

Russia must answer questions about human rights violations in Caucasus - September 10, 2020

Russian authorities must answer questions about the reports of extrajudicial executions in Northern Caucasus, pressure on journalists and human rights defenders, and cases of torture and domestic violence, the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations (UN) has stated.

This June, 12 human rights organizations of Russia submitted to the UN a report on the non-observance of human rights in the country, especially pointing out to the totalitarian regime in Chechnya, which controls all spheres of life, including private ones.

Russia should answer the questions in a few months; and the UN will consider them in 2021. The UN asks the Russian authorities to report on the progress of investigations of human rights violations in the regions of Northern Caucasus. Among them are reports of extrajudicial executions, kidnappings and secret detentions.

The UN is also concerned about the tightening of sanctions for participation in protests, and pressure on human rights NGOs, including the fines imposed on the HRC "Memorial".