

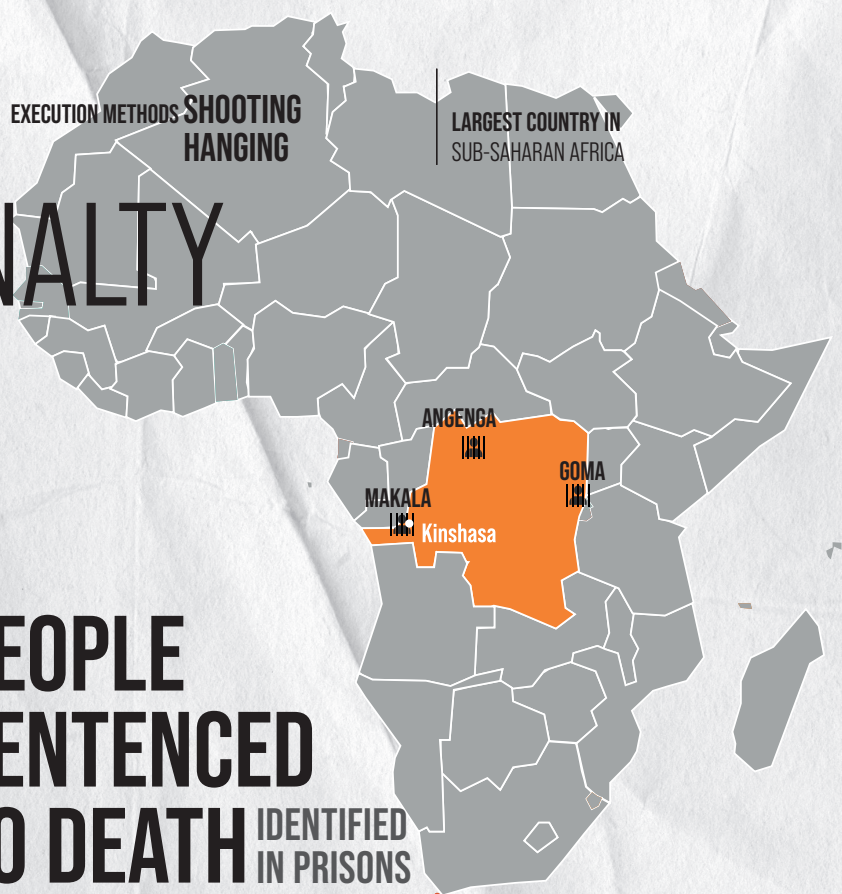
2025

STATUS **MORATORIUM**
LAST EXECUTION IN 2003

EXECUTION METHODS **SHOOTING**
HANGING

LARGEST COUNTRY IN
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

THE DEATH PENALTY IN **DRC** DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



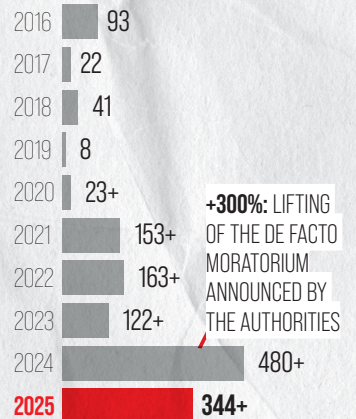
AT LEAST

950 PEOPLE SENTENCED TO DEATH

IDENTIFIED IN PRISONS

Some estimates reckon that 1,450 people are on death row, the highest figure on the African continent after Nigeria.

NUMBER OF DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS



PROFILE OF PEOPLE SENTENCED TO DEATH

42 YEARS
ON AVERAGE

AT LEAST **5**
WOMEN

AT LEAST **13**
NON-CONGOLESE

MOSTLY TRIED
by military jurisdiction,
for criminal conspiracy,
murder and armed robbery

APPROX. **30%** IN DETENTION
FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS

APPROX. **50%** SENTENCED TO DEATH
IN THE PAST 5 YEARS

PRISON OVERCROWDING

1000%

in Makala
(15,000 people
in a prison with a capacity
of 1,500)



LESS THAN **1M²**
PER PERSON
IN CELLS SHARED
BY UP TO 260 PEOPLE
in Ndolo
(they can only go out
for 1-2 hours a day)

THE FACT-FINDING MISSION REPORT IN A HELL OF POLITICAL VOLTE-FACES (2026) BY CPI, CCPM-RDC AND ECPM

19 PRISONS VISITED
out of the 80 nationwide

**279 PERSONS
SENTENCED TO DEATH
INTERVIEWED**

**73% REPORTED
COERCION BY
SECURITY FORCES**
in order to extract
confessions or information