



IRAN: EXECUTION OF WOMEN & CHILDREN

A Report by Safe World for Women

Iran reportedly executes more people per capita than any other country.

In the first 16 days of 2011, Iran had already hanged 47 prisoners - an average of about one person every eight hours.

Over the last 12 months, a total of at least 480 people have been hanged in Iran, including 46 public executions. 12 women are said to have been executed.

To date, three juveniles have been executed in Iran in 2011; most recently 17-year-old Alireza Molla-Soltani in September 2011 .

JUVENILES: Over 40 Juveniles executed since 2003.

The Islamic Penal Code states that girls are criminally responsible from age nine (age fifteen for boys).

According to Amnesty International, in the last eight years Iran has executed at least 43 juveniles (under the age of 18 when the offence was committed).

Execution of juveniles is prohibited by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, both of which Iran has signed and ratified.

CRANES: The most common form of execution in Iran is by hanging from a large, mobile construction crane. The execution is often carried out in public.

UNFAIR TRIALS: Serious failings in the Iranian judicial system commonly result in unfair trials.

Moreover, Iranian law is inherently biased against women. Evidence given by a woman in court is held to be worth half of that given by a man.

There are no female judges.

CRIMES PUNISHED BY THE DEATH PENALTY: Adultery, Lesbianism or Heresy can mean a death sentence.

Lesbianism is punishable by flogging for the first three 'offences'. However, if committed four times, the result is the death sentence.

Moharebeh is also a capital offence. It can be variously interpreted as 'heresy', 'working to undermine the Islamic system', or 'cooperating with foreign agents'.

This charge can be used to target women's rights campaigners, political dissidents, GLBT, ethnic and religious minorities and can be interpreted as 'cooperating with foreign agents or entities' of 'working to undermine the Islamic system'.

CALLS FOR ACTION

Safe World for Women calls upon the international community to put pressure on the Iranian regime to abide by international laws and covenants.

Safe World for Women also calls for worldwide participation in campaigns to stop the selling of construction cranes to Iran.

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