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- Algeria -

Algeria ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Algeria – Loi No. 23-04, du 17 Chaoual 1444, correspondant au 7 mai 2023, relative 'la prévention et à la lutte contre la traite des personnes – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2020 and 2022-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2022	2023
Cases	5	<5	<5	11

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2020 and 2022-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2022	2023
Prosecuted	16	<5	8	71

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Convicted	10	...	...	...	...
Own country national	6	<5	6	<5	<5
Other North Africa and the Middle East	<5		<5	0	0
Sub-Saharan Africa	<5	...	<5	0	0

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	14	<5	0	18	74
Men	<5	0	0	14	...
Women	5	0	0	<5	...
Children	5	<5	0	<5	...
Boys	...	<5	0	0	...
Girls	...	0	0	<5	...

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

In 2023, 48 victims were adults and 26 were minors. 60 were men, and 14 were women. The forms of exploitation and citizenship of the victims are unknown.

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- Bahrain -

Bahrain acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Bahrain – Article 1 of the Law No. (1) of 2008 Regarding Combating Trafficking in Persons – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cases	24	24	30	56

Source: Public Prosecution.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Brought into formal contact	89	56	82	95

Source: Public Prosecution.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prosecuted	39	39	53	38

Source: Public Prosecution.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	39	39	53	38
Men	24	19	30	20
Women	15	20	23	17
Boys	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	0	0
Other*	…	…	…	<5

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".
*Other refers to Company.

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022
Convicted	39	39	53	38
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	...	7	...	6
North Africa and the Middle East	<5	10	6	14
East Asia and the Pacific	16	9	20	11
South Asia	21	12	26	7

Source: Public Prosecution.
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Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	15	43	32	32
Men	0	0	0	5
Women	15	43	31	26
Boys	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	<5	<5

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2022

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022
Victims	15	43	32	32
For sexual exploitation	15	43	31	27
For forced labour	0	<5	1	5
For removal of organs	0	0	0	0
For other purposes	0	0	0	0

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of detected victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	...	22	...	9
North Africa and the Middle East	...	6	...	<5
East Asia and the Pacific	12	14	31	10
South Asia	<5	<5	<5	9

Source: Public Prosecution.
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- Egypt -

Egypt ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Egypt – the Egyptian Human Trafficking Law (Law No. 64 of 2010) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cases	154	156	163	116

Source: The Public Prosecution of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Brought into formal contact	178	330	601	310

Source: The Public Prosecution of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prosecuted	137	NA	80	187

Source: The Public Prosecution of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	67	NA	25	107
Women	…	…	23	...
Men	…	…	<5	...

Source: The Public Prosecution of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

In 2022, 44 persons convicted for trafficking in persons were own country nationals of Egypt.

Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2020-2022

Variable	2020	2021	2022
Total	365	296	212
Men	81	127	30
Women	42	27	35
Boys	148	91	...
Girls	94	51	...
Children (unknown sex)	0	0	147

Source: The Public Prosecution of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2021-2022

Form of exploitation	2021	2022
Victims	296	212
For sexual exploitation	30	43
For forced labour	209	89
For removal of organs	24	...
For other purposes	33	80

Source: The Public Prosecution of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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- Iraq -

Iraq accessed to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2009.

Investigations and suspects

In 2022, there were 129 offences of trafficking in persons and 112 persons were brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons.
In 2022, 35 persons were prosecuted for trafficking in persons and 53 persons were convicted.

Source: National authorities of Iraq.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	112	14	NA	10
Men	10	<5	NA	8
Women	79	12	NA	<5
Boys	12	0	NA	0
Girls	11	<5	NA	0

Source: National authorities of Iraq.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2022

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022
Victims	112	14	NA	10
For sexual exploitation	102	6		<5
For forced labour	0	10		6
For removal of organs	0	<5		<5
For other purposes	0	<5		0

Source: National authorities of Iraq.
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- Israel -

Israel ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2008. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Israel - Articles 377A and 377B of the Prohibition on Human Trafficking Law (Legislative Amendments) 5766- 2006 - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cases	12	8	11	9

Source: Israel Police.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Brought into formal contact	22	7	18	6

Source: Israel Police.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prosecuted	18	<5	<5	5

Source: Israel State Attorney's Office.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as “<5”.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	13	11	<5	6
Men	0	<5	<5	6
Women	13	9	0	0
Boys	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	0	0

Source: Israel State Attorney's Office.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as “<5”.

