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Please halt all executions and quash all death penalty convictions

To Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

Amid rising arbitrary executions of protesters and political dissidents, at least 78 people are under sentence of death for politically-motivated charges and at grave risk of execution. They were convicted following grossly unfair trials, including before Revolutionary Courts, of overly broad and vaguely defined charges such as “enmity against God”, “corruption on earth” and “armed rebellion against the state”. Amongst those sentenced to death are at least 41 people arrested in connection to the January 2026 protests and seven arrested in connection to the 2022 Woman Life Freedom uprising. Among others at risk are 22 people sentenced to death for real or perceived affiliation with banned opposition groups and seven accused of spying for Israel or other national security-related offences. At least five individuals of the 78 were under the age of 18 at the time of the alleged offence, in violation of international law.

The number of those at risk is likely higher due to the climate of fear and the internet shutdown imposed since 28 February 2026, impeding access to information about human rights violations. Since 28 February, Iranian authorities have arbitrarily executed at least 36 individuals in politically-motivated cases, as they continue weaponizing the death penalty as a tool of political repression and instil fear.

Amnesty International has repeatedly documented severe violations of fair trial rights, including the airing of forced “confessions” obtained under torture and other ill-treatment, as well as denial of the right to a trial before an independent, competent and impartial tribunal; to adequate defence and access to a lawyer; to presumption of innocence; and to meaningfully challenge the legality of their detention.

I call on you to immediately halt all planned executions, quash all death sentences and establish an official moratorium on all executions with a view to fully abolishing the death penalty. Pending this, take steps to bring national legislation in line with international law and standards, including by removing the death penalty for vaguely worded offences, and repealing mandatory death sentences. I also urge you to allow international monitors, including UN Special Procedures and the International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran, access to detention facilities.

Yours sincerely,

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Vorname, Nachname

Die Teilnahme ist ab einem Alter von 16 Jahren möglich.

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