

BERLIN



# Justizvollzugsanstalt (correctional center) Tegel





## Site and Buildings

- facility operating under both closed and open prison system, opened on October 1, 1898 - initially with Units I, II and III
- site area: Approx. 131.805 m<sup>2</sup> (equivalent to approx. 17 football pitches)
- perimeter wall length: 1.465 m

## Capacity and Inmate Population

- **896** places for enforcement under closed prison system and **8** places for enforcement under open prison system
- average inmate population in 2024: **792**
- inmates: Male adults (serving sentences or under preventive detention)
- includes all types of prison sentences (from short-term to life sentences) as well as preventive detention
- percentage of foreign nationals in 2024: 50% of the total inmate population
- foreign nationals from 63 countries

**Transfers and releases in 2024**  
**Total number: 731. Key figures include:**

Transfers ...	326
... thereof to open prison system correctional facility	76
Conditional early releases (parole; acc. to German Criminal Code):	14
Sentence deferral for therapy (acc. to German Narcotics Act):	27
Pardons	1
Collective clemency (year-end)	10
Releases upon sentence completion	242
Releases due to deportation (acc. to German Code of Criminal Procedure)	61



Gate I Staff entrance /  
Vehicle control area

Gate Ia Visitors entrance

Gate II Entrance for visitors of SothA /  
Lawyers / Expert witnesses /  
Logistics

Gate III Construction traffic

1 Governor's office / Church

2 Human Resources

Management and  
administration  
Security department

3 Social work department

4 Technical supply  
center

5 Locksmith's shop

6 Inmates Property Chamber

7 School /

Psychotherapeutical carecenter /  
Department of psychology

8 Kitchen

9 Training kitchen / visitor center

10 Training bakery

11 Builders yard

12 Bookbinder's shop

13 Printing shop

14 Garden center and nursery

15 Sorting and assembly station

16 Carpenter's workshop

17 Painter's workshop

18 Upholstery workshop

19 Training unit for electricians,  
painters / varnishers

20 Training unit for vehicle  
mechatronic technicians

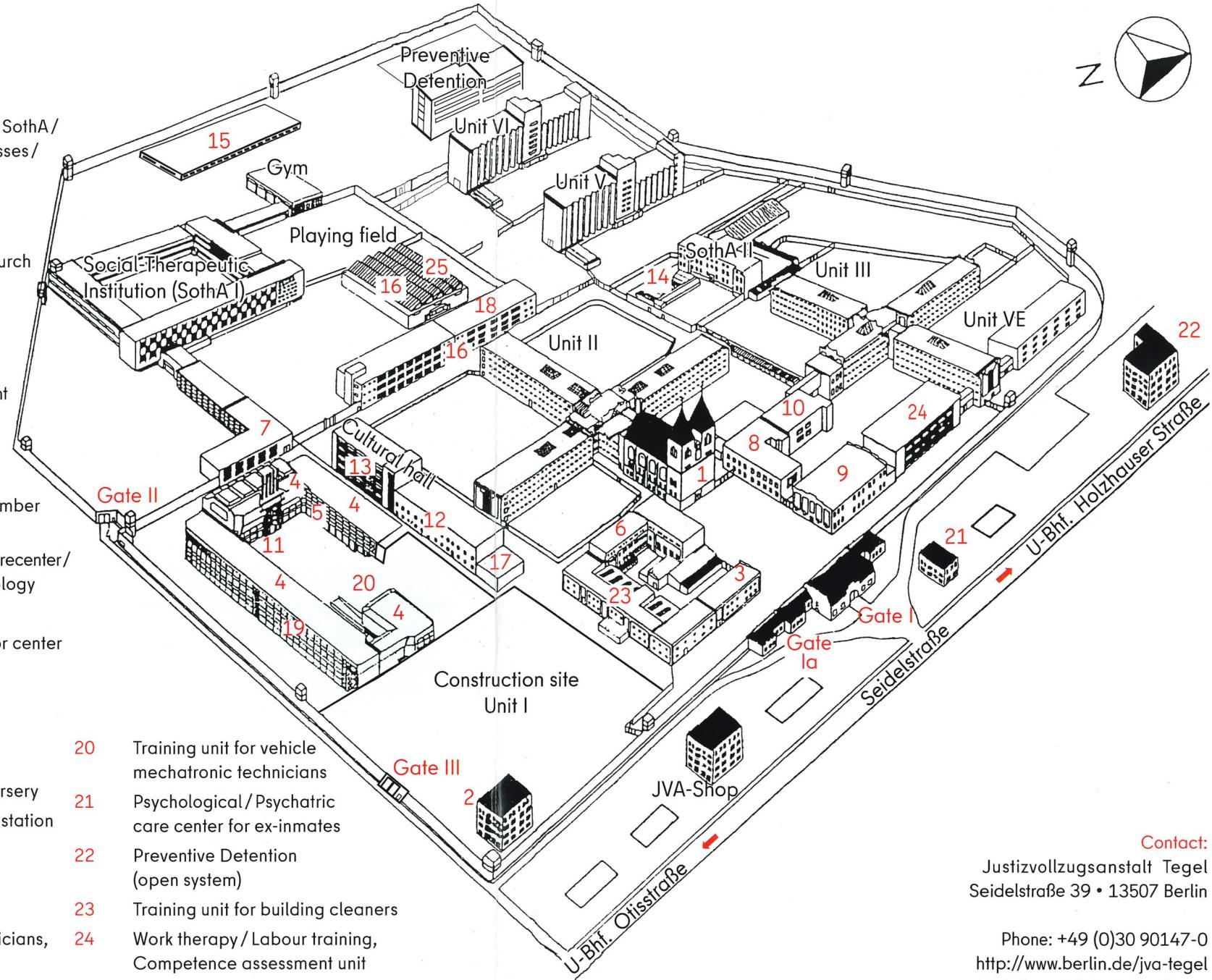
21 Psychological / Psychiatric  
care center for ex-inmates

