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Death sentences and executions in 2002

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During 2002, at least 1,526 people were executed in 31 countries. At least 3,248 people were sentenced to death in 67 countries. These figures include only cases known to Amnesty International; the true figures were certainly higher.

Executions are known to have been carried out in the following countries and territories in 2002:

BELARUS	SAUDIA ARABIA
CHINA	SINGAPORE
EGYPT	SOMALIA
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	SUDAN
INDIA	SYRIA
IRAN	TAIWAN
IRAQ	TAJIKISTAN
JAPAN	THAILAND
JORDAN	UGANDA
KAZAKSTAN	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
KOREA (NORTH)	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
KUWAIT	UZBEKISTAN
MALAYSIA	VIET NAM
NIGERIA	YEMEN
PAKISTAN	ZIMBABWE
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	

Death sentences are known to have been imposed in the following countries and territories in 2002:

AFGHANISTAN	MALAYSIA
ALGERIA	MAURITANIA
ARMENIA	MOROCCO
BAHAMAS	MYANMAR
BANGLADESH	NIGERIA
BURUNDI	PAKISTAN
CAMEROON	PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	PHILIPPINES
CHINA	QATAR
CONGO (Democratic Republic)	RWANDA
CUBA	SAINT LUCIA
EGYPT	SAMOA
ETHIOPIA	SAUDI ARABIA
FIJI	SINGAPORE
GHANA	SOMALIA
GRENADA	SRI LANKA
GUYANA	SUDAN
INDIA	SYRIA
INDONESIA	TAIWAN
IRAN	TAJIKISTAN
IRAQ	TANZANIA
JAMAICA	THAILAND
JAPAN	TOGO
JORDAN	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
KAZAKSTAN	TURKEY
KENYA	UGANDA
KOREA (NORTH)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
KOREA (SOUTH)	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
KUWAIT	UZBEKISTAN
KYRGYZSTAN	VIET NAM
LAOS	YEMEN
LEBANON	ZAMBIA
LIBYA	ZIMBABWE
MALAWI	

As in previous years, the vast majority of executions worldwide were carried out in a tiny handful of countries. In 2002, 81 per cent of all known executions took place in China, Iran and the USA. In China, limited and incomplete records available to Amnesty International at the end of the year indicated that at least 1,060 people were executed, but the true figure was believed to be much higher. At least 113 executions were carried out in Iran. Seventy-one people were executed in the USA.

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