

**SPECIAL REPORT:
DOCUMENTING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN IRAN
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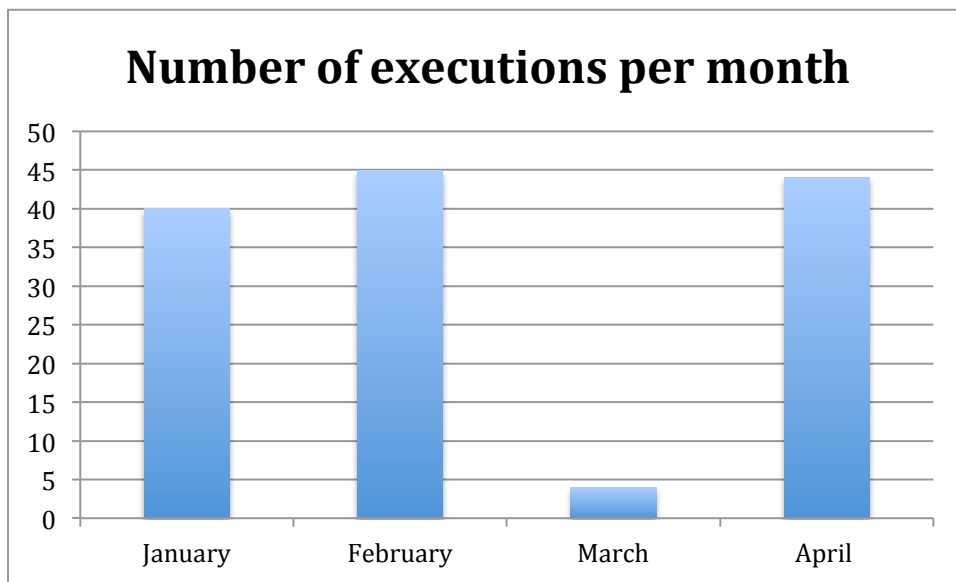
1. INTRODUCTION

Every week, while preparing our Media Monitoring Report on Iran for the Montreal Institute of Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS), we record numerous executions of prisoners by Iranian authorities. An alarming number of capital punishments are carried out in Iran on a regular basis. The present report aims to underline the gravity of the situation by presenting the statistics on capital punishment in Iran through tables and charts. The period examined in this report includes only the first four months of the year 2013. Subsequent reports covering subsequent months will follow. The data was collected from news reports published by Iranian news agencies

such as the Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA), Fars News Agency (FNA) and Mehr News Agency (MNA).

2. MONTHLY EXECUTIONS

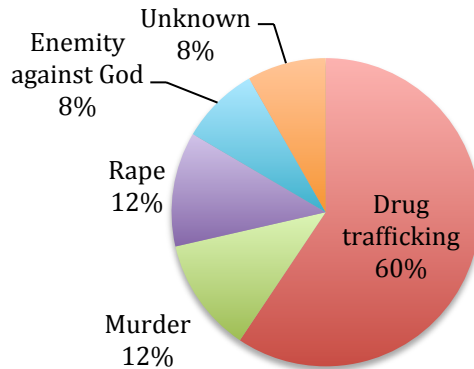
From January 1st to April 30th, 2013, a total of 133 prisoners were executed throughout Iran. 40 executions were carried out in January; 45 more took place in February; only 4 executions occurred in March and 44 executions were carried in April. The sharp decrease in the number of capital punishments carried during the month of March 2013 was due to the celebrations of the Persian New Year (*Nowrouz*). No executions took place between March 21, 2013 and April 2, 2013, period in observance of the official holiday.



3. CHARGES

Of the 133 executions carried during the first four months of 2013, 79 were for drug-related charges; 16 for murder; another 16 for rape charges; 11 for charges of “enmity against God”; and 11 for unknown charges. Executions for drug-related charges are therefore the most prominent reason for capital punishment in Iran, with 60 % of all convicts executed for drug offenses.

