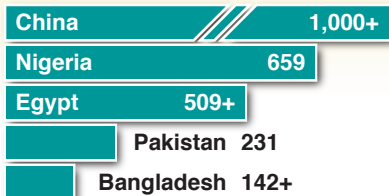


Spike in death sentences in 2014

An alarming number of countries are using the death penalty to tackle real or perceived threats to state security, according to Amnesty International

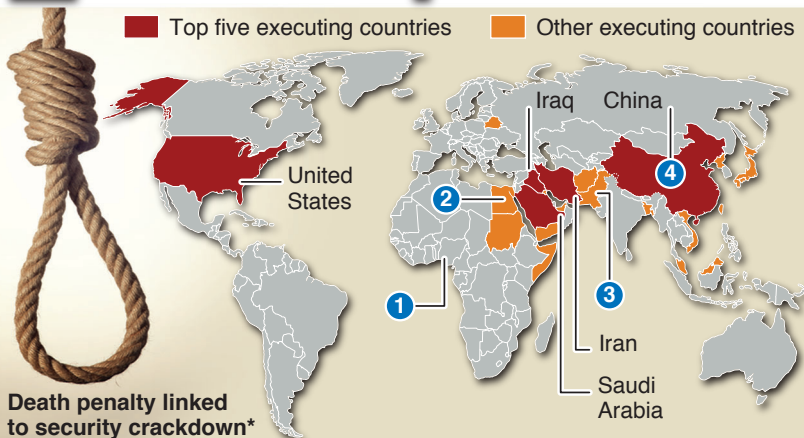
DEATH SENTENCES: Excluding China, 2,466 people given death penalty in 2014 – up 28% from 2013

Top five sentencing countries



EXECUTIONS: Excluding China, 607 people executed in 2014 – down 22% from 2013

Top five executing countries



1 Nigeria: Dozens of soldiers sentenced to death in past year after being convicted of mutiny over armed conflict with Islamist group Boko Haram

2 Egypt: Hundreds of people sentenced to death in mass trials over past two years in crackdown on Islamists. UN has described trials as “unprecedented”

3 Pakistan: Government has lifted seven-year moratorium on executions in wake of Taliban massacre at school in Peshawar in December 2014

4 China: Has made use of death penalty as tool in campaign characterized by authorities as response to terrorism in Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region