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### **DEATH SENTENCES AND EXECUTIONS IN 1991**

#### **Summary**

Attached is an EXTERNAL list of countries which imposed death sentences and of those which carried out executions in 1991.

Amnesty International learned of 2,086 prisoners executed in 32 countries and of 2,703 sentenced to death in 62 countries. These figures include only cases known to Amnesty International; the true figures are certainly higher.

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#### **Distribution**

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#### **Recommended actions**

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During 1991, 2,086 prisoners are known to have been executed in 32 countries and 2,703 sentenced to death in 62 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 1991:

ALBANIA  
ALGERIA  
BAHAMAS  
BANGLADESH  
BARBADOS  
BELIZE  
BERMUDA  
BHUTAN  
CAMEROON  
CHAD  
CHINA (People's  
Republic)  
COTE D'IVOIRE  
DJIBOUTI  
EGYPT  
ETHIOPIA  
GHANA  
GRENADA  
GUYANA  
INDIA  
INDONESIA  
IRAN  
IRAQ  
JAMAICA  
JAPAN  
JORDAN  
KENYA  
KOREA (Republic)  
(South Korea)  
KUWAIT  
LEBANON  
LESOTHO  
MALAYSIA

MAURITIUS  
MONGOLIA  
MOROCCO  
MYANMAR  
NIGERIA  
PAKISTAN  
RWANDA  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND  
NEVIS  
SAINT LUCIA  
SAINT VINCENT AND THE  
GRENADINES  
SAUDI ARABIA  
SIERRA LEONE  
SINGAPORE  
SOMALIA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
SRI LANKA  
SUDAN  
SWAZILAND  
SYRIA  
TAIWAN (Republic of China)  
TANZANIA  
THAILAND  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
TUNISIA  
TURKEY  
UGANDA  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
VIET NAM  
YEMEN

Executions are known to have been carried out in the following countries in 1991:

<b>ALBANIA</b>	<b>MONGOLIA</b>
<b>ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b>	<b>NIGERIA</b>
<b>CHAD</b>	<b>PAKISTAN</b>
<b>CHINA (People's Republic)</b>	<b>SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES</b>
<b>CUBA</b>	<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>
<b>EGYPT</b>	<b>SINGAPORE</b>
<b>ETHIOPIA</b>	<b>SOMALIA</b>
<b>INDIA</b>	<b>SOUTH AFRICA*</b>
<b>INDONESIA</b>	<b>SUDAN</b>
<b>IRAN</b>	<b>SYRIA</b>
<b>IRAQ</b>	<b>TAIWAN (Republic of China)</b>
<b>JORDAN</b>	<b>TANZANIA</b>
<b>KENYA</b>	<b>TUNISIA</b>
<b>KOREA (Republic) South Korea</b>	<b>UGANDA</b>
<b>MALAYSIA</b>	<b>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</b>
	<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>
	<b>YEMEN</b>

As in previous years, a handful of countries accounted for the majority of executions recorded. Amnesty International recorded 1,084 executions in China and 775 executions in Iran, but the true figures were believed to be higher. These two countries alone accounted for 89 per cent of all executions recorded.

The worldwide total was close to the 2,229 executions recorded in 1989. The 1991 total is the second highest annual figure recorded by Amnesty International since 1981.

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\* Two prisoners were executed in the nominally independent South African "homeland" of Venda.