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons 2019-2022

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022
Convicted	13	11	<5	6
Own country nationals	13	9	<5	6

Source: Israel State Attorney's Office.
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Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	73	69	51	87
Men	58	16	22	8
Women	13	53	28	77
Boys	<5	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	<5	<5

Source: 2019-2021 data is from the Israeli Police and 2022 data is from NATU.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2022

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022
Victims	73	69	51	87
For sexual exploitation	39	8	17	66
For forced labour	34	22	34	21
For removal of organs	0	0	0	0
For other purposes	0	39	0	0

Source: 2019-2021 data is from the Israeli Police and 2022 data is from NATU.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of detected victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022
Own country nationals	<5	29	<5	<5
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	23	10	16	52
Central and South-Eastern Europe	<5	...	...	<5
North Africa and the Middle East	<5	<5	<5	9
Western and Southern Europe	<5	<5	...	<5
Sub-Saharan Africa	<5	<5	12	17
South America	...	...	...	13
East Asia and the Pacific	<5	12	19	<5
Central America and the Caribbean	<5	<5	...	0
South Asia	<5	...	...	...
North America	15	...	...	...

Source: 2019 data is sourced from shelter staff, 2020-2021 data is from the Israeli Police, 2022 data is from NATU.
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- Jordan -

Jordan acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2009. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Jordan - the Human Trafficking Prevention Law No. 9 of 2009 - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases	13	23	43	36	43

Source: Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Jordan.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Brought into formal contact	240	259	279	230	373

Source: Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Jordan.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Prosecuted	28	40	72	71	92

Source: Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Jordan.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	28	40	72	71	92
Men	21	34	56	60	74
Women	7	6	16	11	18
Boys	0	0	...	...	0
Girls	0	0	...	...	0

Source: Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Jordan.
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Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Convicted	28	40	72	71	92
Own country nationals	26	36	64	60	74
North Africa and the Middle East	<5	<5	<5	<5	13
Western and Southern Europe	...	...	<5	...	0
Sub-Saharan Africa	...	...	<5	...	<5
East Asia and the Pacific	<5	...	<5	<5	<5
South Asia	...	<5	<5	<5	<5

Source: Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Jordan.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	9	25	61	62	58
Men	<5	<5	12	30	17
Women	8	24	49	27	31
Boys	0	0	0	<5	7
Girls	0	0	0	<5	<5

Source: Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Jordan.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2023

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Victims	9	25	61	62	58
For sexual exploitation	<5	<5	15	8	11
For forced labour	8	23	...	21	26
For removal of organs	0	0	7	12	20
For other purposes	8	23	39	21	<5

Source: Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Jordan.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Other purposes include trafficking for forced begging and other unspecified forms.

Citizenships of detected victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Own country nationals	<5	<5	16	24	29
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	...	...	7	...	0
North Africa and the Middle East	0	0	12	18	<5
Sub-Saharan Africa	<5	5	8	<5	17
East Asia and the Pacific	<5	8	7	<5	6
South Asia	...	9	11	14	5

Source: Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Jordan.
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- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia -

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia acceded to the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol in 2007. The current legislation on Trafficking in Persons in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Article 2 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law – criminalises most forms of exploitation indicated in the UN Trafficking Protocol.[1] Other articles of the Criminal Code are used to prosecute trafficking in persons.

Investigation and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2023

Variable	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases	55	165	183	610	331	470	244

Source: The Ministry of the Interior.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or warned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Brought into formal contact	402	1007	505	688	554

Source: National Referral Mechanism.

Number of persons against whom judicial proceedings have been initiated, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Initiation of judicial proceedings	184	172	90	100	89

Source: Public Prosecution.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons offences, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Convictions	105	104	115	64	141

Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons offences, by form of exploitation, 2020

Form of exploitation	Number of persons convicted
For sexual exploitation	17
For forced labour	59
For forced begging	14
For practices similar to slavery	14

Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Between 2021 and 2023 320 persons were convicted of trafficking in persons offences. Of those, 117 persons were convicted of sexual exploitation, 134 for forced labour and 69 for other purposes of exploitation.
Source: The Ministry of Justice.

