

## Executions of juveniles since 1990

The use of the death penalty for crimes committed by people younger than 18 is prohibited under international human rights law, yet some countries still execute child offenders. Such executions are few compared to the total number of executions in the world. Their significance goes beyond their number and calls into question the commitment of the executing states to respect international law.

Since 1990 Amnesty International has documented 82 executions of child offenders in 9 countries: China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the USA and Yemen. Several of these countries have changed their laws to exclude the practice. Executions of child offenders represent a tiny fraction of the total of executions worldwide recorded by Amnesty International each year. The USA and Iran have each executed more child offenders than the other eight countries combined and Iran has now exceeded the USA's total since 1990 of 19 child executions.

The first table below gives statistics on executions of child offenders recorded by Amnesty International since 1990. The second table gives case details.

### Recorded executions of child offenders since 1990: statistics

Year	Recorded executions of child offenders	Total recorded executions worldwide	Countries carrying out executions of child offenders (numbers of reported executions are shown in parentheses)
1990	2	2029	Iran (1), USA (1)
1991	0	2086	
1992	6	1708	Iran (3), Pakistan (1), Saudi Arabia (1), USA (1)
1993	5	1831	USA (4), Yemen (1)
1994	0	2331	--
1995	0	3276	--
1996	0	4272	--
1997	2	2607	Nigeria (1), Pakistan (1)
1998	3	2258	USA (3)
1999	2	1813	Iran (1), USA (1)
2000	6	1457	Congo (Democratic Republic) (1), Iran (1), USA (4)
2001	3	3048	Iran (1), Pakistan (1), USA (1)
2002	3	1526	USA (3)
2003	2	1146	China (1), USA (1)
2004	4	3797	China (1), Iran (3)
2005	10	2148	Iran (8), Sudan (2)

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2006	5	1591	Iran (4), Pakistan (1)
2007	14	1252	Iran (11), Saudi Arabia (2), Yemen (1)
2008	8	2390	Iran (8)
2009	7	not available	Iran (5), Saudi Arabia (2)

### **Recorded executions of child offenders since 1990: case details**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Name of prisoner</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of execution</b>
<b>China</b>	Zhao Lin	16 at time of offence	January 2003
	Gao Pan	16 or 17 at time of offence	8 March 2004
<b>Democratic Republic of Congo</b>	Kasongo	14 at time of execution	15 January 2000
<b>Iran</b>	Kazem Shirafkan	17 at time of execution	1990
	Three juveniles	One aged 16, two aged 17 at time of execution	29 September 1992
	Ebrahim Qorbanzadeh	17 at time of execution	24 October 1999
	Jassem Ebrahimi	17 at time of execution	14 October 2000
	Mehrdad Yousefi	16 at time of offence	29 May 2001
	Mohammad Mohammadzadeh	17 at time of offence	25 January 2004
	Salman	17 at time of offence	12 May 2004
	Atefeh Rajabi Sahaaleh	16 at time of execution	15 August 2004
	Iman Farrokhi	17 at time of offence	19 January 2005
	Ali Safarpour Rajabi	16 or 17 at time of offence	13 July 2005
	Mahmoud Asghari	15 or 16 at time of offence	19 July 2005
	Ayaz Marhoni	16 or 17 at time of offence	19 July 2005
	Farshid Farighi	14 to 16 at time of offences	1 August 2005
	Name unknown	17 at time of execution	23 August 2005

