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Greece: Announcement of launch of report on ill-treatment, shootings and impunity

A new report by Amnesty International and International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights concludes that the ill-treatment of detainees during arrest and in police custody in Greece is relatively commonplace and is at times so severe that it amounts to torture. Although Roma and unauthorized immigrants are at particular risk of abuse, members of the majority Greek population are not spared. Similar human rights violations against minors. The report also documents instances of unlawful or disputed shootings by police and border guards, and examines the factors which contribute to effective impunity for the perpetrators of these abuses.

The report, which documents 66 cases of alleged human rights violations will be launched at a press conference on 24 September.

**Athens Bar Association Hall
Akadimias 60
11:30 local time, Tuesday 24 September 2002**

Speakers will include:

Melanie Anderson and Anne Burley, Amnesty International;
Bjoern Engesland, International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights;
Panayote Dimitras, Greek Helsinki Monitor;
Kostis Papaioannou, Amnesty International Greek Section.

The launch will be chaired by Mr Dimitris Paxinos, Chairman of the Athens Bar Association.

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