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Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons offences, 2020

Citizenship	2020
Own country national	21
Yemen	12
Bangladesh	9
Pakistan	13
Ethiopia	16
Indonesia	5
Others	18
Unknown	10

Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons offences, 2021-2023

Citizenship	2021-2023
Own country national	13%
Yemen	4%
Bangladesh	10%
Pakistan	3%
Egypt	4%
Indonesia	6%
Sri Lanka	3%
Other	57%

Source: The Ministry of Justice.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Victims

Number of identified victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	585	171	154	116	138

Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019 - 2023

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
For sexual exploitation	32	25	23	42	60
For forced labour	247	108	85	61	45
For removal of organs	0	0	0	0	0
For forced begging	206	16	0	0	0
For Slavery	85	22	0	0	0
For other purposes	0	0	46	13	33

Source: The Ministry of Justice.

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Number of victims of domestic trafficking, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	35	6	0	<5	0

Source: The Ministry of Justice.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of victims of trafficking in persons, 2020

Citizenship	2020
Own country nationals	6
Yemen	9
Other (North Africa)	6
Sri Lanka	14
The Philippines	5
Indonesia	36
Nigeria	5
India	6
Kenya	13
Uganda	28
Ethiopia	6
Other	7
Unknown	10

Source: The Ministry of Justice.

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- Kuwait -

Kuwait acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2006. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Kuwait – Law No. 91 of 2013 on Combating Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2020-2023

Variable	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases	13	0	0	1

Source: قرارات إحالة النيابة العامة الكويتية للمتهمين إلى المحاكمات الجزائية.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2020-2023

Variable	2020	2021	2022	2023
Brought into formal contact	47	0	0	11

Source: قرارات إحالة النيابة العامة الكويتية للمتهمين إلى المحاكمات الجزائية.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2020-2023

Variable	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	47	0	0	0
Men	47	0	0	0
Women	0	0	0	0
Boys	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	0	0

Source: قرارات إحالة النيابة العامة الكويتية للمتهمين إلى المحاكمات الجزائية.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2020

Citizenship	2020
Own country nationals	19
North Africa and the Middle East	24
South Asia	<5
Illegal Residents	<5

Source: قرارات إحالة النيابة العامة الكويتية للمتهمين إلى المحاكمات الجزائية.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

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- Lebanon -

Lebanon ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Lebanon- Law No. 164 on Trafficking in Persons- covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2021

Variable	2019	2020	2021
Cases	10	17	24

Source: National authorities of Lebanon.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2021

Variable	2019	2020	2021
Brought into formal contact	16	90	109

Source: National authorities of Lebanon.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2021

Variable	2019	2020	2021
Prosecuted	<5	55	49

Source: National authorities of Lebanon.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons 2019-2021

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021
Own country nationals	16	60	16
Foreign nationals	0	<5	0

Source: National authorities of Lebanon
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2021

Variable	2019	2020	2021
Total	13	44	108
Men	0	<5	53
Women	<5	43	54
Boys	6	0	0
Girls	<5	0	<5
Other children	<5	<5	<5

Source: National authorities of Lebanon.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

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Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2021

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021
Victims	13	44	108
For sexual exploitation	5	42	51
For forced labour	0	0	...
For removal of organs	0	0	...
For other purposes	10	<5	<5

Source: National authorities of Lebanon.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of detected victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2021

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021
Own country nationals	<5	<5	<5
Other North Africa and the Middle East	12	42	50

Source: National authorities of Lebanon.
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- Libya -

Libya ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004.

Investigations and suspects

Between March 2021 and April 2022, some arrests were carried for the commission of serious human rights violation including trafficking of migrants and child sexual abuse. They allegedly headed a highly organized criminal group, whose membership included members of East African nationality.
Source: United Nations Security Council, Letter dated 24 May 2022 from the Panel of Experts on Libya established pursuant to resolution 1973 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council, S/2022/427.

Victims

Eight witnesses testified to arbitrary and unlawful deprivation of liberty, torture, cruel treatment and outrages upon personal dignity committed by armed groups. Detainees were forced to perform military tasks and for the primary purpose of using them for forced labour as a form of slavery.
Source: United Nations Security Council, Letter dated 24 May 2022 from the Panel of Experts on Libya established pursuant to resolution 1973 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council, S/2022/427.

