

2023 STATUS **RETENTIONIST**

STATE WITH THE HIGHEST EXECUTION RATE IN THE WORLD RELATIVE TO ITS POPULATION

EXECUTION METHODS  
**PUBLIC HANGING  
FIRING SQUAD  
CRUCIFIXION  
STONING**

# THE DEATH PENALTY IN IRAN

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



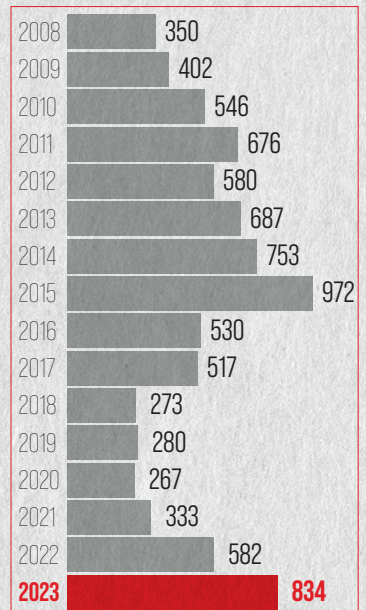
AT LEAST

# 834

**PEOPLE EXECUTED**  
including 7 in public

This represents a 43% increase over the number of executions in 2022.  
The highest number of executions since 2015.

EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF EXECUTIONS OVER THE LAST 16 YEARS



## PROFILE OF THE PEOPLE EXECUTED

Highest number since 2014

AT LEAST **22** **WOMEN**

AT LEAST **2** **JUVENILE OFFENDERS**

AT LEAST **8** **PROTESTERS**

AT LEAST **857** **MURDER CONVICTS** SENTENCED TO DEATH have been **forgiven** by victims' families under *qisas* laws

## CHARGES

**56%** **DRUGS**

**34%** **MURDER**

**2%** **RAPE, SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**3%** **OTHER** (adultery, blasphemy or unknown)

**5%**

**MOHAREBEH** (waging war against God)  
**EFSAD-FIL-ARZ** (corruption on earth)  
**BAGHI** (armed rebellion)

## ETHNIC MINORITIES

**150**

**PEOPLE EXECUTED** in Kurdistan, Sistan and Baluchistan, Western and Eastern Azerbaijan provinces



**167**

**BALUCH PRISONERS** executed across the country  
Baluch minority represent 2-6% of the population in Iran and account for 20% of all executions

## THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DEATH PENALTY IN IRAN IN 2023



**709 EXECUTIONS NOT REPORTED**

by the authorities (accounting for 85% of executions)

