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DEATH SENTENCES AND EXECUTIONS IN 1996

During 1996, at least 4,272 prisoners are known to have been executed in 39 countries and 7,107 people were sentenced to death in 76 countries. These figures include only cases known to Amnesty International; the true figures are certainly higher.

Death sentences are known to have been imposed in the following countries and territories in 1996:

AFGHANISTAN	GUATEMALA
ALBANIA	GUYANA
ALGERIA	INDIA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	IRAN
ARMENIA	IRAQ
AZERBAIDZHAN	JAMAICA
BAHAMAS	JAPAN
BAHRAIN	JORDAN
BANGLADESH	KAZAKHSTAN
BARBADOS	KENYA
BELARUS	KOREA (Democratic People's Republic)
BELIZE	(North Korea)
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	KOREA (Republic) (South Korea)
BULGARIA	KUWAIT
BURUNDI	KYRGYZSTAN
CAMEROON	LATVIA
CHILE	LEBANON
CHINA	LESOTHO
COMOROS	LITHUANIA
COTE D'IVOIRE	MADAGASCAR
CUBA	MALAWI
EGYPT	MALAYSIA
ESTONIA	MALI
ETHIOPIA	MONGOLIA
GEORGIA	MYANMAR
GHANA	NIGERIA

PAKISTAN
 PHILIPPINES
 POLAND
 RUSSIAN FEDERATION
 SAUDI ARABIA
 SIERRA LEONE
 SINGAPORE
 SOMALIA
 SUDAN
 TADZHIKISTAN
 TAIWAN
 THAILAND
 TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
 TURKEY
 TURKMENISTAN
 UGANDA
 UKRAINE
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 UZBEKISTAN
 VIET NAM
 YEMEN
 YUGOSLAVIA (Federal Republic of)
 ZAMBIA
 ZIMBABWE

Executions are known to have been carried out in the following countries in 1996

AFGHANISTAN	PAKISTAN
BAHAMAS	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
BAHRAIN	SAUDI ARABIA
BELARUS	SINGAPORE
CHINA	SOMALIA
COMOROS	SYRIA
EGYPT	TAIWAN
GUATEMALA	THAILAND
GUYANA	TURKMENISTAN
INDIA	UGANDA
IRAN	UKRAINE
IRAQ	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
JAPAN	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JORDAN	UZBEKISTAN
KAZAKSTAN	VIET NAM
KUWAIT	YEMEN
KYRGYZSTAN	ZIMBABWE
LATVIA	
LEBANON	
MALAYSIA	
MONGOLIA	
NIGERIA	

As in previous years, a small number of countries accounted for the vast majority of executions recorded. Amnesty International received reports of 3,500 executions in China, 167 executions in Ukraine, 140 executions in the Russian Federation and 110 executions in Iran. These four countries alone accounted for 92 per cent of all executions recorded by Amnesty International worldwide in 1996. Amnesty International also received unconfirmed reports of 123 executions in Turkmenistan. Amnesty International received reports of numerous executions in Iraq but was unable to confirm most of the reports or to give an exact figure.