

# **No to execution**

**On the occasion of the World Day Against the Death Penalty**

**A report on the executions carried out in Iran during the last year**

**(October 10, 2022-October 10, 2021)**

**Statistics Center of the Prisoners' Rights League in Iran**

**(Breathing in Confinement)**

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On the occasion of the World Day Against the Death Penalty, the Statistical Center of the Prisoners' Rights League in Iran publishes the statistics of executions carried out in Iran during the last one year (October 10, 2021-October 10, 2022).

As per the statistics, at least 537 prisoners were executed in various prisons in Iran during the past one year. The figure shows a 295% rise compared to the same period last year.

In addition, in the past year, the number of protest movements and rallies were also on the rise. In fact, this is the reason behind the increase in the number of executions. The government of the Islamic Republic uses execution to repress and intimidate the people, a tool against the formation of protests and uprisings.

In the past few months, following the increase in executions, the families of on Death-Row Prisoners repeatedly gathered in front of the Prison's Organization demanding the death sentence of their loved ones to be dropped.

The Islamic Republic Authorities' response, however, was beating and detaining them.

Many children were also present at these rallies carrying placards saying: "No to execution", "Have mercy on my father"!

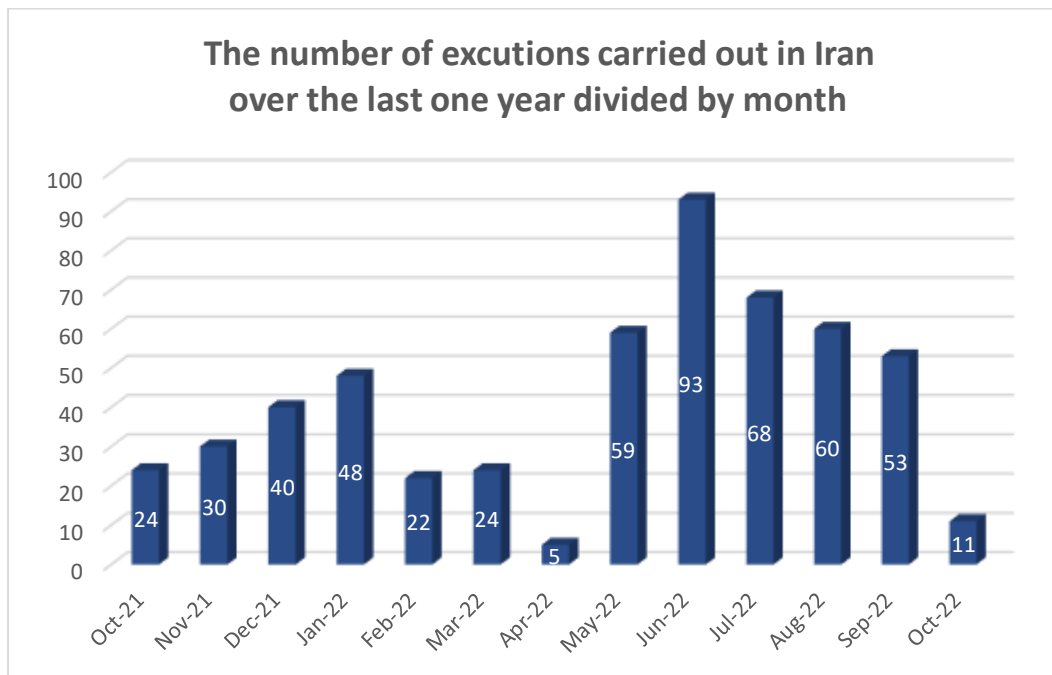


According to the statistics center of the Prisoners' Rights League in Iran, the charges against the executed prisoners during the past year were murder, drug related offences, rape, moharebeh, and political.

As per the report, a large number of prisoners were executed on charges of murder. The execution of prisoners accused of drug offences has been ongoing and even increased.

In the past year, in addition to the execution of political prisoners, some executions were also carried out in public.

