

DEATH PENALTY NEWS

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COUNTRY	DATE	SUBJECT
Bahamas	May	Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (UK) abolishes mandatory death sentence
Bahrain	December	First executions in 10 years
Botswana	May	Secret execution
China	May	Ratifies extradition treaty on death penalty New regulations on organ transplants
	December	New death penalty legislation passed
Egypt	September	Two brothers executed after unfair trial
Equatorial Guinea	May	Public execution
France	September	President Chirac in May announced his intention to include abolition in the French constitution
Georgia	December	President signs constitutional amendment regarding total abolition
Indonesia	September	First executions since 2005
Iran	May	Another child offender executed
	September	Stoning to death reported
	December	Child offenders executed
Iraq	May	13 men executed
	December	Saddam Hussein executed
Japan	December	Four executions
Jordan	September	Reduces scope of death penalty
Kyrgyzstan	December	President signs new constitution without provisions for the death penalty
Liberia	May	Law on gang rape changed to life imprisonment
Libya	December	Re-sentences foreign medical workers to death
Moldova	September	Clause providing for death penalty deleted from constitution
Montenegro	December	Recognized as UN member state in June
Nigeria	December	Commutations announced
Pakistan	May	Unlawful executions in tribal areas
	September	Child offender executed

	December	President commutes death sentence of UK citizen
Papua New Guinea	May	Three death sentences changed to life imprisonment
Peru	September	Possible expansion of scope of death penalty
Philippines	May September	Mass commutations Abolition
Poland	September	Polish president calls for restoration of death penalty in Poland and Europe
Puerto Rico	May	Supreme Court of P.R. reverses decision by Court of Appeals not to allow extradition of Puerto Rican to USA
Russia	December	Moratorium to continue until 2010
Saudi Arabia	December	Executions
Somalia	May	Child publicly executes father's killer
South Africa	December	Constitutional Court rules process to substitute all death sentences with alternative sentences is complete
South Korea	May	Death penalty bill under review
United Arab Emirates	September	Death sentence by stoning commuted to one year's imprisonment by appeal court
United States of America	May September December	Florida – John Ballard becomes 123 rd exoneree New Jersey – moratorium Pennsylvania and South Carolina – rulings on mental competence for execution Ohio – Execution by lethal injection takes 86 minutes to complete US Supreme Court hears lethal injection issues US Supreme Court issues two judgements American Bar Association unanimously passes resolution on death penalty Florida – Botched execution leads to moratorium California - moratorium
Viet Nam	May	Possible reduction in scope of death penalty
United Nations	May	Members elected to new Human Rights Council
Caribbean Court of Justice	December	First death penalty ruling
World Coalition against the Death Penalty (WCADP)	December	World Day 2006 theme was: “The death penalty as a failure of justice”
Community of Sant'Egidio	December	Fifth event commemorated by more than 500 cities around the world
Amnesty International	May	Annual statistics show 20,000 prisoners around world on death row