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	Name unknown	17 at time of offence	12 September 2005
	Rostam Tajik	16 at time of offence	10 December 2005
	Majid Segound (Sagvand)	17 at time of execution	13 May 2006
	Sattar	17 at time of offence	September 2006
	Morteza M	16 at time of offence	7 November 2006
	Naser Batmani	under 18 at time of offence	December 2006
	Mohammad Mousawi	16 at time of offence	22 April 2007
	Sa'id Qanabar Zahi	17 at time of execution	27 May 2007
	Mohammad Pezhman (Pejman)	Under 18 at time of offence	29 May 2007
	Amir Asgari	Under 18 at time of offence	10 October 2007
	Hossein Gharabaghloo	16 at time of offence	17 October 2007
	Babak Rahimi	17 at time of execution	17 October 2007
	Two juveniles	Under 18 at time of offence	October 2007
	Mohamad Reza Tork	16 at time of offence	15 November 2007
	Makwan Moloudzadeh	13 at time of offence	4 December 2007
	Amir Hoshang Fazlollahzadeh	under 18 at time of offence	31 December 2007
	Javad Shojaee	16 at time of offence	26 February 2008
	Mohammad Hassanzadeh	16 or 17 at time of execution	10 June 2008
	Hasan Mozafari	Under 18 at time of offence	22 July 2008
	Rahman Shahidi	Under 18 at time of offence	22 July 2008
	Reza Hejazi	15 at the time of the offence	19 August 2008
	Behnam Zare	15 at the time of the	26 August

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		offence	2008
	Gholamreza H	17 at the time of the offence	29 October 2008
	Ahmad Zare	17 at the time of the offence	30 December 2008
	Mola Gol Hassan	17 at the time of the offence	21 January 2009
	Delara Darabi	17 at the time of the offence	1 May 2009
	Ali Jafari	17 at the time of the offence	20 May 2009
	Behnoud Shojaee	17 at the time of the offence	11 October 2009
	Mosleh Zamani	17 at the time of the offence	17 December 2009
<b>Nigeria</b>	Chiebore Onuoha	15 at time of offence, 17 at time of execution	31 July 1997
<b>Pakistan</b>	One juvenile	17 at time of execution	15 November 1992
	Shamun Masih	14 at time of offence	30 September 1997
	Ali Sher	13 at time of offence	3 November 2001
	Mutabar Khan	16 at time of offence	13 June 2006
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Sadeq Mal-Allah	17 when sentenced to death	3 September 1992
	Dhahian Rakan al-Sibai'I	15 or 16 at time of offence	21 July 2007
	Moeid bin Hussein Hakami	16 at time of execution	17 July 2007
	Sultan Bin Sulayman Bin Muslim al-Muwallad	17 at the time of the offence	10 May 2009
	'Issa bin Muhammad 'Umar Muhammad	17 at the time of the offence	10 May 2009
<b>Sudan</b>	Mohammed Jamal Gesmallah	16 at time of offence	31 August 2005
	Imad Ali Abdullah	17 at time of offence	31 August 2005
<b>USA</b>	Dalton Prejean	17 at time of offence	18 May 1990
	Johnny Garrett	17 at time of offence	11 February 1992

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	Curtis Harris	17 at time of offence	1 July 1993
	Frederick Lashley	17 at time of offence	28 July 1993
	Christopher Burger	17 at time of offence	7 December 1993
	Ruben Cantu	17 at time of offence	24 August 1993
	Joseph John Cannon	17 at time of offence	22 April 1998
	Robert Anthony Carter	17 at time of offence	18 May 1998
	Dwayne Allen Wright	17 at time of offence	14 October 1998
	Sean Sellers	16 at time of offence	4 February 1999
	Steve Roach	17 at time of offence	10 January 2000
	Chris Thomas	17 at time of offence	13 January 2000
	Glen McGinnis	17 at time of offence	25 January 2000
	Gary Graham	17 at time of offence	22 June 2000
	Gerald Mitchell	17 at time of offence	22 October 2001
	Napolean Beazley	17 at time of offence	28 May 2002
	T.J. Jones	17 at time of offence	8 August 2002
	Toronto Patterson	17 at time of offence	28 August 2002
	Scott Allen Hain	17 at time of offence	3 April 2003
<b>Yemen</b>	Naseer Munir Nasser al'Kirbi	13 at time of execution	21 July 1993
	Adil Muhammad Saif al-Ma'amari	16 at time of offence	February 2007