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Adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1984 and came into force on 26 June 1987

As of May 2015, the Convention has 158 State Parties

An international human rights instrument which calls for global prohibition against torture and creates an instrument to monitor governments and hold them into account

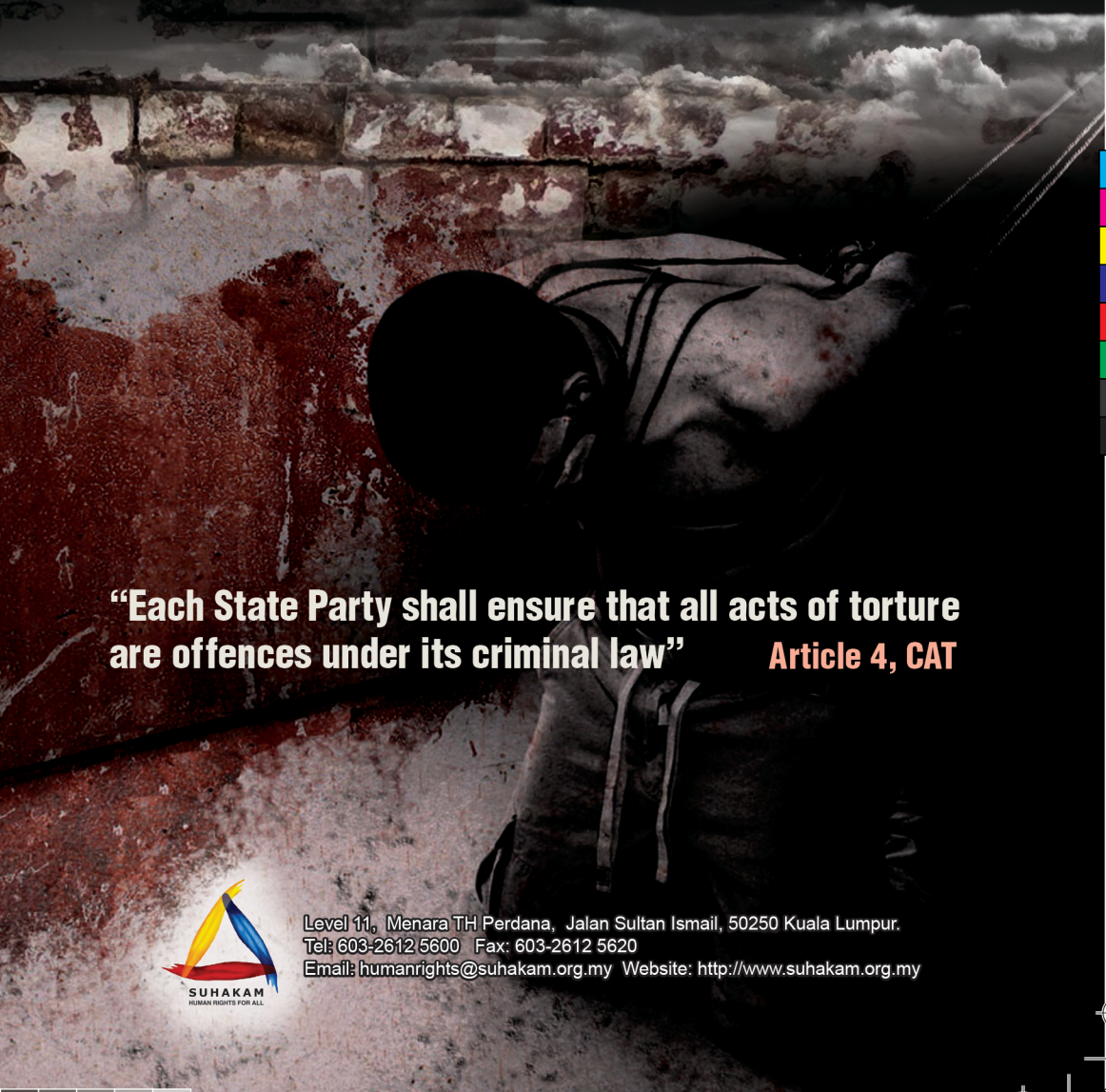
Aims to prevent torture and other acts of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment around the world

26 June is the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, in honor of the Convention

CAT is one of the remaining 6 core human rights treaties that has not been acceded to by Malaysia

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Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)



“Each State Party shall ensure that all acts of torture are offences under its criminal law” Article 4, CAT



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The Definition of Torture



By / with the consent or acquiescence of State authorities

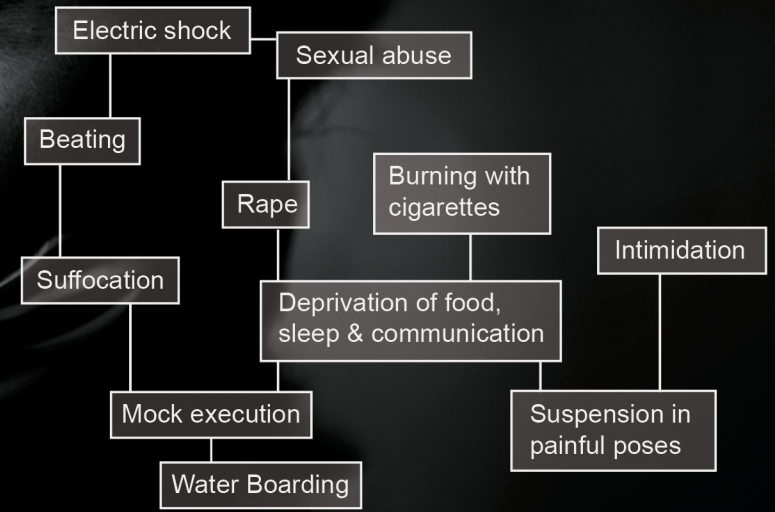


The infliction of severe pain/suffering (mental / physical)

- For specific purpose:
- Gaining information
 - Punishment
 - Intimidation

"Torture means any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as obtaining from him or a third person information or a confession, punishing him for an act he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind, when such pain or suffering is inflicted by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official or other person acting in an official capacity. It does not include pain or suffering arising only from, inherent in or incidental to lawful sanctions." Article 1, CAT

Forms of Torture



The Implications of Torture



Many victims suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which includes symptoms such as flashbacks, severe anxiety, insomnia, nightmares depression and memory lapses. Torture victims often feel guilt and shame, triggered by the humiliation they have endured.