DATABASE 2012-2024 ON ANTI-MUSLIM HATRED

Research findings

Country code	Year	Reference details title	Reference details URL	Main thematic focus	Institution	Key findings - Short summary	Methodology (Qualitative/Quantitative and exact type used, questionnaires etc)	Sample details and representativeness	Area/location of interest - NUTS3 level
Hungary	2024	Commissioner for Fundamental Rights (2024). OPCAT Report of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, Case no. AJB-950/2024.	https://www.ajbh.hu/documents/10180/7837640/OPCAT+Jelentés+a+Jász-Nagykun-Szoln...	Other	Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary	During the visit, attention was given to the experience of detainees identifying as Muslim. While no direct incidents of religious discrimination were reported, the findings suggest that the institution has a valuable opportunity to further strengthen its support for religious diversity and inclusion. Muslim detainees expressed appreciation for the general openness of staff toward religious practices; however, they also noted areas for improvement, such as more consistent access to appropriate dietary options during religious observances (e.g. Ramadan), and the availability of religious guidance or chaplaincy tailored to their faith. The staff displayed a respectful and inclusive attitude. Complaint mechanisms are in place, but they currently do not allow for the identification of trends related to religion-based grievances. Strengthening data collection and ensuring the confidentiality and accessibility of these channels would contribute to a more transparent and trusted institutional culture. The report by the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, acting as the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) under the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT), details the findings from visits to the Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County Penitentiary Institution. The facility, with a capacity of 130 inmates, primarily accommodates pre-trial detainees and sentenced individuals. During the visits in December 2022 and February 2024, the institution was operating over its capacity, with occupancy rates of 111.45% and 104%, respectively. This overcrowding raises concerns about potential violations of the prohibition of inhuman and degrading treatment. Situation of Muslim Inmates: The report does not specify the number of Muslim inmates; however, it emphasises the importance of respecting inmates' religious rights. Ensuring the free practice of religion within closed institutions is a fundamental right. This includes providing appropriate spaces for worship and accommodating religious dietary requirements. The institution is expected to facilitate these practices, ensuring that inmates can observe their faith without hindrance.	The findings of this report are based on an unannounced on-site visit conducted by the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, acting as Hungary's National Preventive Mechanism under the OPCAT. The visit aimed to assess the treatment of detainees and the overall conditions of detention, with special attention to the prevention of torture and ill-treatment. The delegation reviewed relevant documentation, inspected various parts of the institution, and conducted confidential interviews with both detainees and staff. Particular focus was given to the experiences of vulnerable groups, including religious minorities. Observations were made on the physical environment, institutional routines, and staff-detainee interactions. The evaluation was carried out in light of international human rights standards, national legislation, and the principles of impartiality, confidentiality, and constructive dialogue.	In summary, while the report does not provide detailed statistics on Muslim inmates, it underscores the importance of upholding their religious rights, including the freedom to practice their faith and access to appropriate dietary provisions. The Ombudsman continues to monitor these aspects to ensure compliance with national and international standards.	Not applicable - national level

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