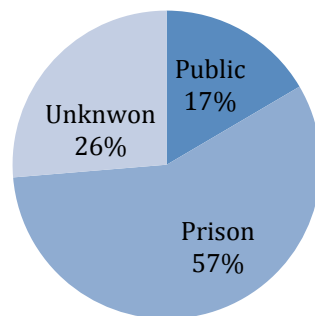
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4. LOCATIONS

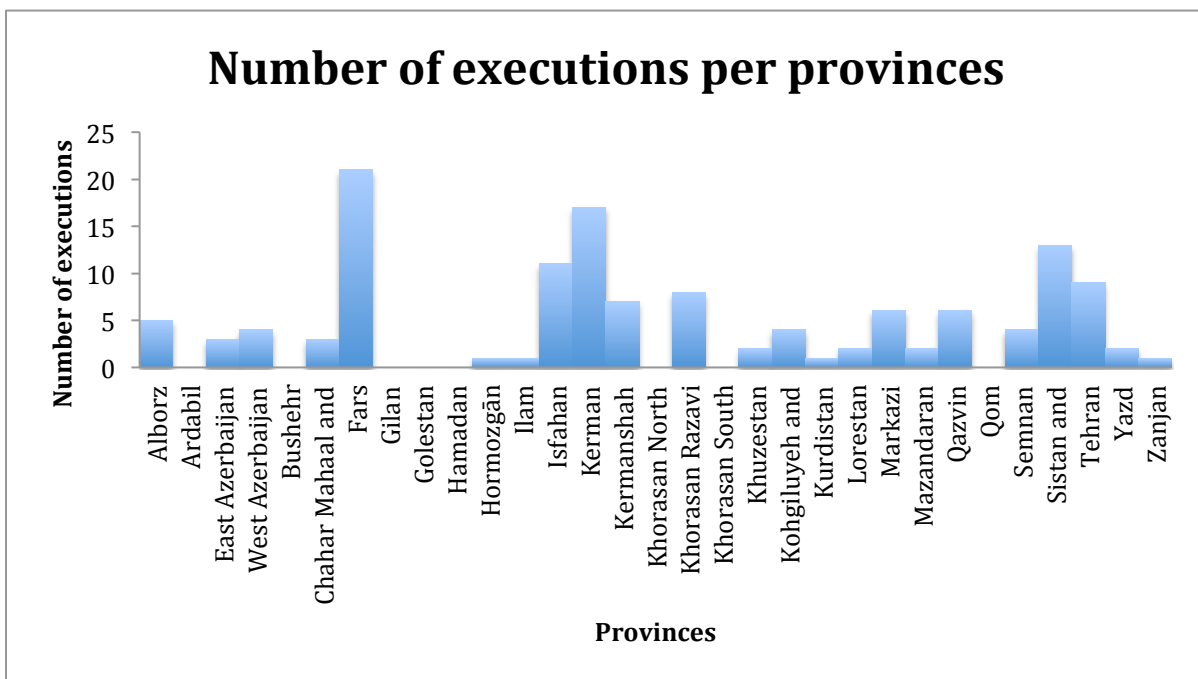
A total of 22 executions were carried out in public; another 76 inside of prisons; and the remaining 35 at unknown locations. Public executions were reserved for cases of murder, rape or enmity against God while drug-related offenses were usually punished behind prison walls.

Distribution of executions based on locations



5. PROVINCES

The three leading provinces in terms of executions were Fars (21 executions); Kerman (17 executions); and Sistan and Baluchistan (13 executions). Out of the 21 executions carried in the province of Fars, 4 were on charges of rape, 8 on charges of drug trafficking and 9 on charges of “enmity against God.” In Kerman, drug trafficking was the leading reason for capital punishment. 12 out of the 17 executions carried in Kerman Province were for drug-related charges. The 5 other prisoners, which happened to be Baluchi citizens, were executed for unknown charges. Finally 12 prisoners convicted for drug trafficking were executed in the province of Sistan and Baluchistan while another prisoner was executed for murder.



