

2025

STATUS **RETENTIONIST**
LAST EXECUTION IN 2017

EXECUTION METHOD **HANGING**

THE DEATH PENALTY IN MALAYSIA



97 PEOPLE SENTENCED TO DEATH

DETAINED BY THE END OF 2025

- 92%

PROFILE (DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER 2025)

1

WOMAN

Women in detention have no access to **gender-specific health care services**

19

FOREIGN NATIONALS

whose isolation is worsened by **language barrier health care services**

CHARGES

22%
DRUG
TRAFFICKING



78%
MURDER,
OTHER



EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE UNDER A DEATH SENTENCE
between 2023 and 2025

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS ABOLITION

APRIL 2023

ABOLITION OF THE MANDATORY DEATH PENALTY



REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE OFFENCES

RESENTENCING PROCESS BY THE FEDERAL COURT

854 854 PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH HAVE HAD THEIR SENTENCE COMMUTED

**OCT. 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 ANALYSIS

of the criminal and penitentiary systems



ASSESSMENT

of conditions of detention



3 PEOPLE SENTENCED TO DEATH INTERVIEWED

including 2 Malaysian men and 1 foreign woman from China + lawyers, psychiatrists and families

UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A UNIVERSAL MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY



VOTE IN FAVOUR
since 2018