

THE PRISON SYSTEM IN SERBIA

Introduction

The Prison System in Serbia is regulated by the Criminal Procedure Code and the Law on Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions. The Prison Administration is a body within the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia that organizes, implements and supervises the enforcement of prison sentences, juvenile detention, community service, suspended sentencing with protective supervision, security measures of mandatory psychiatric treatment in medical institutions, mandatory treatment of alcoholics and drug addicts as well as education measures of remanding prisoners to correctional institutions. The Director of Prison Administration is Milan Obradovic.

Prison Population and Staff

In the Republic of Serbia, excluding Kosovo, there are in total 28 penitentiary institutions. According to data from 31 March 2009, there were 10,531 persons confined in penal institutions.

Available accommodation capacity for prisoners in roughly 6, 000 however, if norms recommended by the European Prison Rules were to be observed there would only be place for around 4, 500 prisoners. As such, prison overcrowding has become a serious problem, especially since the prison population continues to increase each year.

The prison administration currently employs roughly 3,800 staff of whom 2,150 are employed in the security service, 270 in treatment service, 650 in service for training and employment, 210 in medical service and 520 in general affairs service.

Geographical Distribution of Prisons

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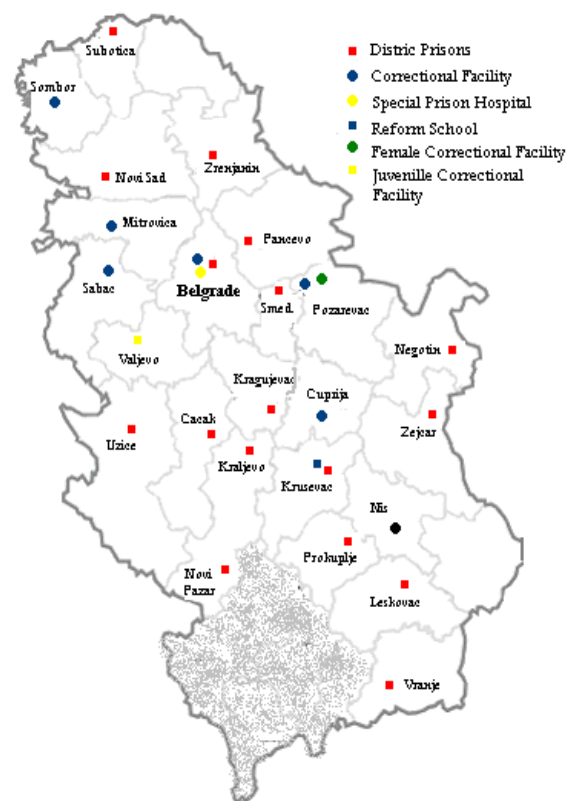
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Structure of the Prison System in Serbia

