

Executions surge to near decade high

A total of 1,153 people were put to death worldwide in 2023, up more than 30% on 2022, with a sharp rise in Iran and the Middle East



Iran: 853 (48% rise from 576 in 2022)
Accounts for 74% of global executions

Somalia	38+
U.S.	24
Iraq	16+
Yemen	15+
Egypt	8
Bangladesh	5
Kuwait	5
Singapore	5

Saudi Arabia
172

**Data does not include China –
believed to have executed thousands
in 2023 – nor Afghanistan, North Korea,
Palestinian territories, Syria and Vietnam,
due to insufficient information**