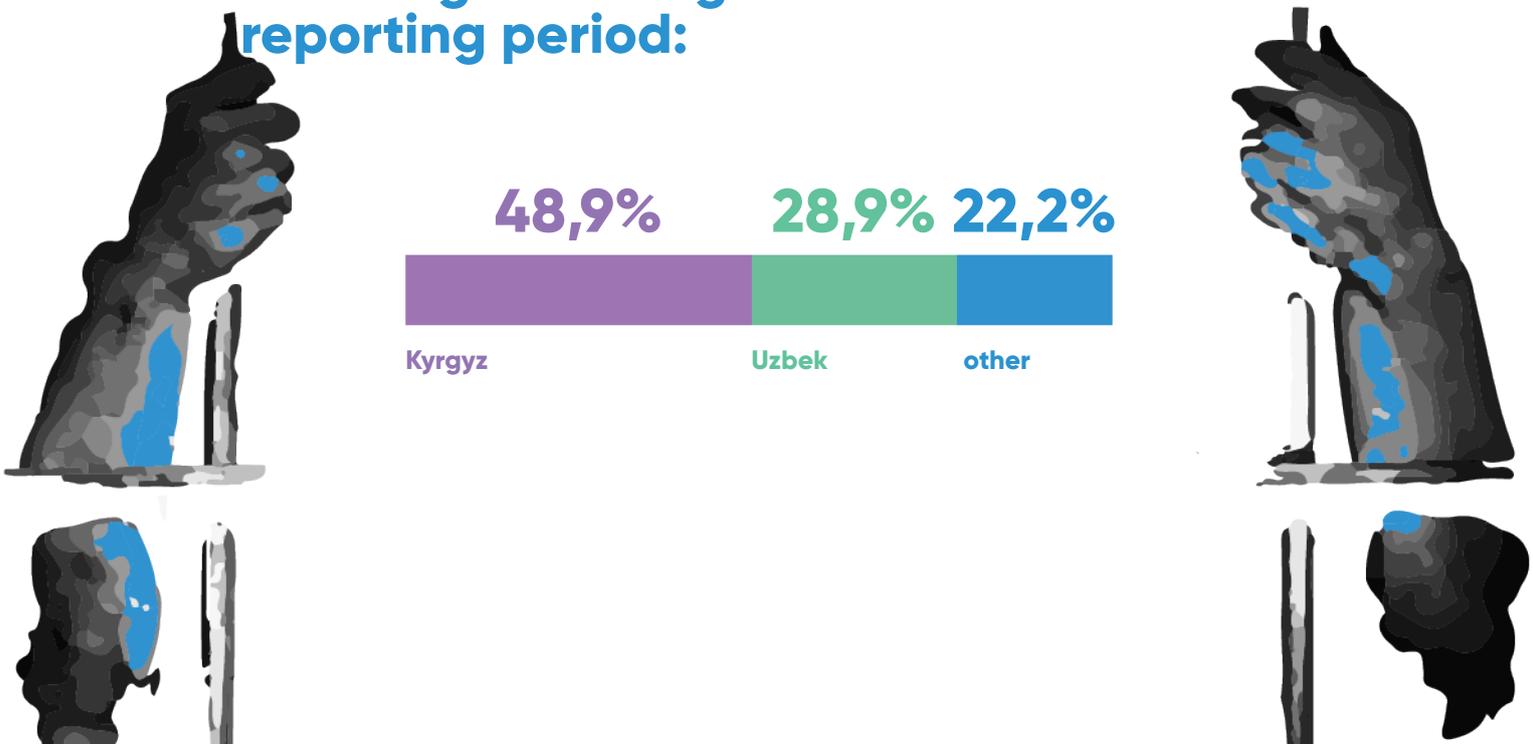


- COMPLAINANTS PROFILE

The analysis of data on persons who reported the use of torture revealed the following:



The ethnic composition of complainants remained virtually unchanged throughout the reporting period:





- TORTURE METHODS

The most common torture method is beating with arms, legs or various objects on body parts. In every third case, torture is accompanied by handcuffing and putting on a plastic bag or a gas mask on the head, which results in the blocking of air access. In every tenth of the reported torture cases, the victim was exposed to a stun gun.

