

## Country File

# LIBERIA



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<b>Region</b>	Africa
<b>Legal system</b>	Common Law
<b>UNCAT Ratification/ Accession (a)/ succession (d)</b>	22 September 2004 (a)
<b>Relevant Laws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitution of 3 July 1984</li></ul>
<b>Relevant Articles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prohibition of Torture:</b> Article 21 of the Constitution</li><li>• <b>Definition of Torture:</b></li><li>• <b>Penalties:</b> Article 21 of the Constitution</li><li>• <b>Others:</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Compensation and Reparation:</b> Article 21 of the Constitution</li></ol></li></ul>
<b>Languages Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English (official language)</li></ul>
<b>Other Relevant Information</b>	

## Relevant Articles – LIBERIA

### ENGLISH

#### Constitution of 3 July 1984

##### **Article 21**

a. ...

e. No person charged, arrested, restricted, detained or otherwise held in confinement shall be subject to torture or inhumane treatment; nor shall any person except military personnel, be kept or confined in any military facility; nor shall any person be seized and kept among convicted prisoners or treated as a convict, unless such person first shall have been convicted of a crime in court of competent jurisdiction. The Legislature shall make it a criminal offense and provide for appropriate penalties against any police or security officer, prosecutor, administrator or any other public or security officer, prosecutor, administrator or any other public official acting in contravention of this provision; and any person so damaged by the conduct of any such public official shall have a civil remedy therefore, exclusive of any criminal penalties imposed.

f. ...