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Ukrainian Police Accused of Systematic Abuses

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Ukrainian police regularly use extortion, unlawful arrest and torture with impunity, Amnesty International said in a report released Wednesday.

The number of Ukrainians who fall victim to police abuse every year could be in the hundreds of thousands, the report said.

The authors also said widespread corruption within the police force has created a culture of impunity, and they called on the government to reform how it oversees the police.

The "Blunt force: Torture and police impunity in Ukraine," based on 5,000 interviews conducted over the past year, Amnesty said.

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