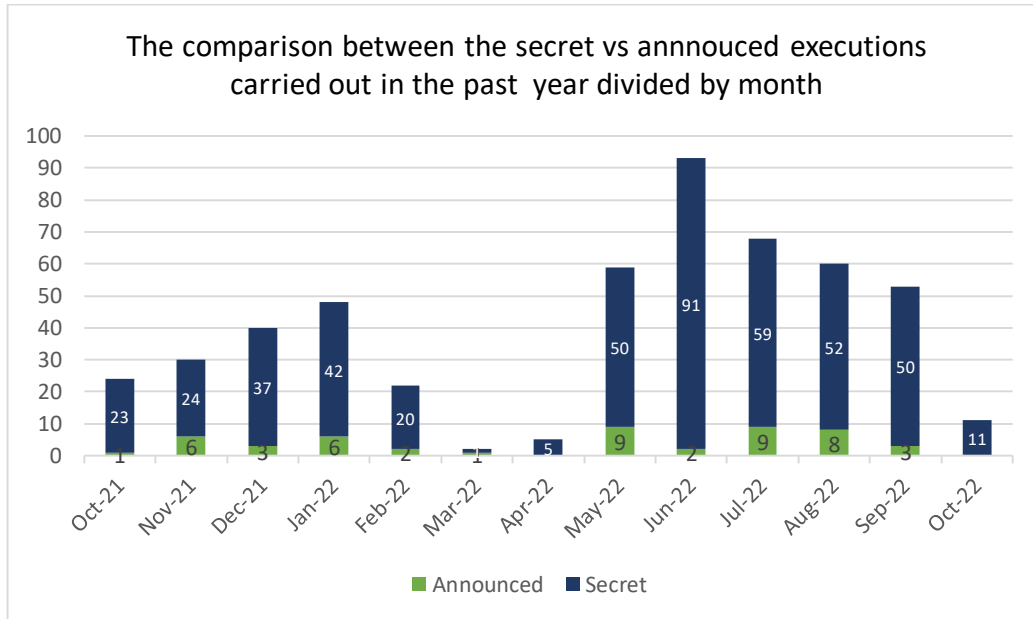
The chart below shows the number of executed prisoners divided by month:



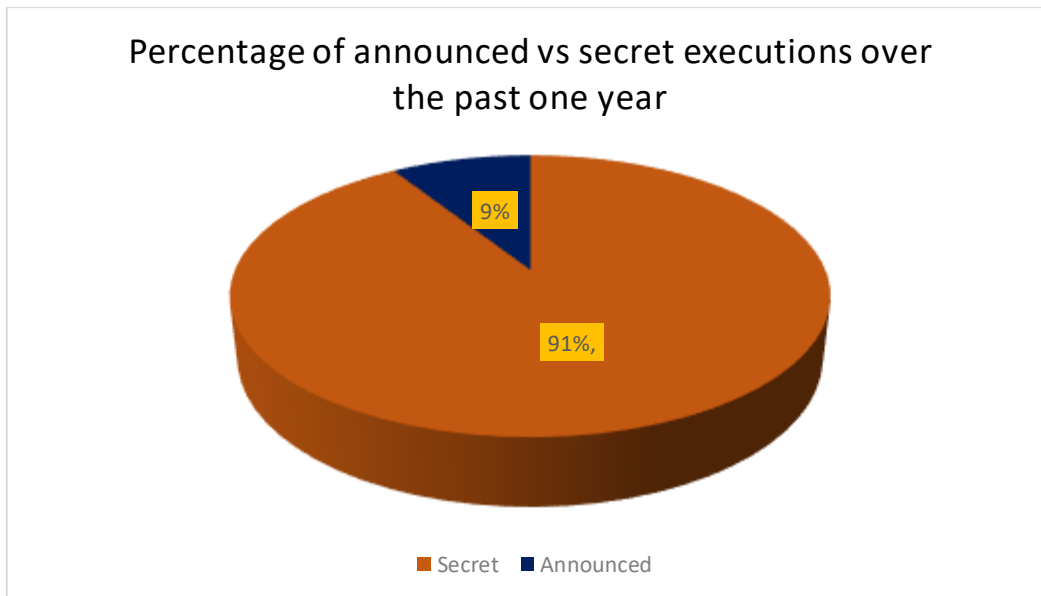
Secret executions in Iran are one of the important issues that the international community has not yet reacted against. The international community should hold the judicial authorities of the Islamic Republic accountable for secret executions. They should reveal the statistics of executions carried out this year as well as all previous years.

