

2023

STATUS **RETENTIONIST**

STATE WITH THE HIGHEST EXECUTION RATE
IN THE WORLD RELATIVE TO ITS POPULATION

THE DEATH PENALTY IN IRAN

ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC
OF IRAN

EXECUTION METHODS
**PUBLIC
HANGING
FIRING SQUAD
CRUCIFIXION
STONING**



AT LEAST

834 PEOPLE
EXECUTED
including 7 in public

This represents a 43% increase over the number of executions in 2022.
The highest number of executions since 2015.

PROFILE OF THE PEOPLE
EXECUTED

Highest
number
since 2014

AT LEAST **22**
WOMEN

AT LEAST **2**
JUVENILE OFFENDERS

AT LEAST **8**
PROTESTERS

AT LEAST

857
MURDER
CONVICTS
SENTENCED
TO DEATH
have been **forgiven**
by victims' families
under *qisas* laws

CHARGES

56%
DRUGS

34%
MURDER

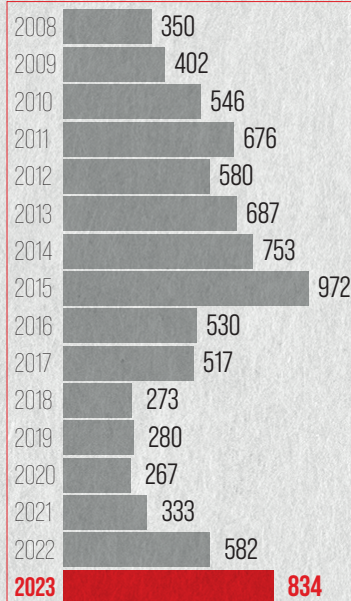
2%
RAPE,
SEXUAL ASSAULT

3%
OTHER
(adultery, blasphemy
or unknown)

5%

MOHAREBEH (waging war against God)
EFSAD-FIL-ARZ (corruption on earth)
BAGHI (armed rebellion)

EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER
OF EXECUTIONS
OVER THE LAST 16 YEARS



ETHNIC MINORITIES

150

PEOPLE EXECUTED
in Kurdistan, Sistan and Baluchistan,
Western and Eastern Azerbaijan
provinces



167

BALUCH PRISONERS
executed across the country
Baluch minority represent 2-6% of the population
in Iran and account for 20% of all executions

THE 16th ANNUAL REPORT ON
THE DEATH PENALTY IN IRAN IN 2023



**709 EXECUTIONS
NOT REPORTED**

by the authorities
(accounting for 85 % of executions)

Executions recorded
and documented in



**30 OF THE 31
PROVINCES**

MORE INFO AT
www.ecpm.org AND www.iranhr.net

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TOGETHER
AGAINST
THE DEATH
PENALTY

IRAN
HUMAN
RIGHTS

- Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
- **Palestine** is a particular case: It cannot vote the moratorium resolution, has ratified OP2, but the death penalty is still applied in Gaza (last documented executions in 2022).