Between April and August 2023, the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) continued to receive reports of enforced disappearances and the prolonged arbitrary detention across the country. The Mission also continued to receive reports of men and women subjected to ill treatment, including sexual exploitation. UNSMIL verified 24 cases of abduction of children from the Sudan, where they had been registered as asylum-seekers and subsequently trafficked to Libya.
Source: United Nations S/2023/589Security Council Distr.: General 8 August 2023 United Nations Support Mission in Libya

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- Morocco -

Morocco acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2011. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Morocco - Loi n° 27--14 relative à la lutte contre la traite des êtres humains - was introduced in August 2016.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases	151	131	85	84	110

Source: National Committee for the Coordination of Measures to Combat and Prevent Human Trafficking.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2022-2023

Variable	2022	2023
Brought into formal contact	98	119

Source: National Security and Royal Gendarmerie.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Prosecuted	307	138	127	153	171

Source: Office of the Public Prosecutor.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2022-2023

Variable	2022	2023
Total	102	173
Men	63	118
Women	39	54
Boys	0	<5

Source: Supreme Council of the Judiciary.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Own country nationals	261	125	117	97	163
Unspecified foreign nationals	46	13	10	5	10

Source: National Committee for the Coordination of Measures to Combat and Prevent Human Trafficking.

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Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	423	131	165	155	169
Men	288	7	50	...	52
Women	135	51	50	...	44
Boys	0	37	15	...	28
Girls	0	36	50	...	45

Source: National Committee for the Coordination of Measures to Combat and Prevent Human Trafficking and the Office of the Public Prosecutor.

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2023

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
For sexual exploitation	131	84	113	122	128
For forced labour	15	37	8	56	8
For removal of organs	0	0	<5	0	0
For other purposes	8	8	0	39	34

Source: National Committee for the Coordination of Measures to Combat and Prevent Human Trafficking and the Office of the Public Prosecutor.
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Other purposes included trafficking for begging, slavery like practices and forced crime.

Citizenships of detected victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Own country nationals	277	126	163	145	159
Unspecified foreign nationals	146	5	<5	10	10

Source: National Committee for the Coordination of Measures to Combat and Prevent Human Trafficking and the Office of the Public Prosecutor.
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- Oman -

Oman acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005 The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Oman- the 2008 Anti-Trafficking Law (Royal Decree No 126)- covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	10	<5	25	5
Men	10	<5	24	<5
Women	0	0	<5	<5
Boys	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	0	0

Source: National authorities of Oman.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	5	<5	12	<5
Men	0	0	0	0
Women	5	<5	12	<5
Boys	0	0	0	<5
Girls	0	0	0	0

Source: National authorities of Oman.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2022

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022
Victims	5	<5	12	<5
For sexual exploitation	5	<5	12	<5
For forced labour	0	0	0	0
For removal of organs	0	0	2	0
For other purposes	0	0	0	0

Source: National authorities of Oman.
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Citizenships of detected victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022
North Africa and the Middle East	0	0	<5	0
East Asia and the Pacific	<5	0	<5	0
South Asia	<5	<5	7	<5

Source: National authorities of Oman.
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- Qatar -

Qatar acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2009. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Qatar- the Law No. 15 on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2011)- criminalises trafficking for sexual exploitation and forced labour in respect to both adults and children.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases	<5	<5	7	7	<5

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Brought into formal contact	<5	<5	10	12	37

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Prosecuted	<5	<5	12	9	<5

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	<5	<5	8	9	<5
Men	<5	<5	5	9	<5
Women	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Boys	0	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Convicted	<5	<5	12	24	<5
Own country nationals	<5	<5	6	13	<5
North Africa and the Middle East	...	...	<5	11	<5

Source: Public Prosecution.
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Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2023

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	6	<5	27	15	17
Men	0	<5	17	9	6
Women	6	0	10	6	11
Boys	0	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2023

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Victims	6	<5	27	15	17
For sexual exploitation	0	0	...	<5	11
For forced labour	<5	<5	27	14	6
For removal of organs	0	0	...	...	0
For other purposes	0	0	<5	0	0

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of detected victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2023

