

While a culture of human rights is emerging in Morocco, the authorities must do more to eradicate torture and ill-treatment, says an independent United Nations human rights expert. "The situation on the ground regarding the practice of torture has generally improved from the past decades when there were widespread disappearances, secret detention and torture," said Juan E. Méndez, the Special Rapporteur on torture.

"However, I received credible testimonies of undue physical and mental pressure on detainees in the course of interrogations. These events happen frequently enough to deserve attention and efforts to eradicate them," said the expert, who wrapped up an eight-day mission to the country on Saturday.

Mr. Méndez noted that, while the practice of cruel treatment persists in ordinary criminal cases, treatment amounting to torture is frequently linked to highly charged events such as large demonstrations, a perceived threat to national security or terrorism. (...)

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