

Human Rights

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“Torture in Islamic Jurisprudence”

In Islam, human beings are considered as being the most exalted of all creations, created in the finest manner, adorned with rights and freedoms that cannot be undermined. Consequently, torture and inhuman practices inflicted on human life are strictly forbidden. An authority or state body whose aim is to restore justice, cannot go outside the sphere of what is just and apply torture, this is haram, forbidden, in Islamic jurisprudence.

In Islamic jurisprudence, a guilty person cannot be forced into confession through torture. If such a case arises, a person cannot be punished for the information they provide as a result of such force. This is because the most important right of an individual under Islamic law is the principle presumption that a person is innocent until proven guilty.