

JAPAN: STOP THE EXECUTION OF MENTALLY ILL PRISONERS

Mentally ill prisoners continue to be executed in Japan, in violation of international standards.

Horie Morio has been under sentence of death for 18 years following his conviction for the murder of two people. When he dropped his appeal in 1993, the Supreme Court found that he lacked mental capacity and suspended the trial process for a period of five years.

Mental health assessments confirmed that Horie Morio suffers from both mental illness and intellectual disability. In that five-year period, he was sent to a medical prison where he received treatment. After he was found competent he was returned to prison where he remains in solitary confinement.

There are serious questions about Horie Morio's mental status and Amnesty International is appealing to the Japanese government for his sentence to be commuted.

Like all death row prisoners in Japan, Horie Morio could be executed at any time.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

PLEASE SIGN AND SEND THIS POSTCARD TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN JAPAN.

Image: Tokyo Detention House, one of seven locations in Japan where prisoners are executed. © Amnesty International. Index: ASA 22/009/2009



Dear Minister,

I respectfully urge the Government of Japan to:

- Initiate an immediate independent review of Horie Morio's case, including a full medical evaluation.
- Commute the death sentence of Horie Morio on account of his mental illness and intellectual disability.
- Grant Horie Morio a fair retrial that conforms to international fair trial standards.
- Immediately introduce a moratorium on executions with a view to reviewing laws which permit the use of the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,	
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