

Country File

EGYPT



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| Region | Middle East and Northern Africa |
| Legal system | Civil law / Islamic law |
| UNCAT Ratification/ Accession (a)/ Succession (d) | 25 June 1986 (a) |
| Relevant Laws | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitution of 1971 (as amended on 26 March 2007)• Penal Code of 1937 (Code No. 58, August 1937) |
| Relevant Articles | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibition of torture: Article 42 of the Constitution• Definition of torture:• Penalties: Article 126 of the Penal Code• Others:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Exclusion of Evidence: Article 42 of the Constitution2. Participation in torture: Article 126 of the Penal Code |
| Languages Available | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English |
| Other Relevant Information | |

Relevant Articles – EGYPT

ENGLISH (Translation)

Constitution of 1971 (as amended on 26 March 2007)

Article 42

Any person arrested or detained or his freedom restrained shall be treated in the manner that preserve his dignity. No physical or moral harm is to be inflicted upon him. He may not be detained or imprisoned except in places defined by laws organizing prisons.

If a confession is proved to have been made by a person under any of the aforementioned forms of duress or coercion, it shall be considered invalid and futile.

Penal Code of 1937 (Code No. 58, August 1937)

Article 126

Any public official/civil servant or public employee who orders torturing a culprit or a suspect or the torturing personally, compelling him/her to confess, shall be punished by hard labor or imprisonment for a period of three to ten years. If the tortured victim dies the penalty as prescribed for deliberate murder shall be inflicted.