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EXECUTIONS OF PERSONS WHO WERE CHILDREN AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENCE: 1990 - 2024

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 persons who were convicted as a child. Such executions are few compared to the total number of executions recorded by Amnesty International each year but their significance goes beyond their number and calls into question the commitment of the executing states to respect international law and, in particular, children’s human rights.

Since 1990, Amnesty International has documented 176 executions of persons who were children at the time of the offence for which they had been convicted in 11 countries: China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, USA and Yemen. Several of these countries have changed their laws to exclude the practice. Iran has executed more than twice as many such persons as the other 10 countries combined. By the end of 2024, Iran has executed 122 individuals who were children at the time of the offence, since 1990.

The first table below gives statistics on executions of persons who were children at the time of the offence which have been recorded by Amnesty International since 1990. The second table gives case details.

RECORDED EXECUTIONS OF PERSONS WHO WERE CHILDREN AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENCE
SINCE 1990: STATISTICS

Year	Yearly recorded executions of children at time of offence	Total recorded executions worldwide	Countries carrying out executions of persons who were children at the time of the offence (numbers of reported executions are shown in parentheses)
1990	2	2029	Iran (1), USA (1)

Year	Yearly recorded executions of children at time of offence	Total recorded executions worldwide	Countries carrying out executions of persons who were children at the time of the offence (numbers of reported executions are shown in parentheses)
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	1	3276	Iran (1)
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	Democratic Republic of the Congo (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	

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			China (1), Iran (3)
2005	10	2148	Iran (8), Sudan (2)
2006	5	1591	Iran (4), Pakistan (1)
2007	14	1252	Iran (11), Saudi Arabia (2), Yemen (1)
2008	8	2390	Iran (8)
2009	7	714, excluding China	Iran (5), Saudi Arabia (2)
2010	1	527, excluding China	Iran (1)
2011	7	676, excluding China	Iran (7)
2012	5	682, excluding China	Iran (4), Yemen (1)
2013	12	778, excluding China	Iran (9), Saudi Arabia (3)
2014	12	607, excluding China	Iran (12)
2015	9	1,634, excluding China	Iran (4), Pakistan (5)

Year	Yearly recorded executions of children at time of offence	Total recorded executions worldwide	Countries carrying out executions of persons who were children at the time of the offence (numbers of reported executions are shown in parentheses)
2016	2	1,032, excluding China	Iran (2)
2017	6	993, excluding China	Iran (4), South Sudan (2)
2018	8	690, excluding China	Iran (7), South Sudan (1)
2019	7	657, excluding China	Iran (5), Saudi Arabia (1), South Sudan (1)
2020	3	483, excluding China	Iran (3)
2021	3	579, excluding China	Iran (3)
2022	5	835, excluding China	Iran (5)
2023	5	1,153, excluding China	Iran (5)
2024	8	1518, excluding China	Iran (4), Somalia (4)

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CRIME SINCE 1990: CASE DETAILS

Country	Name of prisoner	Age	Date of execution
China	Zhao Lin	16 at time of offence	January 2003
	Gao Pan	16 or 17 at time of offence	8 March 2004
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kasongo	14 at time of execution	15 January 2000
Iran	Kazem Shirafkan	17 at time of execution	1990
	Three children	One aged 16, two aged 17 at time of execution	29 September 1992
	Manuchehr Taherian	16 at time of execution	November 1995
	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

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	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
	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

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	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 children	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

Country	Name of prisoner	Age	Date of execution
			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 time of offence	19 August 2008
	Behnam Zare	15 at time of offence	26 August 2008
	Gholamreza H	17 at time of offence	29 October 2008
	Ahmad Zare	17 at time of offence	30 December 2008
	Mola Gol Hassan	17 at time of offence	21 January 2009
	Delara Darabi	17 at time of offence	1 May 2009

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	Ali Jafari	17 at time of offence	20 May 2009
	Behnoud Shojaee	17 at time of offence	11 October 2009
	Mosleh Zamani	17 at time of offence	17 December 2009
	Mohammad A.	17 at time of offence	10 July 2010
	Two children, A.N. and H.B.	17 at time of offence	20 April 2011
	Ali Reza Molla Soltani	17 at time of execution	21 September 2011
	Mohammad Norouzi	17 at time of offence	18 September 2011
	Vahid Moslemi	17 at time of offence	18 September 2011
	Ehsan	17 at time of offence	21 October 2011
	Amir Shirmohammadi	17 at time of offence	16 October 2011
	Amir A.	14 at time of offence	18 April 2012

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	Shahruz	17 at time of offence	24 October 2012
	Samad	16 at time of offence	24 October 2012
	Bahram Ahmadi	17 at time of offence	27 December 2012
	Said Afshar	15 at time of offence	3 July 2013
	Abdolhamid Sekhavatian	Under 18 at time of offence	21 August 2013
	Arman Mohammadi	12 at time of offence	20 August 2013
	Name Unknown	14 at time of offence	18 September 2013
	Name Unknown	Under 18 at time of offence	22 October 2013
	Ahmad Seif Panahi	16 at time of offence	7 November 2013
	Ahmad Jenkihoo	15 at time of offence	7 November 2013
	Abdolaziz Ra'is	17 at time of offence	17 December 2013

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	Iraj Nasiri	15 at time of offence	19 December 2013
	Mehras Rezaei	17 at time of offence	26 February 2014
	Hassan Gholami	14 at time of offence	02 March 2014
	Hassan Zolfaqari	17 at time of offence	02 March 2014
	Reza Ganjlu	16 at time of offence	04 March 2014
	Janat Mir	Under 18 at time of offence	April 2014
	Ahmad Rahimi	17 at time of offence	17 April 2014
	Ali Fouladi	16 at time of offence	17 April 2014
	Ebrahim Hajati	16 at time of offence	21 April 2014
	Amir Sardaha'i	17 at time of offence	10 June

