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Executions

Overview (see also annex below)

Year	Total	Public	Drugs	Rape	Murder	Women	Moharebeh	Minors
2017	146	9	98	2	40	0	4	2
2016	477	24	270	34	131	5	27	0
2015	765	49	510	53	154	10	10	3
2014	482	53	201	23	152	14	8	0
2013	500	54	267	62	105	27	8	2
2012	371	54	287	59	16	9	2	0
2011	436	51	286	53	36	3	6	1
2010	242	18	158	30	17	5	13	2
2009	370	14	174	27	107	13	n/a	5
2008	318	12	97	30	150	4	n/a	8

The various columns are not meant to represent a breakdown of the total number of executions and as such do not add up to the total.

Activists / Prisoners

24 March 2017: Further to the update on the Iranian- American couple Karan Vafadari and Afarin Nayssari last week, it was announced that they have been charged with offenses that carry the death penalty, the first time the Judiciary has moved to execute an Iranian-American dual national. The couple was arrested eight months ago on comparatively minor charges, but now stand accused of trying to overthrow the regime. Source: International Iran Times (edited and abridged)

28 March 2017: In the case of 21 year old Sina Deghan, who was sentenced to death for “insulting the prophet”, his lawyer informed the Center for Human Rights in Iran (CHRI) that the request for a judicial review of this death sentence is under review. In late January of this year, Iran’s Supreme Court upheld the death sentence issued against Deghan by Branch 1 of the Criminal Court in Arak in 2015 for “insulting the prophet.” He was also issued a 16-month prison sentence for “insulting the supreme leader.” Sina’s case has since attracted a lot of international attention, especially in light of reports that he was “tricked into confession, with the promise of an acquittal.” The hashtag #freeSina trended on twitter with thousands asking Iranian authorities for his release. Sina’s family is cautiously hopeful by the promised review, but declines to further comment on the case until the review has taken place. Source: CHRI (edited and abridged)

29 March 2017: The five-year prison sentence against Christian convert Ebrahim Firoozi for his alleged missionary activities has been confirmed by the Appeals Court in Tehran, the Center for Human Rights in Iran (CHRI) has learned. The ruling, issued on January 15, 2017, also requires Firoozi to spend two years in exile in the village of Sarbaz in a remote part of Sistan and Baluchistan Province, according to an informed source who spoke to CHRI on the condition of anonymity. The 32-year-old Firoozi has been prosecuted and sentenced 3 times since 2010 for converting from Islam to Christianity and allegedly organizing Christian religious meetings. He is held in Rajee Shahr Prison in Karaj since 2014. Source: CHRI.

Politics

23 March 2017: Four reformist members of parliament have sent president Rouhani a formal letter in which they demand an explanation for the increased arrests of activists and journalists, ahead of the May 2017 presidential election. President Rouhani has not yet responded to the letter, in which the authors state their intention to pursue this matter “even by impeaching the relevant ministers if need be.” “The letter comes amid an increased crackdown of media and activists as well as increased pressure on individuals allied with the reformists. Two weeks ago, former reformist MP Faezeh Hashemi, the activist daughter of late former president Rafsanjani was sentenced to six months in prison for “spreading falsehoods,” “disturbing public opinion” and “propaganda against the state,” the Kalame website reported on March 17. Source: CHRI (edited and abridged).

24 March 2017: The UN Security Council resolution calling for a renewal of the UN special rapporteur’s mandate for Iran is “spiteful and selective” according to MFA spokesperson Qassemi. He reiterated Iran’s stance that the Special Rapporteur is a politically motivated tool, used by countries that abuse UN mechanisms. The Human Rights Council on Friday decided to extend the mandate of the special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran for a further period of one year in a resolution on the situation of human rights in Iran, adopted by a vote of 22 in favor, 12 against and 13 abstentions. Source: Press TV Iran.

Annex: executions as per 16 March 2017

No.	Date	Place		Person(s)	Charge
146	14 March	Qazvin	prison	2 men: one for murder (Mehdi); one for drug-related charges (Reza)	Drug related charges & murder
144	14 March	Orumiyeh	prison	4 men: Hasanpour; Vahed H; Kiomars	drug related charges
140	12 March	Zahedan	prison	3 men	drug related charges
137	11 March	Chabahar	Prison	1 man	drug related charges
136	9 March	Yazd	public	1 man	murder and robbery
135	7 March	Zahedan	prison	2 men: Gol-Muhammad Kiazehi; Mehrdad Vazifeh	murder
133	6 March	Sari	prison	2 men	murder
131	6 March	Garmsar (Semnan Prov)	prison	2 men: Parviz (Behrooz) Nedaei; Bahram Moradqoli	drug related charges
129	6 March	Orumiyeh	prison	2 men: Ramezan Sabzi; Yusef Alizadeh	murder
127	5 March	Qezel Hesar (Karaj Prov)	prison	3 men: Issa Cherami (drugs); Mostafa Qorbani (drugs); Mohammad Jafari (drugs and murder)	drug related charges (one also for murder)
124	5 March	Qazvin	public	1 man	murder and robbery
123	5 March	Maraqeh	prison	1 man: Morad Seifi	drug related charges
122	4 March	Hamadan	prison	1 man: Bahman Faridi	murder
121	4 March	Shahrood	prison	1 man: Ismael Arabzamani	drug related charges
120	28 Feb	Orumiyeh	prison	2 men: Alii Valizadeh; Afshin Shokati	murder

