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Dear ADPAN members

**FIRST ISSUE OF E-NEWS for the ASIA PACIFIC REGION, ASA 01/006/2007**

At Amnesty we get a lot of information on the death penalty from a variety of sources covering all countries in the Asia Pacific. Some of these are press reports we want to share with you for your work against the death penalty regionally. We hope that this e-news is one means of sending you important news stories which reflect the debate and discussions going on in individual countries as well as regionally and globally which you can use when relevant.

The e-news does not attempt to cover all press reports on the death penalty but rather is a selection of stories we consider the most relevant. Some of our information comes from ADPAN members - so please pass along any stories and we will consider including these whenever we can. I don't intend to make this e-news a lengthy document because I know from experience people don't have time to read long documents. But please give us your feedback on whether you think this is useful.

The e-news will be numbered and hopefully sent to you every three months. Each issue will be broken down by:

country  
regional issues  
worldwide and  
general arguments against the death penalty.

This first issue covers 11 countries: China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Vietnam.

Best wishes

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### CHINA

#### **Death penalty for destroyers of China power facilities**

Xinhua, 14/09/07

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-09/14/content\\_6723510.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-09/14/content_6723510.htm)

#### **China says death sentences fewest in a decade**

Reuters, 03/09/07

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/gc04/idUKPEK26188120070903>

#### **Death rare for economic crimes**

Xinhua, 02/08/07

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-08/02/content\\_6466454.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-08/02/content_6466454.htm)

### INDIA

#### **Why death penalty in a civilised society?**

Meri News, 17/09/07

<http://www.merineews.com/catFull.jsp?articleID=126458>

#### **Sikhs Across Europe Call for End to Death Penalty in India**

Panthic Weekly, 29/08/07

<http://www.panthic.org/news/124/ARTICLE/3509/2007-08-29.html>

#### **Failing to get pardon for 50 on death row, Kalam says let Patil decide**

Indian Express, 29/07/07

<http://www.indianexpress.com/story/207466.html>

#### **Need to treat terror as a federal crime, let death penalty stay:reform panel**

Indian Express, 25/07/07

<http://www.indianexpress.com/printerFriendly/206760.html>

### INDONESIA

#### **Catholics In Indonesia: "No Death Penalty For Bali Terrorists"**

Asia News, 18/09/07

<http://www.asianews.it/index.php?l=en&art=10326&theme=5&size=A>

#### **Final Bali 9 appeal dismissed**

The Heral Dun, 14/08/07

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,22248190-5005961,00.html>

#### **AFP role still mystifies Rush**

The Bulletin, 14/07/07  
<http://bulletin.ninemsn.com.au/article.aspx?id=280628>

## **JAPAN**

### **Japanese minister wants 'automatic' executions**

Khaleej Times, 25/09/07  
[http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticleNew.asp?xfile=data/theworld/2007/September/theworld\\_September708.xml&section=theworld](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticleNew.asp?xfile=data/theworld/2007/September/theworld_September708.xml&section=theworld)

### **A 81 year-old person waiting for the execution of capital punishment for the past 43 years**

Asian Human Right Commission, 07/09/07  
<http://www.ahrchk.net/ua/mainfile.php/2007/2568/>

### **CABINET INTERVIEW----NEW JUSTICE MINISTER; Hatoyama a hawk on death penalty, illegal immigrants**

The Japan Times, 04/09/07  
<http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20070904a5.html>

## **MALAYSIA**

### **9 Years on Death Row, Denied Appeal**

IPS, 26/08/07  
<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=39018>

### **Malaysian lawyer blasts judges for delaying death row inmates' appeals**

International Herald Tribune, 21/08/07  
<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/08/22/asia/AS-GEN-Malaysia-Tardy-Judges.php>

## **MALDIVES**

### **IDP Election Pledge to Punish Drug Offenders with Death Sentence**

Minivan News, 16/09/07  
<http://www.minivannews.com/news/news.php?id=3644>

## **PAKISTAN**

### **Discourage the death penalty**

Daily Times, 23/09/07  
[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2007%5C09%5C23%5Cstory\\_23-9-2007\\_pg3\\_5](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2007%5C09%5C23%5Cstory_23-9-2007_pg3_5)

### **You're no juvenile, LHC tells death row convict**

Daily Times, 26/07/07  
[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2007\07\26\story\\_26-7-2007\\_pg10\\_3](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2007\07\26\story_26-7-2007_pg10_3)

## **SOUTH KOREA**

### **Campaign Starts to Scrap Death Penalty**

The Korea Times, 18/09/07  
[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/nation\\_view.asp?newsIdx=10394&categoryCode=117](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/nation_view.asp?newsIdx=10394&categoryCode=117)

## **SRI LANKA**

**No Sri Lankan legal aid for young maid facing death sentence in Saudi Arabia**

WSWS News, 21/08/07  
<http://www.wsws.org/articles/2007/aug2007/sril-a21.shtml>

## **TAIWAN**

### **The Hsichih Trio: a judicial disaster**

Taipei Times, 01/07/07

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/editorials/archives/2007/07/01/2003367647>

## **VIET NAM**

### **Wrongfully accused receives reparations**

Vietnam News, 01/09/07

<http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/showarticle.php?num=01SOC010907>

## **REGIONAL**

### **Asean agrees to create human rights body**

Breitbart, 30/07/07

[http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D8QMPLC80&show\\_article=1&cat=0](http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D8QMPLC80&show_article=1&cat=0)

## **WORLDWIDE:**

## **STEPS TOWARDS ABOLITION/ ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY**

### **Abolition Close, But Sceptre of Death Remains**

IPS, 24/09/07

<http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=39377>

### **UN DEATH PENALTY VOTE CAN HELP STOP CYCLE OF REVENGE**

IPS, 21/09/07

<http://ipsnews.net/columns.asp?idnews=39352>

### **Poland blocks EU over death penalty**

The Guardian, 12/09/07

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/eu/story/0,,2167017,00.html>

## **ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY**

### **30/06/07 'Beyond the death penalty debate'**

Project Syndicate

<http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/cassese2>