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Further information on UA 223/01 (MDE 13/035/2001, 6 September 2001) - Imminent flogging

**IRAN11 young males, including minors**

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Five of the 11 young men reportedly received 80 lashes each during weekly Friday prayers on 7 September. Some were apparently as young as 14.

The flogging was carried out in Shandiz, a town 35km north of Mashhad. The other six were acquitted, according to the state Islamic Republic News Agency.

This brings to 245 the number of floggings recorded by Amnesty International in Iran this year, although the true figure may be much higher. It is the latest in a spate of floggings, which has sparked intense debate in Iran between the judiciary and members of the Islamic Consultative Assembly (parliament) about the use of public punishments.

**Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action from the Urgent Action network is needed.**