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Own country nationals	6	<5	27	15	0
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	...	...	…	...	…
North Africa and the Middle East	…	...	…	6	10
Western and Southern Europe	...	...	...	<5	…
Sub-Saharan Africa	...	...	…	6	6
East Asia and the Pacific	…	...	…	<5	<5
South Asia	...	…	…	<5	…

Source: Public Prosecution.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

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- Syrian Arab Republic -

The Syrian Arab Republic ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2009. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in the Syrian Arab Republic − Legislative Decree 3 of 2010 − covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2020	2021	2022
Cases	<5	<5	5

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Brought into formal contact	76	160	122	124

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prosecuted	84	214	48	34

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	0	<5	5	0
Men	0	<5	5	0
Women	0	0	0	0
Boys	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	0	0	0

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022
Own country nationals			<5	8

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons.
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Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	7	<5	<5	30
Men	0	0	0	14
Women	0	0	0	6
Boys	<5	<5	0	<5
Girls	6	<5	<5	<5

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2022

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022
Victims	7	<5	<5	8
For sexual exploitation	<5	<5	<5	...
For forced labour	5	<5	...	<5
For removal of organs	0	0	...	...
For other purposes	0	0	0	21

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons.
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Citizenships of detected victims of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Citizenship	2019	2020	2021	2022
Own country nationals	7	<5	7	19
East Asia and the Pacific	...	...	...	6

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons.
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- Tunisia -

Tunisia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2003. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Tunisia - the Organic Law No. 2016-61 of August 3, 2016, relating to the prevention and fight against human trafficking - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cases	775	181	NA	657

Source: Ministere de l'Interiour.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Brought into formal contact	841	162	NA	276

Source: Ministere de la Justice.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prosecuted	841	162	450	587

Source: Ministere de la Justice.

Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons 2021-2022

Citizenship	2021	2022
Convicted	45	59

Source: Ministere de la Justice.

Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	775	181	339	584
Men	234	29	67	49
Women	114	58	246	195
Boys	151	44	...	174
Girls	276	50	...	166

Source: Ministere de la Justice.

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Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2022

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022
Victims	775	181	339	584
For sexual exploitation	54	28	...	47
For forced labour	361	78	...	563
For removal of organs	...	0	...	<5
For other purposes	358	78	...	153

Source: Ministere de la Justice
Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as “<5”.

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- United Arab Emirates -

The United Arab Emirates acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2002. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in the United Arab Emirates - Federal Law No. 51 of 2006 on Combating Human Trafficking Crimes - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cases	22	19	24	26

Source: National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Brought into formal contact	93	46	55	81

Source: National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prosecuted	93	46	55	81

Source: National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age group, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	92	42	49	65
Men	68	23	27	42
Women	24	19	22	23
Boys	0	0	...	...
Girls	0	0	...	...

Source: National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking.

Victims

Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2019-2022

Variable	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	50	20	32	41
Men	0	0	<5	<5
Women	39	19	21	35
Boys	0	0	<5	<5
Girls	11	<5	<5	<5

Source: National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking.
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Number of detected victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2019-2022

Form of exploitation	2019	2020	2021	2022
Victims	50	20	32	41
For sexual exploitation	50	19	23	39
For forced labour	0	0	<5	0
For removal of organs	0	0	0	0
For other purposes	0	<5	<5	<5

Source: National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking.
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- Yemen -

Yemen is not party to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

Victims

Between January 2019 and December 2021, 3,350 boys and 953 girls were victims of grave violations. During this same period, 169 out of 4,303 of these children were victims of multiple violations.
Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2021/761 and S/2022/493.

From 1 April 2013 to 31 December 2021, 36 incidents of sexual violence affecting 22 boys and 14 girls were reported.
Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2019/453, S/2021/761, S/2022/493.

From January to December 2020, 300 children recruited by armed groups were identified, and 200 of them were put on community reintegration programmes.
Source: International Organization for Migration Yemen Annual report 2021.

Number of children (aged between 9 and 17) recruited and used in armed conflict from 2014 to 2021

Variable	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Victims	156	915	606	896	370	698	163	174

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2019/453, S/2021/761, S/2022/493.

Number of Children verified as having been abducted from 2015 to 2021*

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children	11	<5	<5	NA	31	55	35

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2019/453, S/2021/761, S/2022/493.
* Due to privacy reasons, figures below five were presented as <5.
** Data for 2018 was not available at the time of reporting.