

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DEATH PENALTY IN IRAN

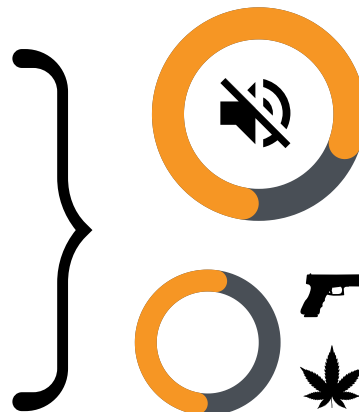


1<sup>ST</sup> EXECUTING STATE IN THE WORLD PER CAPITA

IN 2021 AT LEAST

# 333 PEOPLE EXECUTED

**25%** more than in 2020



**83,5%** not announced by the authorities



**55%** for **murder** charges



**38%** for **drug-related** charges

**x5 more** than in 2020.  
**None of them** were reported by official sources.

INCLUDING, AT LEAST :



## 17 WOMEN

compared to **9** in 2020  
**2** of them were hanged by their own children



## 2 JUVENILE OFFENDERS



## 21% BALUCH PEOPLE

the **ethnic minority** represents 2-6% of Iran's population

## KEY FACTS

**0** For the first time in **more than 15 years**, **no public executions** were reported

**705** prisoners sentenced to death for murder charges were **forgiven by the families of the victims**

**70%** of **Iranians** want either **complete abolition** of the death penalty (**44 %**), or a **restriction** to very unique cases (**26 %**) (2020)

**139** executions have been based on death sentences issued **by the Revolutionary Courts** (more than **3,758 executions** since 2010)



The **execution rate doubled** after the **election of Ebrahim Raeisi** as president in June 2021 and with the new round of **nuclear talks**



**Physical and psychological torture** are systematically used in detention facilities, including as a method of **extracting confessions**



**Homosexuality** is punishable by death in Iran, as in **10 other countries** around the world

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**OUR ORGANISATIONS CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE DEATH PENALTY IN IRAN.**

We also call on the international community, in particular the UNODC and the European governments with diplomatic ties with the Islamic Republic, **to play a more active role** in promoting accountability and the abolition of the death penalty in Iran.

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