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Death sentences and executions in 2004

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During 2004, at least 3,797 people were executed in 25 countries. At least 7,395 people were sentenced to death in 64 countries. These were only minimum figures; the true figures were certainly higher.

Executions are known to have been carried out in the following countries in 2004:

AFGHANISTAN

BANGLADESH

BELARUS

CHINA

EGYPT

INDIA

INDONESIA

IRAN

JAPAN

JORDAN

KOREA (NORTH)

KUWAIT

LEBANON

PAKISTAN

SAUDI ARABIA

SINGAPORE

SOMALIA

SUDAN

SYRIA

TAIWAN

TAJKISTAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UZBEKISTAN

VIET NAM

YEMEN

Death sentences are known to have been imposed in the following countries and territories in 2004:

AFGHANISTAN	LEBANON
ALGERIA	LIBYA
BAHAMAS	MALAYSIA
BANGLADESH	MOROCCO
BARBADOS	NIGERIA
BELARUS	OMAN
BELIZE	PAKISTAN
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY
BURUNDI	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
CAMEROON	PHILIPPINES
CHAD	QATAR
CHINA	RWANDA
CONGO (Democratic Republic)	SAUDI ARABIA
EGYPT	SENEGAL
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	SIERRA LEONE
ERITREA	SINGAPORE
ETHIOPIA	SOMALIA
GUATEMALA	SRI LANKA
GUYANA	SUDAN
INDIA	SYRIA
INDONESIA	TAIWAN
IRAN	TAJKISTAN
IRAQ	TANZANIA
JAMAICA	THAILAND
JAPAN	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
JORDAN	UGANDA
KENYA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
KOREA (NORTH)	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
KOREA (SOUTH)	UZBEKISTAN
KUWAIT	VIET NAM
KYRGYZSTAN	YEMEN
LAOS	ZIMBABWE

As in previous years, the vast majority of executions worldwide were carried out in a tiny handful of countries. In 2004, 97 per cent of all known executions took place in China, Iran, Viet Nam and the USA.

Based on public reports available, Amnesty International estimated that at least 3,400 people were executed in China during the year, although the true figures were believed to be much higher. In March 2004 a delegate at the National People's Congress said that "nearly 10,000" people are executed per year in China.

Iran executed at least 159 people, and Viet Nam at least 64. There were 59 executions in the USA, down from 65 in 2003.

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