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Information on police/state corruption

A report issued in July 2017 by the *Middle East Monitor* states:

“Over 3000 cases of “dangerous” corruption were recorded in Algeria between 2013 and 2016...” (Middle East Monitor (14 July 2017) *3,000 cases of corruption recorded in Algeria since 2013*).

Eurasia Review in May 2017 points out that:

“...corruption is a major problem in Algeria” (Eurasia Review (3 May 2017) *Algeria: Reform Before Demands Turn Revolutionary – Analysis*).

The *Economist* in April 2017 states that:

“Corruption is a big problem” (Economist (20 April 2017) *Stability or stagnation in Algeria?*).

An undated report issued by *Freedom House* reviewing events of 2016 notes the:

“...rampant corruption...” (Freedom House (Undated) *Freedom in the World 2017, Algeria*).

In March 2017 the *United States Department of State* issued a report reviewing events of the previous year noting:

“The judiciary was not impartial and was often subject to influence and corruption” (United States Department of State (3 March 2017) *2016 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: Algeria*).

This document also states that:

“The law provides for criminal penalties of two to 10 years in prison for official corruption, but the government generally did not implement the law effectively” (ibid).

In March 2017 *Alkarama* comments on the:

“...authorities' abuses and rampant corruption” (Alkarama (16 March 2017) *Annual Report 2016 [Algeria excerpt]*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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