118	25 Feb	Bandar Abbas	prison	1 man: Reza Karamat	murder
117	18 Feb	Birjand	prison	6 men	drug related charges
111	18 Feb	Kermanshah	prison	2 men: Mohammad Karim Azizpanah; Hamidreza Ribaz	drug related charges
109	16 Feb	Karaj	prison	2 man: Mehdi Fayaz Pasandideh; Jafar Javadi Zinkanloo	drug related charges
107	15 Feb	Zahedan	prison	1 man	drug related charges
106	15 Feb	Semnan	prison	2 men	drug related charges
104	15 Feb	Rajae Shahr	prison	8 men: Mohamad Abdi; Masood babanejad; Arash Bayat; Bahram Yazdani; Taher Rezaloo; ? Aslani; Naser ?; Vahab ?;	murder
96	15 Feb	Minab	prison	1 man: Abdolkarim Koohkan	drug related charges
95	14 Feb	Shiraz	prison	1 man: Esmaeil Hasanzehi	drug related charges
94	13 Feb	Zabul	prison	3 men: Mohamad Sarani; Zaher Nahtani	drug related charges
91	13 Feb	Qom	prison	7 men: Saied Shorizadeh + 6 unnamed	drug related charges
84	13 Feb	Mashhad	prison	2 men	murder
82	6 Feb	Maku	prison	1 man: Taher Saeidi	drug related charges
81	29 Jan	Hamadan	prison	1 man: Hashem Qarehgozloo	drug related charges
80	29 Jan	Bandar Abbas	public	2 men	rape and armed robbery
78	29 Jan	Mashhad	public	2 men	moharebeh (armed robbery)
76	28 Jan	Rasht	prison	2 men: M. A.; R. Z.	drug related charges
74	26 Jan	Karaj	prison	4 men: Rahman Noorian; Majid Askari; + 2 others unnamed	drug related charges
70	25 Jan	Arak	prison	2 men: Seifollah Chazani; Alireza Jazayeri	drug related charges
68	23 Jan	Maraqeh	prison	2 men: Iraj Qafouri; Hosseyn Fatemi	drug related charges
66	23 Jan	Orumiyeh	prison	2 men: Hamed Hamdollahi, Osman Ghavitashi	murder
64	21 Jan	Orumiyeh	prison	2 men: Qabl Ali Bapir (handicapped); Sina Hosseynpoor	drug related charges
62	20 Jan	Khorramabad	prison	2 men : Jahangir Biranvand and Adel Biranvand	drug related charges
60	18 Jan	Taibad (Khorasan Razavi Province)	Prison	4 men: Habib Khazaei; 3 others unnamed including 2 Afghan citizens	drug related charges
56	18 Jan	Jiroft	prison	1 man	murder
55	18 Jan	Tabriz	prison	4 men including 1 juvenile offender : 3 men for drug-related offences including Parviz Solati; Qorban Lotfi; Ertekb Karimi; and, 1 for murder as a juvenile offender: Hasan Hasanzadeh	drug-related charges and murder
51	17 Jan	Bandar Abbas	prison	1 man: Ramezan Yusef Heidari	drug-related

					charges
50	17 Jan	Mashhad	prison	4 men: Ahamd Shekarabi; 3 others unnamed	drug-related charges
46	16 Jan	Miandoab	public	1 man	murder
45	16 Jan	Kerman	prison	2 men: Arman Bahrasemani (16/ juvenile at the time of committing the crime); Shamsollah	murder
43	15 Jan	Kerman	prison	1 man: Shamsedin	drug-related charges
42	14 Jan	Kermanshah	prison	2 men: Seyfollah Hoseynian; Tofiq Bahramnejad	drug-related charges
40	14 Jan	Rasht	prison	2 men	drug-related charges
38	14 Jan	Karaj	prison	11 men: Mohamad Soleymani; Ali Ebadi; Ali Mohamad Lorestani; Alireza Moradi; Majid Badrlou; Omid Garshasbi; Ali Yusefi; Seyed Ali Sarvari; Ebrahim Jafari; Mohsen Jelokhani; 1 unnamed	drug-related charges
27	14 Jan	Rajaei Shahr - Karaj	prison	5 men: Siamak Shafiei; Abuzar Alijani; Saeid Teymuri; Reza Naqizadeh; 1 unnamed	murder
22	12 Jan	Hamadan	prison	1 man	murder
21	12 Jan	Qazvin	prison	3 men: Akbar Kabiri (for drug-related charges); 2 others unnamed and for unknown offences	1 for drug-related charges; 2 unknown
18	11 Jan	Sari	prison	1 man	murder
17	11 Jan	Orumiyeh	prison	1 man: Naser Soltani	murder
16	10 Jan	Maraqeh	prison	1 man: Morteza Heidari	drug-related charges
15	9 Jan	Ilam Province	prison	1 man: Aliasqar	murder
14	8 Jan	Sar-Ool-Zahab (Fars Province)	public	2 men	Moharebeh (armed robbery and murder)
12	5 Jan (reported on Feb 20)	Ilam	prison	2 men: Eshaq Salehi; Salehi (brothers)	drug related charges
10	4 Jan	Rasht	prison	1 man: Mohamad Zebardast	drug-related charges
9	4 Jan	Qezel Hesar - Karaj	prison	3 men: Khashayar Behrouzi; Mehdi Kavousi; Anoush Balouch	drug-related charges
6	4 Jan	Karaj	prison	4 men: Hadi Moqadam; Ali Nouri; Alireza Hajfirouzabadi; one unidentified prisoner	drug-related charges
2	2 Jan	Qazvin	prison	1 man: Nosratallah Khazaie	drug-related charges
1	4 Jan	Qazvin	prison	1 man: Mahmoud Famararzi	murder

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