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.

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Distribution

As above.

Recommended actions

The information in the attached list may be included in general publicity about the death penalty. There is no embargo.
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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:

ALBANIA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
CHAD
CHINA (People’s Republic)
CUBA
EGYPT
ETHIOPIA
INDIA
INDONESIA
IRAN
IRAQ
JORDAN
KENYA
KOREA (Republic)
MONGOLIA
NIGERIA
PAKISTAN
SAINT VINCENET AND THE GRENADINES
SAUDI ARABIA
SINGAPORE
SOMALIA
SOUTH AFRICA*
SUDAN
SYRIA
TAIWAN (Republic of China)
TANZANIA
TUNISIA
UGANDA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
YEMEN

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.

* Two prisoners were executed in the nominally independent South African “homeland” of Venda.