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COUNTRY

Ukraine, temporarily occupied Crimea

ISSUE

Abuse in a detention centre

CRIMES

Torture and inhuman treatment

SANCTIONS

- **Bulgakov Vadim Viktorovich**
- **Shambazov Artur Rinatovich**
- **Tishenin Andrey Vyacheslavovich**

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The times of concentration camps seem to be behind us, but the methods are still used.

After occupying Crimea, Russia used the detention centre in Simferopol (ZISO-1) to place people opposing the occupation or criticising the authorities, including many Crimean Tatars. Detainees were tortured, treated inhumanely, and denied medical aid. The facility's conditions are deplorable. It has been extremely overcrowded.

YEAR

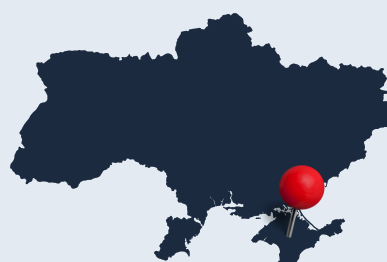
2016-17

200+

VICTIMS

15

PERPETRATORS



**Crimea,
Ukraine**

UKR1-25

February 2014
- Russia occupies
Crimea

Detainees at SIZO-1 experienced torture, which is forbidden by international and Russian law. It includes inflicting severe physical or mental suffering by an official for a specific purpose, such as obtaining information or punishment. Less severe suffering may constitute inhuman treatment.

March 2014
to present

- Crimean Tatars
and pro-Ukrainian
activists arrested
and disappeared

Detainees did not get medical care, and the Centre was overcrowded. Its maximum capacity is 747, but it has had up to 1800. Political detainees were kept in a special block with severe conditions and isolation.

In one case, the guards kept a detainee on the floor for five hours and hit him in the head. In other cases, there were unnatural deaths.

October 2016

- Aleksey Nazimov and
Pavel Stepanchenko
arrested

Editor Aleksey Nazimov and politician Pavel Stepanchenko were detained in 2016. They had criticised the United Russia Party of President Putin. The head of the facility ignored requests for medical help from Nazimov despite his suffering from illness for six months. Stepanchenko suffered from a toothache for months without medical aid. When they were taken to court for a whole day, they would not receive any food.

Call to action:



- Russian de facto authorities should improve conditions at SIZO-1, including by investigating torture
- Democratic states should sanction responsible officials



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