

User guide

Interactive data on the cases before the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

About these graphs

These graphs provide information on cases of alleged human rights violations against members of national parliaments currently being examined by the [IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians](#) (the Committee). These are cases that have been declared admissible by the Committee in accordance with its [Rules and Practices](#) and have not been the subject of a closure decision. Once a case is declared admissible, it remains under examination until a satisfactory resolution is reached. In these graphs, each individual situation is counted as one case. Cases that have been closed or declared inadmissible are not included.

The graphs are interactive. By selecting one or more criteria, you can obtain and isolate disaggregated data.

The criteria include:

- The geographical region where the alleged events took place.
- The country responsible for the alleged violations. In some cases, a member of parliament's rights may have been violated by authorities from a different country. These situations are identified as follows: "country where the victim was a member of parliament at the time of the alleged facts" / "country responsible".
- The most frequently reported human rights violations in a group of cases under examination by the Committee. These categories of violation correspond to the terminology used in [international human rights treaties](#) and by the United Nations.
- The political affiliation of the member of parliament whose rights were allegedly violated. For the purposes of these graphs, the word "opposition" relates to parliamentarians from political groups or parties whose decision-making power was limited in parliament and who were opposed to the ruling power at the time of the alleged facts. The word "majority" should be understood as parliamentarians from groups or parties having the greater number of votes in parliament and effective decision-making power at the time of the alleged facts. Please note that these definitions provide a general framework for the Committee to assess each individual situation. The final classification is made on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the specificities of the political system of the country concerned, the context, and the self-declaration of the parliamentarian concerned.
- The age of the parliamentarians whose rights were allegedly violated. For the purposes of these graphs, the words "young parliamentarians" should be construed as referring to members of parliament who were under the age of 45 at the time of the alleged facts.
- The gender of the MP whose rights were allegedly violated, based on self-declaration of the parliamentarian concerned.

Source of data

The data is collected exclusively by the IPU Secretariat, mainly based on the statements of the qualified complainants of the cases or the victim parliamentarians themselves. The statistics are generated from an internal database which is regularly updated.

Updating schedule

Data is updated after each ordinary session of the Committee. These sessions are held three times a year, typically in January, March and October. Data may also be updated following an extraordinary or urgent session held in accordance with Rule 12.4 of the [Rules and Practices](#) of the Committee.

Extraction and sharing of data

Once you have created a graph with the variables you would like (country, age, political affiliation, etc.) you can share it. In the bottom right corner of the screen, you will find a *Share* button, which provides a direct link to the statistics, as well as buttons to share the content on social media or by email. You will also find a *Download* button that allows you to save the graphs in various formats.

Terms of Use

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Access to the individual decisions

To learn more about the details, concerns and recommendations of a particular case, click on the *Read the decision* link next to the name of the parliamentarian concerned. This will take you to the IPU page for the relevant parliament, where there is a section on human rights cases. All decisions for that country are compiled in a single document, with the most recent first. Multiple decisions referring to different cases from different dates may appear in the same document, indicating that the Committee's concerns from those earlier decisions are still relevant today.

Confidentiality of certain decisions

The Committee's decisions are public unless it considers that there are overriding reasons for keeping them confidential (see Rule 7.2 of the [Rules and Practices](#) of the Committee). Confidential decisions are included in these graphs for statistical purposes, although their content is not made public.

Contextual note

These graphs only present an overview of cases formally submitted to the Committee. They do not cover other situations or human rights violations that fall outside the Committee's remit or that have not been formally brought to its attention.