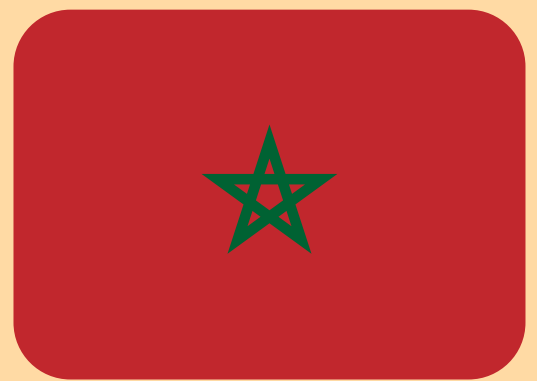


MOROCCO: EQUITY AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION (ÉQUITÉ ET RÉCONCILIATION, IER)



WHAT IS THE TRC?

The Equity and Reconciliation Commission (Équité et Réconciliation, IER) is a *Truth, Reconciliation & Equity* commission established by King Mohammed VI and the Independent Commission of Arbitration/Indemnity Commission to address the human rights violations and atrocities committed under the oppressive regimes of both King Mohammed V, and King Hassan II.

The IER was initially created in December of 2004 upon request of King Mohammed VI, and the final report was delivered to the King on November 30th, 2005.

WHY WAS IT CREATED?

The IER was created in response to the oppressive regimes of King Hassan II and King Mohammed V, both of which employed the use of forced disappearances, arbitrary detention, torture, sexual abuse and deprivation from the right to life in order to maintain absolute control and to dissuade any opposition or rebellion. Further political oppression was seen through the targeted limitation of legislative and legal independence.

Hassan II's successor, his son King Mohammed VI, established the commission in response to public outcry for reform and justice against his father as well as all other previous oppressive regimes.

MANDATES OF THE TRC

The main goals of the TRC were:

- Investigating the forced disappearances and detention between Morocco's state of independence in 1956 and 1999
- To consider and address requests for reparation submitted to the former Independent Commission of Arbitration
- To determine "the responsibility of the state organisms or any other party"

OUTCOMES & LEGACIES

- Both individual and communal reparations in forms of financial, medical, and psychological assistance
- Development of laws against sexual violence, as well as reforms in criminal laws and policies
- Recommendations for the abolishment of the death penalty
- Further investigations into perpetrators
- Public endorsement and follow-up action of the TRC recommendations from the King
- The creation of an independent council on human rights, which aligned with UN policies
- Recorded reparations of around \$85 million USD granted to approx. 39 000 victims as of 2007

STATISTICS

Number of Commissioners: **17**

Number of Women Commissioners: **1**

Total Number of Participants: **23 676**

Number of Cases Heard: **20 000**

Total Years of Conflict: **approx. 43**