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			2014
	Hadi Veysi	15 at time of offence	25 August 2014
	Fardin Ja'farian	14 at time of offence	18 October 2014
	Rahim Norallahzadeh	14 at time of offence	30 November 2014
	Javad Saberi	17 at time of offence	15 April 2015
	Vazir Amroddin	16 at time of offence	June or July 2015
	Samad Zahabi	17 at time of offence	06 October 2015
	Fatemeh Salbehi	17 at time of offence	13 October 2015
	Hassan Afshar	17 at time of offence	August 2016
	Name Unknown	Under 18 at time of offence	2016

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	Mehrdad Arman Bahr Asemani	16 at the time of offence	15 January 2017
	Hassan Hassan-Zadeh	Under 18 at time of offence	18 January 2017
	Asghar Mohamadi	16 at time of offence	23 May 2017
	Alireza Tajiki	15 at time of offence	10 August 2017
	Amirhossein Pourjafar	Under 18 at time of offence	04 January 2018
	Ali Kazemi	15 at time of offence	30 January 2018
	Mahboubeh Mofidi	17 at time of offence	30 January 2018
	Abolfazl Chezani Sharahi	14 at time of offence	27 June 2018
	Abolfazl Naderi	16 at time of offence	2 September 2018
	Zeinab Sekaanvand	17 at time of offence	2 October 2018
	Omid Rostami	16 at time of offence	14 November 2018
	Mehdi Sohrabifar	15 at time of offence	25 April 2019

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	Amin Sedaghat	15 at time of offence	25 April 2019
	Amir Ali Shadabi	17 when arrested	14 July 2019
	Touraj Aziz (Azizadeh) Ghassemi	16 when arrested	28 July 2019
	Mohammad Deghanzadeh	Under 18 when arrested	4 December 2019
	Majid Esmailzadeh	17 at time of offence	18 April 2020
	Shayan Saeedpour	17 at time of offence	21 April 2020
	Mohammad Hassan Rezaiee	16 at time of offence	31 December 2020
	Sajad Sanjari	15 at time of offence	2 August 2021
	Arman Abdolali	17 at time of offence	24 November 2021
	Ali Akbar Mohammadi	Under 18 at time of offence	6 December 2021
	Farshad Gashadzehi (Gamshadzadehi)	17 when arrested	14 May 2022
	Mehrab Salehi	16 when arrested	15 May 2022
	Mohammad Hossein	16 when arrested	10 August

Country	Name of prisoner	Age	Date of execution
	Alizadeh		2022
	Omid Alizehi	16 when arrested	20 August 2022
	Yusef Mirzavand	16 when arrested	26 December 2022
	Adel Damani	16 when arrested	26 November 2023
	Ali Najafi	17 when arrested	27 September 2023
	Mahmoud Rigi	16 when arrested	19 August 2023
	Abdolsamad Shahuzehi	16 when arrested	19 August 2023
	Hamidreza Azari	16 when arrested	24 November 2023
	Soleiman Abbaszadeh	16 when arrested	2 November 2024
	Mehdi Jahanpur	16 when arrested	16 September 2024
	Mehdi Brahu'i	17 when arrested	9 October 2024

Country	Name of prisoner	Age	Date of execution
	Esmail Barkzai	17 when arrested	28 November 2024
Nigeria	Chiebore Onuoha	15 at time of offence, 17 at time of execution	31 July 1997
Pakistan	One child	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
	Ansar Iqbal	15 at time of arrest	29 September 2015
	Shafqat Hussain	Under 18 at time of trial	4 August 2015
	Aftab Bahadur	15 at time of offence	10 June 2015
	Faisal Mehmood	Under 18 at time of offence	27 May 2015

Country	Name of prisoner	Age	Date of execution
	Muhammad Afzal	16 when sentenced to death	17 March 2015
Saudi Arabia	Sadeq Mal-Allah	17 when sentenced to death	3 September 1992
	Dhahian Rakan al-Sibai'l	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 time of offence	10 May 2009
	'Issa bin Muhammad 'Umar Muhammad	17 at time of offence	10 May 2009
	Rizana Nafeek	17 at time of offence	9 January 2013
	Ali bin Muhammad bin Hazam al-Shihri	16 at time of offence	13 March 2013
	Sa'id bin Nasser bin Muhammad al-Shahrani	17 at time of offence	13 March 2013
	Abdulkareem al-Hawaj	16 at time of offence	23 April 2019
Somalia	Unknown	Under 18 at time of offenses	17 August 2024

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	Unknown	Under 18 at time of offenses	17 August 2024
	Unknown	Under 18 at time of offenses	17 August 2024
	Unknown	Under 18 at time of offenses	17 August 2024
South Sudan	Unknown	Under 18 at time of offence	2017
	Unknown	Under 18 at time of offence	2017
	Unknown	Under 18 at time of offence	2018
	Unknown	Under 18 at time of offence	30 September 2019
Sudan	Mohammed Jamal Gesmallah	16 at time of offence	31 August 2005
	Imad Ali Abdullah	17 at time of offence	31 August 2005
USA	Dalton Prejean	17 at time of offence	18 May 1990
	Johnny Garrett	17 at time of offence	11 February 1992

Country	Name of prisoner	Age	Date of execution
	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	13 January 2000
	Chris Thomas	17 at time of offence	10 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

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			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
Yemen	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
	Fuad Ahmed Ali Abdulla	Under 18 at time of offence	21 January 2012