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## **IRAN**

### **THE DEATH PENALTY**

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**SUMMARY**

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Thousands of prisoners have been executed since the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1979, and political prisoners continue to be executed in secret, often following summary trials. Other executions have been carried out in public. Among those shot, hanged or stoned to death are juveniles, the elderly, real or alleged political opponents of the government, members of religious minorities, and prisoners convicted of drug abuse and other criminal offences. Thousands of prisoners have been executed in political cases after trials lasting only a few minutes. These trials contravene Iran's obligation as a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) to respect minimum international standards for a fair trial.

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