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## Death Sentences and Executions in 2001

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During 2001, at least 3,048 people were executed in 31 countries. At least 5,265 people were sentenced to death in 68 countries. These figures include only cases known to Amnesty International; the true figures were certainly higher.

**Death sentences are known to have been imposed in the following countries and territories in 2001:**

AFGHANISTAN	INDIA
ALGERIA	INDONESIA
ARMENIA	IRAN
BAHAMAS	IRAQ
BANGLADESH	JAMAICA
BELARUS	JAPAN
BELIZE	JORDAN
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	KAZAKSTAN
BURUNDI	KENYA
CAMEROON	KOREA (SOUTH)
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	KUWAIT
CHINA	KYRGYZSTAN
CONGO (Democratic Republic)	LEBANON
CUBA	LIBYA
EGYPT	MALAYSIA
ETHIOPIA	MAURITANIA
GHANA	MONGOLIA
GRENADA	MOROCCO
GUATEMALA	MYANMAR
GUINEA	NIGERIA
GUYANA	OMAN

PAKISTAN  
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY  
RWANDA  
SAUDI ARABIA  
SINGAPORE  
SOMALIA  
SRI LANKA  
SUDAN  
SWAZILAND  
TAIWAN  
TAJKISTAN  
TANZANIA  
THAILAND  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PHILIPPINES  
QATAR  
TURKEY  
UGANDA  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
UZBEKISTAN  
VIET NAM  
YEMEN  
YUGOSLAVIA  
ZAMBIA  
ZIMBABWE

**Executions are known to have been carried out in the following countries and territories in 2001:**

AFGHANISTAN  
BANGLADESH  
BELARUS  
BOTSWANA  
CHINA  
EGYPT  
GUINEA  
INDONESIA  
IRAN  
IRAQ  
JAPAN  
JORDAN  
KAZAKSTAN  
KOREA (NORTH)  
KUWAIT  
MALAYSIA

OMAN  
PAKISTAN  
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY  
SAUDI ARABIA  
SINGAPORE  
SOMALIA  
SUDAN  
TAIWAN  
TAJKISTAN  
THAILAND  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
UZBEKISTAN  
VIET NAM  
YEMEN  
ZIMBABWE

The vast majority of executions worldwide were carried out in a tiny handful of countries. In 2001, 90 per cent of all known executions took place in China, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the USA. In China, limited and incomplete records available to Amnesty International at the end of the year indicated that at least 2,468 people were executed, but the true figure was believed to be much higher. At least 139 executions were carried out in Iran. In Saudi Arabia, 79 executions were reported, but the total may have been much higher. Sixty-six people were executed in the USA.

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