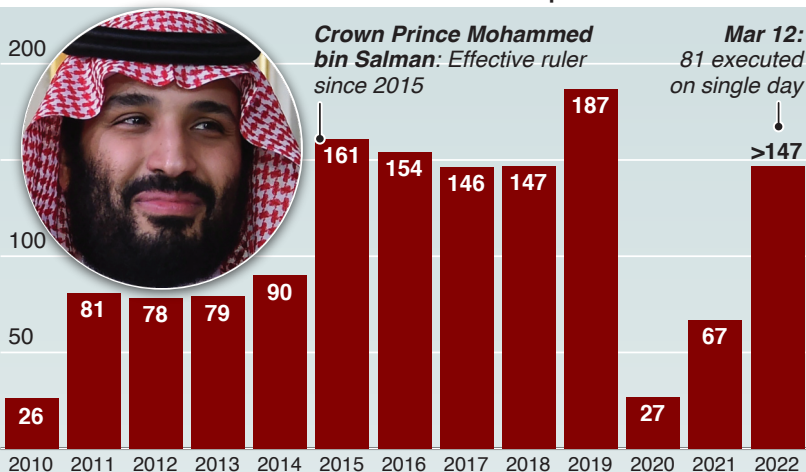


Executions soar in Saudi Arabia

The rate of executions in Saudi Arabia has almost doubled for the second consecutive year, and has risen 82% since King Salman and his son Mohammed bin Salman came to power in 2015



DEATH SENTENCE UNDER ISLAMIC LAW 2010-2021

Three categories of crime and punishment

Retributive (*Qisas*)

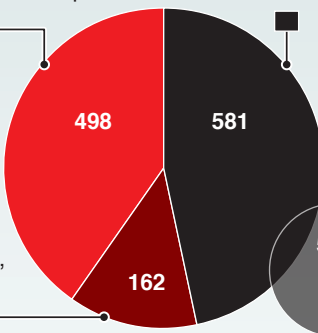
Family of murder victim can request execution, financial compensation, or pardon

Mandatory (*Hadd*)

Most serious crimes, with strict legal and evidential requirements, e.g. adultery, apostasy, carry fixed penalty

Discretionary (*Ta'zir*)

Crimes against state or society, punishment decided by judge if not already codified in law



Non-lethal crimes account for 94% of discretionary executions

Murder

EXECUTIONS FOR NON-LETHAL CRIMES

International law states only "most serious" crimes, e.g. murder, should carry death penalty

695 executed for murder

Drug trafficking
Alleged moratorium on death sentences in 2020, executions resumed in 2022

