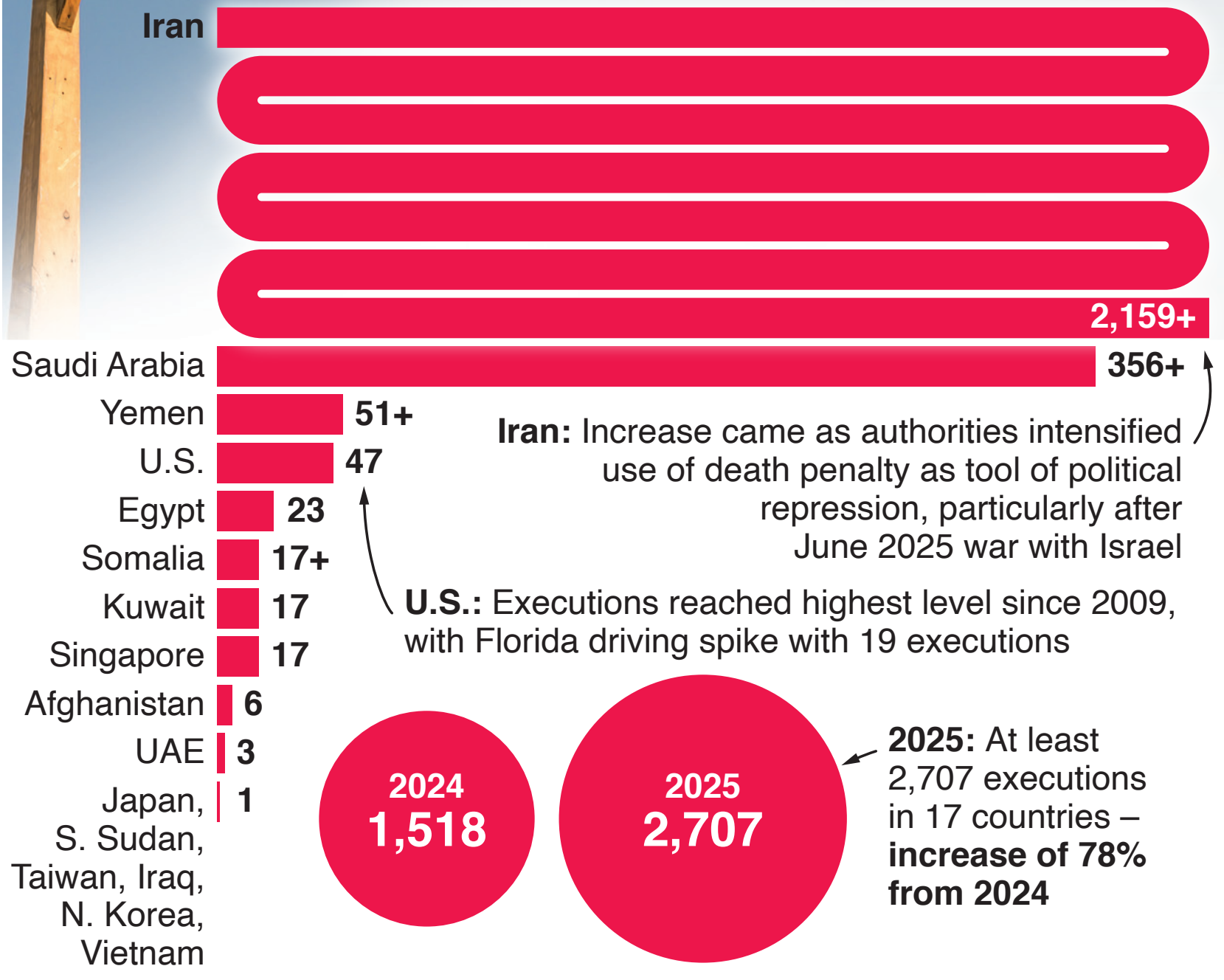
Executions hit highest level in four decades



Global executions jumped to their highest level since 1981 in 2025, pushed in part by a "staggering" increase in Iran's use of the death penalty, Amnesty International says

GLOBAL EXECUTIONS *(2025)*
Figures exclude thousands of executions believed to have been carried out in China, world's top executioner, because of state secrecy



Iran: Increase came as authorities intensified use of death penalty as tool of political repression, particularly after June 2025 war with Israel

U.S.: Executions reached highest level since 2009, with Florida driving spike with 19 executions

2025: At least 2,707 executions in 17 countries – **increase of 78% from 2024**

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