6. CONCLUSION

Statistically speaking, an average of 33.25 prisoners were executed per month in Iran from January to April 2013. That represents slightly over one execution per day. About 60 per cent of executions documented were carried on the basis of drug-related charges. Iranian authorities have recently claimed that there are no political executions in Iran, only criminals and drug traffickers receive capital punishment. The data presented in this special report suggests they are correct. However, the widespread use of capital punishment for drug-related offenses is worrisome. With over half of executions carried out for drug-related charges, one has to question whether this does

not constitute a grave violation of human rights. We condemn this practice as inhuman and ineffective.

Table 1. Executions carried in Iran from January to April 2013.

Date*	City	Province	Charges	Name	Sex	Number	Location	Source
1/5	Shahr-e Kord	Chahar Mahaland Bakhtiari	Rape	N/A	M	2	Public	HRANA
1/7	Khoram Abad	Lorestan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	2	Parsiloun Prison	HRANA
1/15	Shahr-e Kord	Chahar Mahal and Bakhtiari	Rape	N/A	M	1	N/A	HRANA
1/17	Pakdasht	Tehran	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	Public	HRANA
1/17	Shahroud	Semnan	D.T.	N/A	M	2	Semnan Central Prison	HRANA
1/17	Mashhad	Khorasan Razavi	Rape	N/A	N/A	1	Mashhad Central Prison	HRANA
1/17	Sabzevar	Khorasan Razavi	Rape	N/A	N/A	1	Public (Sabzevar Stadium)	HRANA
1/17	Karaj	Alborz	Murder	N/A	M	2	Rajaie Shahr Prison	HRANA
1/20	Tehran	Tehran	Enmity against God	Alireza Mafiha	M	1	Public	HRANA
1/20	Tehran	Tehran	Enmity against God	Mohammad Ali Sorouri	M	1	Public	HRANA
1/20	Urumia	West Azerbaijan	Murder	Hamed Peyvaste	M	1	Public	HRANA
1/20	Isfahan	Isfahan	D.T.	Mohammad K.	M	1	Isfahan Central Prison	HRANA
1/20	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	Mahmoud Shahraki	M	1	Zahedan Central Prison	HRANA
1/20	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	Ali Kamali	M	1	Zahedan Central Prison	HRANA
1/20	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	Davoud Ghanbar Zehi	M	1	Zahedan Central Prison	HRANA
1/24	Qazvin	Qazvin	D.T.	N/A	N/A	3	Choubin Prison	HRANA
1/24	Khorram Darreh	Zanjan	Murder	Reza Shahmoradi	M	1	P	HRANA
1/25	Shahroud	Semnan	D.T.	N/A	M	1	N/A	HRANA
1/28	Ilam	Ilam	Murder	N/A	M	1	Ilam Prison	HRANA

1/29	Kerman	Kerman	N/A	Nazar Shahbakhsh	M	1	N/A	HRANA
1/29	Kerman	Kerman	N/A	Ne'matollah Shahbakhsh	M	1	N/A	HRANA
1/29	Kerman	Kerman	N/A	Abdollah Shahbakhsh	M	1	N/A	HRANA
1/29	Kerman	Kerman	N/A	Abdorrahman Shahbakhsh	M	1	N/A	HRANA
1/29	Kerman	Kerman	N/A	Saleh Noti Zehi	N/A	1	N/A	HRANA
1/29	Isfahan	Isfahan	D.T.	N/A	W	2	N/A	HRANA
1/29	Isfahan	Isfahan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	HRANA
1/29	Karaj	Alborz	N/A	Masoud Ali Moradi	M	1	Rajaie Shahr Prison	HRANA
1/29	Miyaneh	East Azerbaijan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	HRANA
2/5	Varamin	Tehran	N/A	Haj Mohammad Nourzehi	M	1	Khourin Prison	HRANA
2/7	Isfahan	Isfahan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	3	Isfahan Central Prison	HRANA
2/14	Shiraz	Fars	Rape	Iman B.	M	1	Public	FNA
2/14	Tehran	Tehran	Murder	N/A	M	1	Public (Madani Square)	MNA
2/17	Arak	Markazi	D.T.	N/A	N/A	2	Arak Central Prison	HRANA
2/17	Ahwaz	Khuzestan	D.T.	Sabah Loymi	N/A	1	Ahwaz Central Prison	HRANA
2/17	Sanandaj	Kurdistan	Murder	Omar Shahbazi	M	1	Sanandaj Central Prison	HRANA
2/17	Shiraz	Fars	Rape	N/A	N/A	3	Public	HRANA
2/17	Arak	Markazi	D.T.	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	HRANA
2/17	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	4	Zahedan Central Prison	HRANA
2/21	Shiraz	Fars	D.T.	N/A	N/A	8	Adel Abad Prison	HRANA
2/21	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	D.T.	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	HRANA
2/21**	Arak	Markazi	Rape	N/A	N/A	1	Public	HRANA
2/21**	Yazd	Yazd	D.T.	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	HRANA
2/24**	Qazvin	Qazvin	D.T.	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	HRANA
2/25**	Behbahan	Khuzestan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	HRANA
2/27**	Sari	Mazandaran	D.T.	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	HRANA
2/27*	Kashan	Isfahan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	HRANA

