

Legal Facts on Torture



Human rights are entitlements to all human beings, by virtue of being human.

Of these rights, freedom from torture is a non-derogable right (it cannot be taken away, limited or suspended).

- ❖ In Uganda, TORTURE is prohibited by the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda as amended.
- ❖ Article 24 – No person shall be subjected to any form of torture, cruel, inhuman degrading treatment.
- ❖ Article 44 – The Constitution offers extensive protection against torture and makes it non-derogable.

- ❖ Torture is a CRIME and the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Act 2012 CRIMINALIZES torture.
- ❖ The Law provides a broader definition to cover individuals and not limited to acts committed by public officials.
- ❖ The Law provides that a person who commits any act of torture shall upon conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen years and life imprisonment for aggravated torture.
- ❖ Evidence obtained through torture is unacceptable and anyone who knowingly uses that evidence commits an offence.
- ❖ Torture DOES NOT include pain or suffering arising from lawful sanctions.

IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND DUTY TO REPORT TORTURE.



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