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Information on Niger under the following headings:

- 1. Prison/Detention/Torture/Slavery**
- 2. State Protection**

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This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Refugee Documentation Centre within time constraints.

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