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Helicopter

The hands and the feet of victims are tied behind their back and they are made to lie on the ground, face down, or suspended in the air.

Helicopter¹



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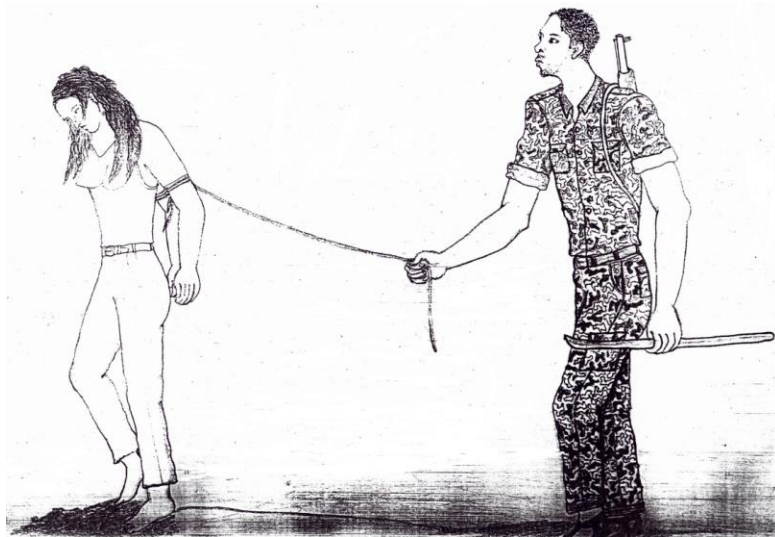
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Otto

The arms are tied behind the back of victims who are often made to lie on the ground, face down.

*Otto*²



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Almaz (diamond)

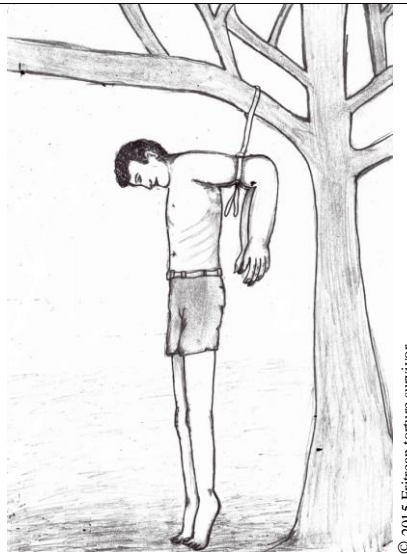
Victims are generally hung to a tree with their elbows tied behind their back and forced to stand on tiptoes.

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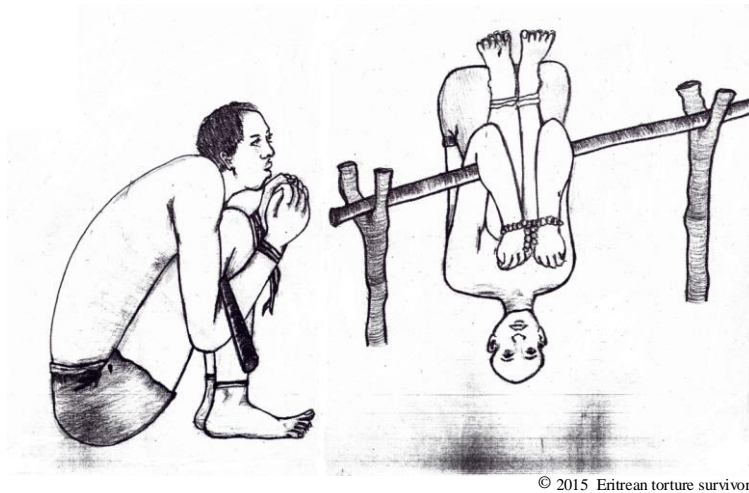
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Torch

Victims have their hands and sometimes legs, tied or handcuffed, a stick placed under the knees. They are hung upside down and beaten, especially on the soles of the feet.

Torch⁴



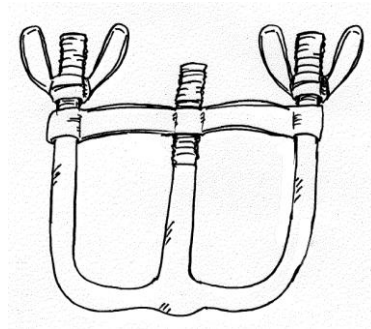
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Ferro

Victims are often handcuffed with *ferro* during interrogations. These 'special' iron handcuffs have bolts that can be screwed from underneath to tighten them, which creates severe pain and stops the blood flow. Depending on the replies given to the questions of the interrogator, the *ferro* are tightened or loosened.

Ferro



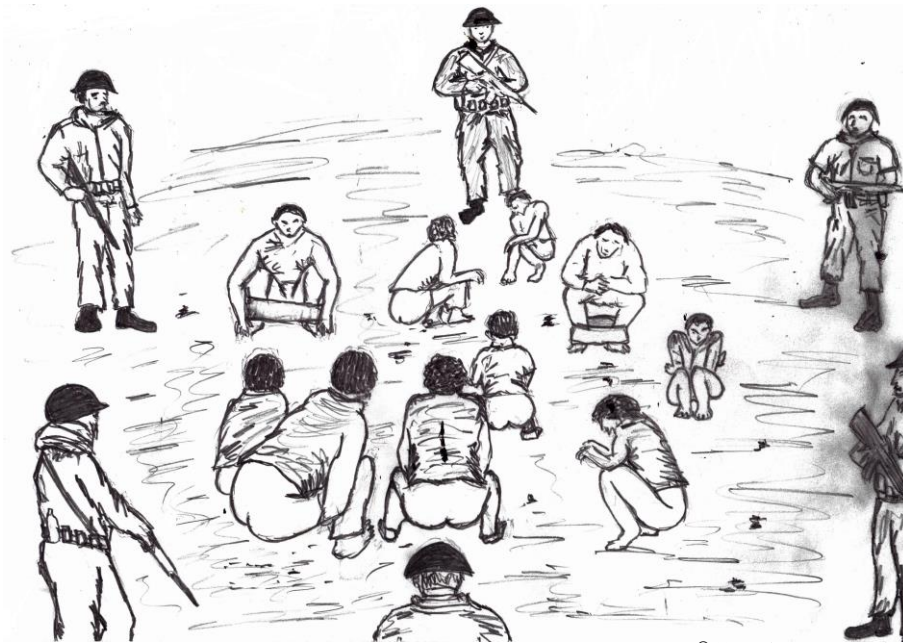
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Toilet breaks

Inmates can generally go out for toilet breaks once or twice a day to urinate and defecate, often in open spaces covered with human waste while guarded at gunpoint. Former detainees reported being forced to release themselves under extreme time pressure and in humiliating ways.

Detainees relieving themselves⁵



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