

**THE UGANDA POLICE FORCE IN THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE  
RIGHT TO FREEDOM FROM TORTURE IN KAMPALA METROPOLITAN: A CASE  
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## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

ACHPR	: African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights
ACRC	: African Charter on the Rights of the Child
ACP	: Assistant Commissioner of Police
AIP	: Assistant Inspector of Police
ASP	: Assistant Superintendent of Police
AU	: African Union
CAT	: Convention against Torture
CHOGM	: Common Wealth Head of Governments Meeting
CPS	: Central Police Station
CPT	: Committee for the Prevention of Torture
DRPC	: Deputy Regional Police Commander
CSO	: Civil Society Organization
FFU	: Field Force Unit
HRT	: Human Rights
HRA	: Human Rights Act
HRC	: Human Rights Committee
HRO	: Human Rights Organizations
HRM	: Human Resource Management
ICCPR	: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
IGP	: Inspector General of Police
IP	: Inspector of Police

KMPA	: Kampala Metropolitan Policing Area
LAP	: Local Administration Police
NCO	: Non Commissioned Officer
OPS	: Office of Professional Standards
PC	: Police Constable
PSU	: Professional Standards Unit
PTS	: Police Training School
SADC	: Southern African Development Cooperation
SP	: Superintendent of Police
SPC	: Special Police Constable
SSP	: Senior Superintendent of Police
UDHR	: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UHRC	: Uganda Human Rights Commission
UN	: United Nations
UPF	: Uganda Police Force
US	: United States
VIPPU	: Vital Installation Police Protection Unit

## **ABSTRACT**

The study was about the Uganda Police Force in the protection and promotion of the right to freedom from torture. The general objective of the study was to establish the performance and challenges in the protection and promotion of the right to freedom from torture by the Uganda Police Force. The specific objectives were to assess the extent to which police has played its role in the protection and promotion of the right to freedom from torture in Kampala Metropolitan, to examine the challenges police encountered in the protection and promotion of the right to freedom from torture in Kampala Metropolitan and to find ways the police force could improve its role in the protection and promotion of the right to freedom from torture in Kampala Metropolitan. The research design adopted in this study was a case study research design. The sample size consisted of 103 respondents. Purposive sampling was used to select senior police officers, victims of torture and members of CSO while simple random sampling was used to select low ranked police officers. The analysis mainly consisted of descriptive statistics (frequencies and percentages) including content analysis. This study found out that the police force tried to observe the right to freedom from torture in particular and human rights in general while on duty, but encountered challenges which were working conditions related challenges (funding and logistics related challenges), citizen/public related challenges, political interference related challenges, professional related challenges, legal related challenges and army/military interference related challenges. These challenges played a role in breeding misconduct and lowering morale among the police officers, hence abuse of human rights.