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As noted by Huseyn Aliyev, the Chechen Republic stands out within Russia for its unique interpretation and application of federal laws. Other republics of the North Caucasus largely follow the same practices as elsewhere in the country, while Dagestan's authorities 'have somewhat different approach to mobilisation and conscription', conducting more frequent raids on potential conscripts, compared to other regions in Russia.920 In contrast, Chechnya is also an outstanding case due to the level of political repression,921 with all forms of critique being harshly suppressed,922 with no changes regarding this in 2025.923

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