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China: Execution of Uighurs brings total to four in three weeks

Two more Uighurs have been executed in northwest China for political offences, according to news agency reports. Sixteen others were jailed on charges of endangering national security and illegally organizing a political party. To Amnesty International's knowledge, the trials of all eighteen Uighurs were held behind closed doors.

The organization is deeply concerned that the Uighurs may not have received a fair trial under international standards. It is not clear whether they had access to defence lawyers of their own choosing or could cross-examine witnesses. The quality of the evidence used against them remains unknown.

Aihe Maititashi and Luohe Man Maimaiti were sentenced to death after a court found them guilty of illegally producing explosives in the Xinjiang Autonomous Region (XUAR), said Reuters and AFP. They were also charged with using armed tactics to split the country. They were executed on 21 July. Amnesty International strongly condemns the executions.

Two other Uighurs, Idris Kadir, 29, and Kuerba Tudaji, were executed on 19 July and 30 June respectively. Both were sentenced on similar charges related to 'separatism'.

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