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The US may have committed war crimes of torture, cruel treatment and rape, when it interrogated dozens of people in Afghanistan between 2003 and 2004, the International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor says.

The International Criminal Court's [preliminary probe](#) into the activities of the US armed forces and the CIA in Afghanistan between 2003 and 2004 shows there to be a "*reasonable basis to believe that, in the course of interrogating these detainees [...] members of the US armed forces and the US Central Intelligence Agency resorted to techniques amounting to the commission of the war crimes of torture, cruel treatment, outrages upon personal dignity, and rape,*"

Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda said, as cited by AFP.

She discovered that most of the alleged abuses took place between 2003 and 2004, but did not cease in the following years. She also pointed out that the abuses appear to have been "*approved interrogation techniques,*" utilized deliberately in "*an attempt to extract 'actionable intelligence' from detainees,*" as the report states.

*"These alleged crimes were not the abuses of a few isolated individuals."*

The report stated that the US Army soldiers subjected at least 61 detainees to torture practices, and CIA officers did so to at least 27 detainees, mostly between May, 2003 and December, 2004.



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## The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, issues her annual Report on Preliminary Examination Activities (2016)

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Today, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or the "Court"), Mrs Fatou Bensouda, published her annual [Report on Preliminary Examination Activities \(2016\)](#). The report provides an overview of her Office's preliminary examination activities conducted between 1 November 2015 and 31 October 2016 in relation to ten situations under consideration for possible investigation.