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OVER 900 EXECUTIONS ANNOUNCED IN FIVE MONTHS

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SUMMARY

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Amnesty International has now recorded the names of more than 1,700 people alleged to have been the victims of political execution in Iran between the end of July 1988 and the beginning of 1989. Since January 1989, although few political executions have been reported there has been a dramatic increase in the number of executions for criminal offences. Over 900 such executions were reported in the official press between January and the end of May, most of them for drug-trafficking. Amnesty International is especially concerned about new legislation making the death penalty mandatory for possession of specific quantities of certain drugs and about new measures intended to speed up the administration of justice which it believes are likely to result in summary and unfair trials and lead to the execution of innocent people.

This summarizes a four-page document, Iran: Over 900 Executions Announced in Five Months (AI Index: MDE 13/19/89), issued by Amnesty International in June 1989. Anyone wanting further details or to take action on this issue should consult the full document.

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