Out of the 537 executions carried out in the past year, only 50 executions were made public by the state media. The statistics of the rest of the executions were collected and announced only with the tireless and risk-taking efforts of human rights activists.

The chart below shows the comparison between the number of announced and secret executions in the last year divided by month:

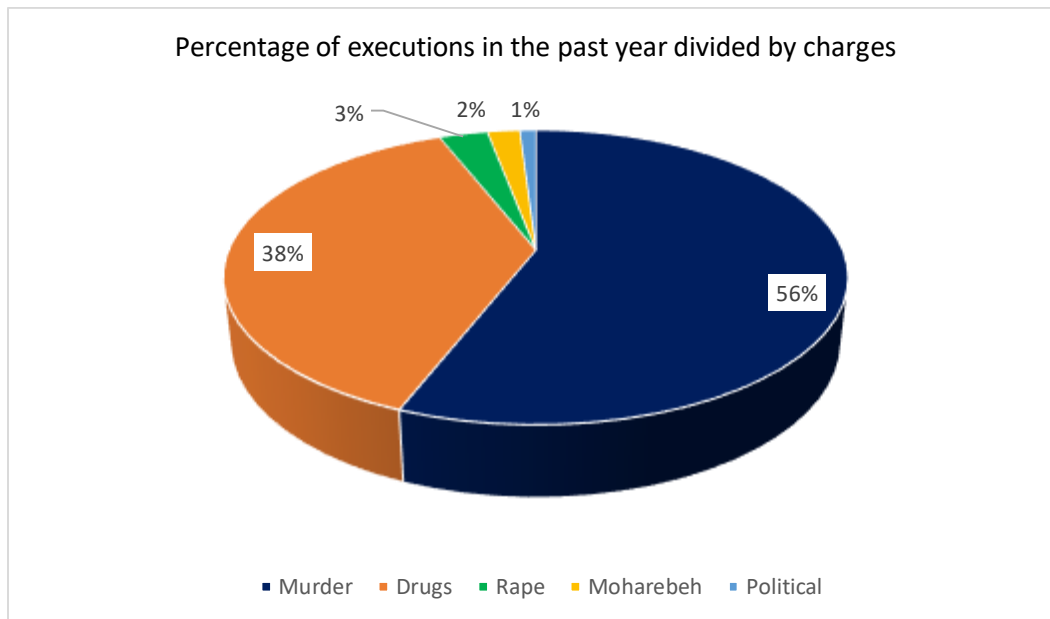


The graph below shows the overall ratio of the announced executions to secret executions. With 91% of the executions in Iran were carried out secretly and only 9% were announced by the state media:



The executed prisoners were hanged for charges such as murder, drug-related crimes, armed robbery, and so-called political crimes.

The following chart shows the number of executions divided by charges:



### **Execution of women and children**

In the last one year (October 10, 2021, to October 10, 2022), the authorities of the Islamic Republic executed at least 12 female prisoners.

In addition, despite the worldwide condemnations, the Islamic Republic continues to execute children. During the past year, at least six prisoners, less than 17 at the time of the alleged crime, were executed.

## **Execution of political prisoners**

Since the first days of its establishment, the Islamic Republic has executed political prisoners to eliminate its opponents and to suppress the people. During the past year, at least 6 political prisoners were executed.

The Prisoners' Rights League in Iran once again warns the international community that their inaction and lack of decisiveness in making the Islamic Republic Authorities accountable for the execution of the political prisoners, has led them continue this gross violation of human rights.

**The increase in the number of executions shows that the authorities of the Islamic Republic do not see the need to change their practice.**