Executions recorded and documented in

**30 OF THE 31 PROVINCES**

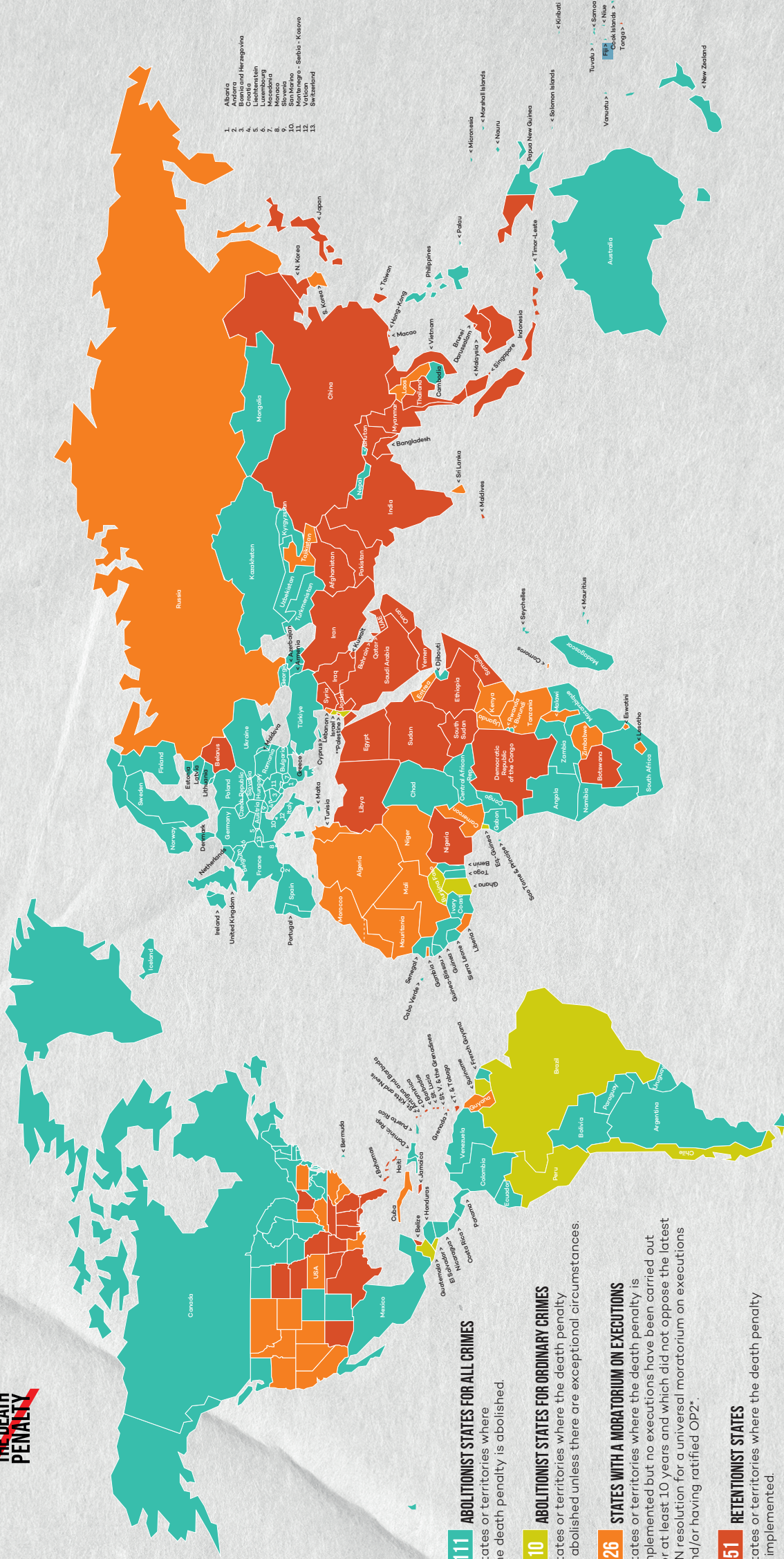
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**TOGETHER AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY**

**IRAN HUMAN RIGHTS**

# THE DEATH PENALTY WORLDWIDE 2023



1. Albania
2. Andorra and Herzegovina
3. Croatia
4. Liechtenstein
5. Luxembourg
6. Macedonia
7. Monaco
8. San Marino
9. Serbia
10. Slovenia
11. Switzerland
12. Montenegro
13. Kosovo

**111** **ABOLITIONIST STATES FOR ALL CRIMES**  
States or territories where the death penalty is abolished.

**10** **ABOLITIONIST STATES FOR ORDINARY CRIMES**  
States or territories where the death penalty is abolished unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**26** **STATES WITH A MORATORIUM ON EXECUTIONS**  
States or territories where the death penalty is implemented but no executions have been carried out for at least 10 years and which did not oppose the latest UN resolution for a universal moratorium on executions and/or having ratified OP2\*.

**51** **RETENTIONIST STATES**  
States or territories where the death penalty is implemented.

\* Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.  
\*\* Palestine is a particular case: it cannot vote the moratorium resolution, has ratified OP2, but the death penalty is still applied in Gaza (last documented executions in 2022).