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DEATH SENTENCES AND EXECUTIONS IN 1997

During 1997, at least 2,375 prisoners are known to have been executed in 40 countries and 3,707 sentenced to death in 69 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 1997:

AFGHANISTAN	IRAQ
ALGERIA	JAMAICA
ARMENIA	JAPAN
AZERBAIJAN	JORDAN
BAHAMAS	KAZAKSTAN
BANGLADESH	KENYA
BARBADOS	KOREA (Republic) (South Korea)
BELARUS	KUWAIT
BELIZE	KYRGYZSTAN
BULGARIA	LEBANON
BURUNDI	LESOTHO
CAMEROON	MALAWI
CHINA (People's Republic)	MALAYSIA
COMOROS	MOROCCO
CONGO (Democratic Republic)	MYANMAR
COTE D'IVOIRE	NIGERIA
EGYPT	PAKISTAN
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY
ESTONIA	PHILIPPINES
ETHIOPIA	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
GAMBIA	SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
GHANA	SAUDI ARABIA
GUATEMALA	SIERRA LEONE
GUYANA	SINGAPORE
INDIA	SOMALIA
INDONESIA	SUDAN
IRAN	TAJKISTAN

TAIWAN (Republic of China)
 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 1997:

AFGHANISTAN
 BANGLADESH
 BELARUS
 BURUNDI
 CAMEROON
 CHINA (People's Republic)
 COMOROS
 CONGO (Democratic Republic)
 EGYPT
 GUYANA
 INDIA
 IRAN
 IRAQ
 JAPAN
 JORDAN
 KAZAKSTAN
 KOREA (Republic)(South Korea)
 KUWAIT
 KYRGYZSTAN
 LEBANON
 LIBYA

MALAYSIA
 NIGERIA
 PAKISTAN
 RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Chechen
 Republic - Ichkeriya)
 SAUDI ARABIA
 SIERRA LEONE
 SINGAPORE
 SOMALIA
 TAIWAN
 THAILAND
 TURKMENISTAN
 UKRAINE
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 UZBEKISTAN
 VIET NAM
 YEMEN
 ZAMBIA
 ZIMBABWE

As in previous years, a small number of countries accounted for the vast majority of executions recorded. Amnesty International received reports of 1,644 executions in China, 143 executions in Iran and 122 executions in Saudi Arabia, while in the United States of America executions rose to 74 in 1997. These four countries alone accounted for 84 per cent of all executions recorded by Amnesty International worldwide in 1997. Known executions in other countries ranged from one to 38. Amnesty International received reports of hundreds of executions in Iraq but was unable to confirm most of the reports or to give an exact figure.