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Ukraine: Torture and ill-treatment at the hands of the police

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Torture and ill-treatment at the hands of the police is widespread in Ukraine, perpetrators are rarely punished, victims don't receive reparation and the wider public is not informed.

Amnesty International is presenting its latest report, Time for Action: Torture and ill-treatment in police detention, in which it addresses the causes of torture and ill-treatment and recommends a series of measures aimed at upholding the absolute prohibition of such treatment.

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