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Death sentences and executions in 2006

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During 2006, at least 1,591 people were executed in 25 countries.¹ At least 3,861 people were sentenced to death in 55 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 2006:

Country
BAHRAIN
BANGLADESH
BOTSWANA
CHINA
EGYPT
EQUATORIAL GUINEA
INDONESIA
IRAN
IRAQ
JAPAN
JORDAN
KOREA (North)
KUWAIT
MALAYSIA
MONGOLIA

¹ This information differs slightly from that shown in Amnesty International's Annual Report 2007 due to additional information on a further 47 executions in Sudan being received after the Annual Report had been finalised.

Country
PAKISTAN
SAUDI ARABIA
SINGAPORE
SOMALIA
SUDAN
SYRIA
UGANDA
USA
VIET NAM
YEMEN

Death sentences are known to have been imposed in the following countries in 2006:

Country
AFGHANISTAN
ALGERIA
BAHAMAS
BAHRAIN
BANGLADESH
BELARUS
BENIN
BOTSWANA
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
BURKINA FASO
BURUNDI
CHINA
CONGO (Dem. Rep)
EGYPT
GUINEA
GUYANA
INDIA
INDONESIA
IRAN
IRAQ
JAPAN
JORDAN
KAZAKSTAN
KENYA

Country
KOREA (North)
KOREA (South)
KUWAIT
KYRGYZSTAN
LAOS
LIBYA
MALAYSIA
MALI
MONGOLIA
MOROCCO
MYANMAR
NIGERIA
PAKISTAN
QATAR
SAUDI ARABIA
SINGAPORE
SOMALIA
SRI LANKA
SUDAN
SYRIA
TAIWAN
TANZANIA
THAILAND
TOGO
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
UGANDA
USA
UZBEKISTAN
VIET NAM
YEMEN
ZAMBIA

As in previous years, the vast majority of executions worldwide were carried out in a small handful of countries. In 2006, 91 per cent of all known executions took place in six countries: China, Iran, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan and the USA. Kuwait had the highest number of executions per capita of population, followed by Iran.

Based on public reports available, Amnesty International estimated that at least 1,010 people were executed in China during the year, although these figures are only the tip

of the iceberg. Credible sources suggest that between 7,500 to 8,000 people were executed in 2006. The official statistics remain a state secret, making monitoring and analysis problematic.

Iran executed 177 people, Pakistan 82 and Iraq and Sudan each at least 65. There were 53 executions in 12 states in the USA.

The worldwide figure for those currently condemned to death and awaiting execution is difficult to assess. The estimated number at the end of 2006 was between 19,185 and 24,646 based on information from human rights groups, media reports and the limited official figures available.

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