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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                                |                                                                                                                                                     |

| 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) |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|      |                                                           |                                     | 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)                                                                                                                               |

RECORDED EXECUTIONS OF PERSONS WHO WERE CHILDREN AT THE TIME OF THE  
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   |

| Country | Name of prisoner        | Age                          | Date of execution |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|         | 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       |

| Country | Name of prisoner          | Age                         | Date of execution |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|         | 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        |

| Country | Name of prisoner            | Age                     | Date of execution |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
|         | 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     |

| Country | Name of prisoner       | Age                         | Date of execution |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|         | 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  |

| Country | Name of prisoner | Age                         | Date of execution |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|         | 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           |

| Country | Name of prisoner    | Age                         | Date of execution |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|         |                     |                             | 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              |

| Country | Name of prisoner           | Age                         | Date of execution |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|         | 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     |

| Country | Name of prisoner                   | Age                         | Date of execution |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|         | 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  |
| <b>Nigeria</b>  | Chiebore Onuoha  | 15 at time of offence,<br>17 at time of execution | 31 July 1997      |
| <b>Pakistan</b> | 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     |
| <b>Saudi Arabia</b> | 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<br>'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    |

| Country            | Name of prisoner         | Age                          | Date of execution |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|                    | 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    |
| <b>South Sudan</b> | 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 |
| <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  |

| 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        |

| Country      | Name of prisoner               | Age                         | Date of execution |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|              |                                |                             | 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     |
|              | Fuad Ahmed Ali Abdulla         | Under 18 at time of offence | 21 January 2012   |