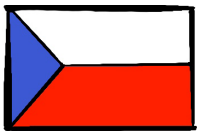


# A brief history of CZ and the prison since the 19th century



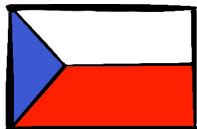
The construction of the regional prison and court in Uherské Hradiště was completed in 1897. The town of Uherské Hradiště was a smaller administrative town of the Austrian Hungarian Empire. The town was under the Austrian administration, based in Vienna.



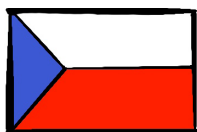
Democratic Czechoslovakia was established after the First World War in 1918. The prison almost always served its usual purpose.



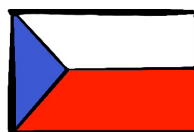
Nazi-Germany was the first totalitarian regime in the prison. A large number of political prisoners passed through the prison.



The second totalitarian regime was communist Czechoslovakia in 1948. The communist Czechoslovakian secret police was the main source of evil. For a decade, this prison was the most evil out of all in the country.



After the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989, Czechoslovakia started a process of democratization. In 1993, Czechoslovakia was divided into two separate parts. The Czech Republic and Slovakia by agreement and without violence.



In 2004, the Czech Republic joined the European Union.