

Country File  
**UGANDA**



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<b>Region</b>	Africa
<b>Legal system</b>	Common Law
<b>UNCAT Ratification/ Accession (a)/ Succession (d)</b>	3 November 1986 (a)
<b>Relevant Laws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitution of 8 October 1995</li> <li>• Anti-Terrorism Act of 21 May 2002</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Articles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prohibition of Torture:</b> Articles 24 and 44 of the Constitution</li> <li>• <b>Definition of Torture:</b></li> <li>• <b>Penalties:</b> Article 21 of the Anti-Terrorism Act</li> <li>• <b>Others:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Defences:</b> Article 44 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 – UGANDA

### ENGLISH

#### Constitution of 8 October 1995

***Article 24 Respect for human dignity and protection from inhuman treatment***

No person shall be subjected to any form of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

***Article 44 Prohibition of derogation from particular human rights and freedoms***

Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, there shall be no derogation from enjoyment of the following rights and freedoms-

- (a) freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- (b) ...

#### Anti-Terrorism Act of 21 May 2002

***Article 21***

Any authorised officer who-

- (a) ...
- (e) engages in torture, inhuman and degrading treatment, illegal detention or intentionally causes harm or loss to property, commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to imprisonment not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty currency points, or both.