20%



psychological pressure

10%



stun gun

28,3%



handcuffing

32,5%



putting on a plastic bag/gas mask

35%



beating with a baton, plastic bottle or other objects

79,3%



beating with arms and legs

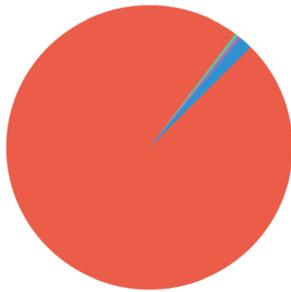


• **FOR COMPARISON: STATISTICAL DATA OF THE GENERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ON TORTURE AND CRUEL TREATMENT ALLEGATIONS**

According to the Kyrgyz Republic Prosecutor General's Office of the Kyrgyz Republic, officers of internal affairs bodies were reported as torturers in 1,076 (94.6%) out of 1,140 allegations of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment registered in 2016-2018.²

Total registered allegations

2016



MIA — **417** = 95,9%

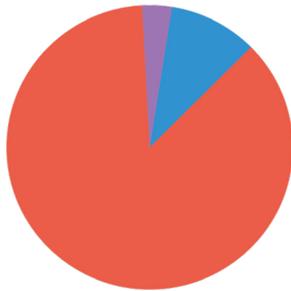
SCNS — **12** = 2,7%

SPS — **3** = 0,7%

SDCS — **3** = 0,7%

435

2017



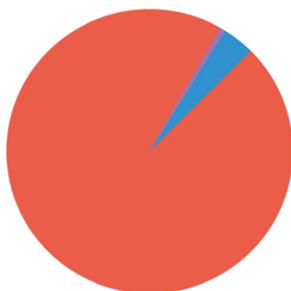
MIA — **394** = 94,3%

SCNS — **18** = 4,3%

SPS — **6** = 1,4%

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2018 (9 months)



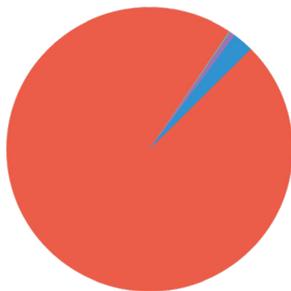
MIA — **265** = 92,3%

SCNS — **19** = 6,6%

SPS — **3** = 1,1%

287

2016-2018



MIA — **1076** = 94,4%

SCNS — **49** = 4,3%

SPS — **12** = 1,1%

SDCS — **3** = 0,2%

1140



CONSIDERATION OF TORTURE AND CRUEL TREATMENT ALLEGATIONS AND REPORTS BY PROSECUTION AUTHORITIES OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

	2016	2017	2018 (9 months)
Number of torture and cruel treatment complaints registered by prosecution authorities	435	418	287
criminal cases instituted, incl. under Article 305 of the KR Criminal Code	33	41	20
criminal cases suspended	47	10	9
criminal cases terminated	20	4	1
criminal cases referred to court	11	13	7
undergoing investigation	13	14	
Criminal proceedings denied	400 91,9%	383 91,6%	251 87,5%
Prosecutorial directives	24	21	6
Persons subjected to disciplinary action	12	34	1

435

2016

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2017

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2018

Torture and cruel treatment allegations registered by prosecution authorities



- **CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST ALLEGED TORTURE VICTIMS**

Noteworthy is that in nine cases out of ten torture is used to coerce a confession of a crime.

The analysis showed that torture victims are mostly those who are suspected and later accused of committing crimes against property (theft, etc.), life and health (killing, causing bodily harm, etc.), public safety (hooliganism, etc.).

Charges brought against alleged torture victims

58%
crimes against property
(fraud, theft, robbery, etc.)

6%
crimes against public safety
(hooliganism, etc.)

23%
other

13%
crimes against life and
health (killing, causing
bodily harm, etc.)

The above leads to a finding that the highest percentage of torture victims is represented by persons who are suspected of committing crimes against property that imply criminal sanctions.





- LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO ALLEGED TORTURE VICTIMS

The professional work of Coalition lawyers and attorneys who provide assistance to alleged torture victims resulted in the institution of 20 criminal cases, including:



13 under Article 305-1 of the KR Criminal Code (Torture)



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under Article 304 (Abuse of office) and Article 305 (Exceeding official powers) of the KR Criminal Code.



Judicial review of criminal cases filed and investigated within the framework of the legal assistance provided by the Coalition against Torture resulted in 11 convictions against 20 officials, with 2 of them being convicted of and punished for torture.





• ABOUT US

The Coalition against Torture in Kyrgyzstan is an informal network of 17 human rights organizations and 2 individuals united to fight against torture. Currently, the Coalition is represented by organizations such as "Sravedlivost" Jalal-Abad OHRO, "Human Rights Advocacy Center" Association of NGOs, "Soyuz Edineniya" PA, "Positive Dialogue" PF, "Legal Initiative Bishkek" PF, "Luch Solomona" PF, "Legal Prosperity" PF, "Golos Svobody" PF, "Kylym Shamy" CHRP, "Spectrum" Social and Legal Center, "Center for Assistance to International Protection" PF, "Accent" PF, "Defender of Human Rights and Freedoms" PF, "Center for Protection of Public Interests" PF, "Central Asian Alliance against Addiction" PA, "Voice of Freedom" PF, "Child's Rights Defenders League" PA.

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