

# Algeria

Algeria is a Member State of the African Union (AU), the League of Arab States (Arab League), and of the United Nations (UN), and has human rights obligations at both the regional and universal levels.

## Regional: African System and Arab System



Algeria has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter), and its human rights policies and practices are monitored by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). Additionally, Algeria has accepted the jurisdiction of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights to hear complaints presented by the ACHPR, African intergovernmental organizations, and States parties to the African Charter. Algeria has also ratified the Arab Charter on Human Rights, and its compliance with the treaty is monitored by the Arab Human Rights Committee, which may make recommendations to the State concerning its human rights obligations.

Individuals and groups have submitted complaints of human rights violations committed by Algeria to the [African human rights system](#). For example, in *Hadjali Mohamad v. Algeria*, the Commission addressed a complaint concerning slow court proceedings in Algeria, but deemed the case inadmissible as the application failed to specify which provisions of the Charter had been breached. See ACommHPR, *Hadjali Mohamad v. Algeria*, Communication No. 13/88, 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session, 27 April 1994. The African Court considered a case relating to the forced conscription and subsequent disappearance of a man's son into the Algerian army, but determined it did not have jurisdiction because Algeria had not deposited the declaration enabling the Court to hear cases brought by individual complainants. See AfCHPR, *Soufiane Ababou v. Algeria*, App. No. 002/11, Judgment of 16 June 2011, para. 13.

Algeria has fallen behind in its [periodic reports](#) to the ACHPR on human rights conditions in the country, and in its [reports](#) to the [Arab Human Rights Committee](#).

Algeria has ratified the following **regional human rights treaties**:

- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
- African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- AU Convention Governing Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa
- Protocol to the African Charter on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
- Arab Charter on Human Rights

## United Nations System

As a UN Member State, Algeria is subject to the oversight of various [UN human rights bodies](#), including the [Human Rights Council](#) and its [Universal Periodic Review](#) and thematic [special procedures](#). As a party to specific universal human rights treaties, Algeria's policies and practices are monitored by [UN treaty bodies](#). It has accepted the complaints procedure of three treaty bodies.

Algeria has ratified the following **UN human rights treaties**:

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Algeria has submitted a reservation, derogation, declaration or understanding that modifies its obligations under the following treaties: [ICESCR](#), [CMW](#), [CEDAW](#), and [CRC](#).

Algeria has also ratified the optional protocols to the CRC addressing children in armed conflict and the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography. Algeria has a duty to submit **State reports** to each UN treaty body that is associated with the relevant treaty Algeria has ratified. These reports must be submitted on a periodic basis, and describe the steps it has taken to implement the treaty provisions.

Algeria has ratified [optional protocols](#) and made appropriate declarations allowing individuals to submit complaints against the State alleging violations of the ICCPR, CAT, and CERD. Additionally, certain UN treaties include [inquiry procedures](#), which allow the UN treaty body to consider allegations of grave or systematic human rights violations. Algeria has accepted the inquiry procedures of the CAT.

Algeria has not extended a **standing invitation** to UN special procedures, which means that special rapporteurs and working groups must seek specific invitations from Algeria to conduct a visit within the State. For example, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women conducted a visit to Algeria in November 2010, and published a [report](#) on the visit in May 2011.

For more information on Algeria's engagement with [UN human rights bodies](#), visit <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/MENARegion/Pages/DZIndex.aspx>.

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