


# Global executions surge to 5-year high

At least 883 people were executed in 2022, a rise of more than 50% on the previous year, as several Middle Eastern states ramped up their use of the death penalty

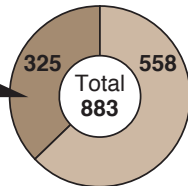
## EXECUTING COUNTRIES IN 2022



<b>China*</b>	<b>1,000s</b>
<b>Iran</b>	<b>576+</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>24 Egypt</b>	
<b>18 U.S.</b>	
<b>11+ Iraq</b>	
<b>11 Singapore</b>	
<b>7 Kuwait</b>	
<b>6+ Somalia</b>	
<b>5+ South Sudan</b>	

*\*Amnesty International unable to record data on executions in China as records are kept secret*

**Nearly 40% of all executions last year were for drug-related offences**



**Iran:** At least 576 people put to death – up from 314 in 2021

**Saudi Arabia:** Executions tripled from 65 in 2021

**Egypt, Iran and Saudi Arabia accounted for 90% of all known executions**

**Egypt:** 24 – 71% decrease compared to 83 in 2021

Death penalty also carried out in North Korea, Vietnam, Syria and Afghanistan, but real figures are unknown