2/28**	Gachsaran	Koghiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad	Rape	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	HRANA
2/28**	Semnan	Semnan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	HRANA
3/1	Sari	Mazandaran	D.T.	N/A	N/A	1	Sari Prison	FNA
3/3**	Miyaneh	East Azerbaijan	Murder	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	HRANA
3/10**	Bander Abbas	Hormozgan	N/A	Omid Shojai	M	1	Bander Abbas Prison	HRANA
4/16	Shiraz	Fars	Enmity against God	N/A	N/A	6	Public	HRANA
4/16	Shiraz	Fars	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	Adel Abad Prison	HRANA
4/18	Kerman	Kerman	D.T.	N/A	N/A	1	Zarand Prison	HRANA
4/20	Mashhad	Khorasan Razavi	Rape	N/A	M	1	N/A	HRANA
4/20	Mashhad	Khorasan Razavi	Rape	N/A	M	1	Mashhad Central Prison	HRANA
4/21	Karaj	Alborz	Murder	Hossein Chafakli	M	1	Rajaie Shahr Prison	HRANA
4/21	Karaj	Alborz	Murder	N/A	M	1	Rajaie Shahr Prison	HRANA
4/21	Kerman	Kerman	D.T.	N/A	N/A	4	Kerman Prison	HRANA
4/21	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	D.T.	N/A	M	2	Dizel Abad Prison	HRANA
4/22	Kermanshah	Kermanshah	D.T.	N/A	W	2	Dizel Abad Prison	HRANA
4/22	Mashhad	Khorasan Razavi	Rape	N/A	M	2	Mashhad Central Prison	HRANA
4/24	Bam	Kerman	D.T.	N/A	N/A	3	Bam Prison	HRANA
4/25	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	Jafar Sardashti	M	1	Zahedan Prison	HRANA
4/25	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	Abbas Karimi	M	1	Zahedan Prison	HRANA
4/25	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	Abdolghani Gorgi	M	1	Zahedan Prison	HRANA
4/25	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	Keshmir Alizehi	M	1	Zahedan Prison	HRANA

4/25	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	D.T.	Eghbal Shahbakhsh	M	1	Zahedan Prison	HRANA
4/25	Mashhad	Khorasan Razavi	Rape	N/A	M	2	Vakil Abad Prison	HRANA
4/25	Urumiyeh	West Azerbaijan	D.T.	Nazmi Haroun Abbas Nejad	N/A	1	Urumiyeh Prison	HRANA
4/25	Urumiyeh	West Azerbaijan	D.T.	Beyg Zade	N/A	1	Urumiyeh Prison	HRANA
4/25	Urumiyeh	West Azerbaijan	D.T.	N/A	N/A	1	Urumiyeh Prison	HRANA
4/28	Kerman	Kerman	D.T.	N/A	N/A	4	Kerman Prison	HRANA
4/28	Varamin	Tehran	D.T.	Ghasem B.	M	1	Khurvin Prison	HRANA
4/28	Varamin	Tehran	D.T.	Hadi Kh.	M	1	Khurvin Prison	HRANA
4/30	Zahedan	Sistan and Baluchistan	Murder	Hamid Khoshnam	M	1	Zahedan Prison	HRANA

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