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**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION MoJ-NO. 17/2023<sup>1</sup>**  
**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, CHANGE OR ELIMINATION OF**  
**CORRECTIVE INSTITUTIONS**

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<sup>1</sup>Administrative Instruction MD-No.17/2023, on the establishment, change or elimination of corrective institutions, signed by the minister of justice on 22.12.2023

**Minister of the Ministry of Justice,**

In support of Article 23 of Law no. 08/L-131 for the Correctional Service of Kosovo (GZ No. 20, 08.08.2022), based on article 11 paragraph 1, under paragraph 1.5 of Law no. 08/L-117 on the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, Appendix 1 (item 3) of the Regulation (QRK) - No. 14/2023 on the Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Prime Minister's Office and Ministries, as well as Article 38 paragraph 6 of the Government Work Regulation No. 09/2011;

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**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISION**

**Article 1  
Purpose**

The purpose of this Administrative Instruction is the establishment, change and abolition of Correctional Institutions as well as the determination of the type, type and headquarters of the correctional institution.

**Article 2  
Scope**

This Administrative Instruction is applicable to all Correctional Institutions of Kosovo Correctional Services.

**CHAPTER II  
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

**Article 4  
Types of correctional institutions**

1. The Correctional Service for the purpose of executing criminal sanctions such as: prison sentence and life imprisonment, prison sentence for minors, corrective educational measure for minors as well as detention measure, consists of the following Correctional Institutions:

1.1. Correctional Centers;

1.2. Detention Centers;

1.3. High Security Prison.

3. Within a Correctional Institution there may be closed, semi-closed type units open and open, depending on the needs of the institution.

## **Article 5** **Closed type correctional institutions**

1. Correctional institutions of the closed type are:

1.1. Dubrava Correctional Center, Dubrava-Istog;

1.2. Prishtina detention Center, Hajvalia - Pristina;

1.3. Prizren detention Center, Prizren;

1.4. Gjilan detention Center, Pasjak-Novobërd;

1.5. Peja detention Center, Peja

1.6. Mitrovica detention center, Mitrovica;

1.7. High Security Prison, Gërdoc-Podujevë.

2. Closed-type correctional institutions have maximum physical and material security elements such as: high surrounding walls or fences with barbed wire, armed staff, technical equipment and other security measures.

3. Prisoners placed in these institutions realize their rights and benefits according to the respective treatments.

## **Article 6** **Correctional institutions of the semi-open type**

1. Correctional institutions of the semi-open type are:

1.1. Correctional Center for Juveniles, Lipjan in Hallaq i Vogël, Lipjan;

1.2. Correctional Center for Women in Lipjan, Hallaq i Vogël, Lipjan.

2. Correctional institutions of the semi-open type have medium elements of physical and material security.

3. Prisoners placed in these institutions realize their rights and benefits according to the respective treatments.

**Article 7**  
**Open type correctional institutions**

1. Open-type Correctional Institutions are:

1.1. Correctional Educational Center for Juveniles in Lipjan, Hallaq i Vogel, Lipjan;

1.2. Smrekonica Correctional Center with headquarters, Vushtrri.

2. The correctional institutions defined in paragraph 1 of this article are open-type institutions that have low physical and material security elements.

3. Convicted persons placed in these institutions realize their rights and benefits according to the respective treatments.

**CHAPTER III**  
**UNITS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

**Article 8**  
**Types of units within Correctional Institutions**

1. Closed, semi-open and open type units are determined in Correctional Institutions. The General Director of the Correctional Service, for the purpose of applying treatments to prisoners, through a decision, defines the type of unit in the ward, wing of the ward or part of the wing of the ward within the correctional institution.

2. Within the correctional institution for women, a special facility is determined for the treatment of pregnant prisoners and mothers with children up to the age determined according to the legislation in force.

2.1. Female prisoners placed in the special facility realize their rights and benefits according to the relevant treatment.

3. Within the correctional institutions, there are stations for treatment and health examination for prisoners.

**Article 9**  
**Establishment, change and elimination of correctional institutions**

1. The Correctional Institution may be changed or eliminated if circumstances arise or if it is evaluated by the competent bodies for its change or elimination.

2. The General Director of the Kosovo Correctional Service proposes to the Minister of Justice the establishment, change or elimination of a correctional institution.

**Article 10**  
**Entry into force**

This Administrative Instruction enters into force seven (7) days after publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

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Minister of Justice

22/12/2023