

The Universal Periodic Review of Lebanon

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General Framework

- Lack of Participatory approach
- No Permanent Coordination Mechanism
- Claiming Civil Society activities as achievements
- Insisting on using politicized terminology
- Pretext of “difficult times” and “terrorism”
- NHRI yet to be formed
- NHR Action Plan ? 2014 - 2019

Int'l HR Mechanisms & Reporting

- CR People with Disability
- ICR Migrant Workers
- ICP Enforces Disappearance
- ILO conventions
- CEDAW reservations
- Ops of CRC
- Individual Complains
- Constant Delays in Reporting for several years

TORTURE

- No Institutional and Legislative Framework
- No National Prevention Mechanism
- No Criminalization (Draft has a serious flaws)
- Continued Widespread Practice
- Some Groups are more Vulnerable
- Culture of Acceptance (public & personnel)
- ISF & Gen Security did steps – Insufficient
- Security Personnel (proud videos)

PRISONS

- 6400 in a 3653 maximum capacity
- No correctional or rehabilitation process
- 7 out of 10 awaiting trial
- Transfer of supervision to Justice Ministry
- No clear plan to solve over crowdedness:
 - BASEM
 - 9 months / year
 - Alternatives – Judges – Facilities

Fair Trial & Arbitrary Detention

- Security Challenges add tension
- Unlawful Detention & Juvenile Detention
- Long delays in trials
(freedom of expression – terrorism – Nat. Sec)
- Exceptional Courts:
 - Military Court
 - Judicial Council
 - Religious Courts
 - Constitutional Court

Enforced Disappearance

- Draft law awaiting adoption, it includes:
 - National Authority on Enforced Disappearance
 - Truth and Reparation
- Nothing is being done meanwhile
 - State Consultative Council decision -> ICRC
 - Data and DNA Bank
 - Certificates for families
- Ratifying the relevant international Mechanisms
- Distinction between EID & Detained in Syria

Rights of NON - Lebanese

- Palestinian Refugees
 - Work, Social Security, Living Cond, Ownership
- Syrian Refugees
 - No clear vision or Control: random policies
 - Bad Humanitarian Situation
 - Poor International Response
 - Security Threats – Host Communities
- Other Refugees

Death Penalty

- Popular and Cultural acceptance notably in specific national security or homicide
- Moratorium in place since 2004
- Set back in sentences in 2014 & 2015 mainly from exceptional courts

ELECTIONS

- Parliamentary Elections postponed 2 times
- Presidential Elections postponed 18 months
- Cabinet suffering from deadlock
- Lack of legitimacy
- Lack of accountability
- Lack of citizen's participation
- Negative effect on Rule of Law