22 Preventive Detention  
(open system)

23 Training unit for building cleaners

24 Work therapy / Labour training,  
Competence assessment unit

25 Medical Care Center



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## **Unit II:** Capacity for 341 inmates (= 341 places)

### Special Units:

- High-Security Unit (specially secured unit for inmates posing a high risk of violence or escape) with a capacity of 8 places
- Units for inmates serving life sentences during the first phase of imprisonment (typically up to the 5th year), capacity for 28 convicts

## **Social-therapeutic Institution (Section I and II):** Capacity of 141 places

- Admission criteria are legally defined. The target group consist of inmates who present a significant risk of violent crimes as well as sexual offences. Access is granted by the Admission Department or by sub-prison management following assessment by the Psychological Service. In specific cases, access is decided by the social-therapeutic Institution management. Inmates should be responsive to social-therapeutic interventions, suitable for group living, and should have a residual penalty of between 24 months and 4 years
- Social therapeutic treatment occurs within residential groups, with 108 places in Section I and 33 places in Section II
- Following admission, inmates progress through an intake phase, treatment phase, and transition/release phase (Three-Phase Model)

## **Unit V:** Capacity of 174 places:

### Special Units:

- Units for inmates serving life sentences during the second phase of imprisonment (typically up to the 10<sup>th</sup> year) with a capacity of 60 places
- Unit for prisoners subject to ordered or reserved preventive detention with a capacity of 30 places
- Segregation Unit for drug dealers with a capacity of 13 places
- Aftercare Unit of the Department for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Berlin Correctional Hospital (capacity: 13 places)

## **Unit VI:** Capacity of 180 places

### Special Units:

- Substitution Treatment Unit with a capacity of 60 places

## **Facility for Preventive Detention:** Capacity of 68 places

- Separated from all other units
- 60 places for enforcement under closed system
- 8 places for enforcement under open system

## **Employment and Qualification, School:** Capacity of 690 places for work, education and training

- 11 Inhouse workshops including work therapy or work training
- 6 areas for further vocational training
- School with 70 places, including capacity for distance learning students (secondary school diploma and university levels)
- 130 places for professional training measures and qualification programs

## Inhouse-Shop

- Gift articles
- Metal construction works
- Floral arrangements
- Office furniture
- Upholstery works
- Bookbinding works

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### Publication „125 Jahre Gefängnis Tegel“ (in German):

<https://www.berlin.de/justizvollzug/anstalten/jva-tegel/die-anstalt/>

### History of the correctional Center Tegel (in German):

<https://www.berlin.de/justizvollzug/anstalten/jva-tegel/die-anstalt/historie/>

### Uncensored prisoners magazine „der lichtblick“ (in German):

<http://www.lichtblick-redaktion.de>

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