

2024

STATUS **RETENTIONIST**
LAST EXECUTION IN 2017EXECUTION METHOD **HANGING**

THE DEATH PENALTY IN MALAYSIA

140 PRISONERS ON DEATH ROW BY THE END OF 2024

PROFILE

2

WOMEN

with no access to gender-specific
health care services

27

FOREIGN NATIONALS

whose isolation is worsened
by language barrier

CHARGES

71%

MURDER,
OTHER

29%

DRUG
TRAFFICKING

- 89%

EVOLUTION
OF THE POPULATION
ON DEATH ROW
between 2023 and 2024

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS ABOLITION

APRIL
2023ABOLITION
OF THE MANDATORY
DEATH PENALTYREDUCTION OF THE
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE
OFFENCESRESENTENCING PROCESS
BY THE FEDERAL COURT

854

PERSONS ON DEATH ROW
HAVE HAD THEIR SENTENCE COMMUTEDOCT. 2023
APR. 2024

CONDITIONS OF DETENTION OF PEOPLE SENTENCED TO DEATH

PROLONGED
SOLITARY
CONFINEMENT

23hr a day locked in individual cell

Insufficient and poor quality food,
limited access to amenities, medicine
and phone calls without outside
financial support

PRISON OVERCROWDING

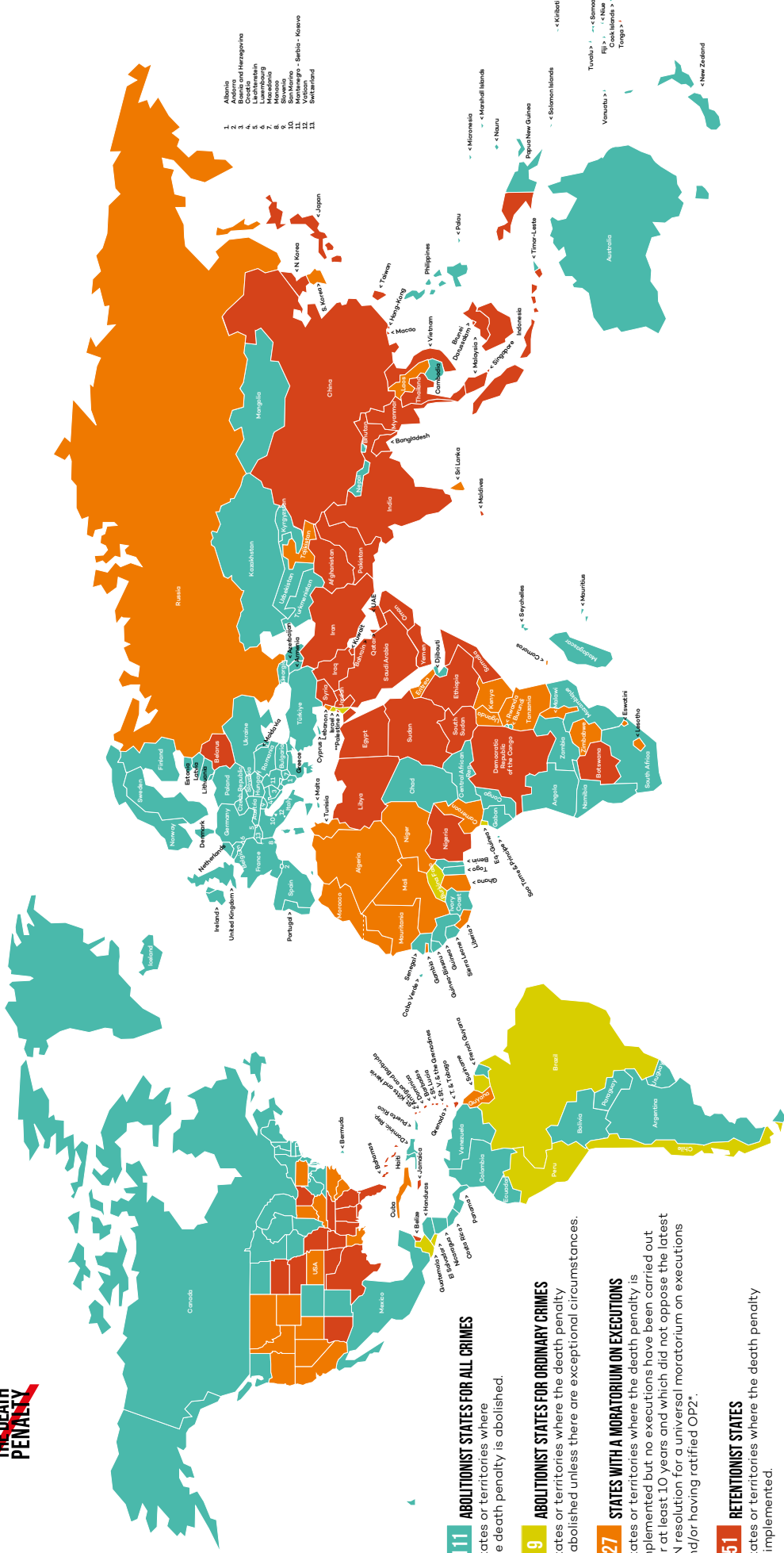
110%

AVERAGE
OCCUPANCY LEVEL
IN MALAYSIAN PRISONS

« ISOLATION AND DESOLATION »

A fact-finding mission report on the
death penalty in Malaysia by ECPM
and ADPAN (2020)IN-DEPTH
ANALYSISof the criminal and
penitentiary systemsASSESSMENT
of the conditions of
detention3 DEATH ROW
PRISONERS
INTERVIEWED,including 2 Malaysian men
and 1 foreign woman
from China + lawyers,
psychiatrists and familiesREAD THE
MISSION REPORT

THE DEATH PENALTY WORLDWIDE 2022



111 ABOLITIONIST STATES FOR ALL CRIMES

States or territories where the death penalty is abolished.

9 ABOLITIONIST STATES FOR ORDINARY CRIMES

States or territories where the death penalty is abolished unless there are exceptional circumstances.

27 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.
** **Polioactive** is a particular case: it cannot vote the moratorium resolution, has ratified OP2, but the death penalty is still applied in Gaza (last document of executions in 2022).