

The death penalty against minors is prohibited in international law but still a small group of countries maintains it. The execution of these persons constitutes a violation of international law. The Convention on the Rights of the Child, strictly prohibits the use of the death penalty for crimes committed by anyone under 18 years of age.

Amnesty International received reports that in 2017 at least five people in Iran had been executed for crimes committed when they were under 18 years of age. Iran also sentenced to death another person who was a minor at the time of the crime and in 2017 there were on death row at least 80 convicts who were minors at the time of the crime. South Sudan executed two people who were minors at the time the crime was committed.

Amnesty International believes that there are still people who were under 18 at the time of the crime in the death corridors of Bangladesh, Iran, Maldives, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

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What do you think about death penalty? Do you agree?

It's necessary this kind of punishment in a fair trial?

If life is the most important right, Could a judge kill a murderer?