Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA)- On the World Day Against the Death Penalty, the Center of Statistics of Human Rights Activists in Iran (HRAI) has published its annual report, in efforts to sensitize the public about the situation of the death penalty in Iran.

HRANA’s Statistics Center relies on the work of HRANA reporters, as well as a network of independent and verifiable sources. It also incorporates disclosures to the media by judicial authorities announcing or confirming prisoner executions, and as such is exposed to a margin of error representing efforts by the Iranian authorities to omit, conceal, or restrict the collection of such data.

Between October 10, 2019, and October 8, 2020, the death penalty and executions have been the focus of 264 HRANA reports. Over this time period, the Iranian authorities issued the death penalty sentence to 96 individuals and have already carried out 256 executions including 2 public executions.

While execution numbers went down by 2% in comparison to the same time last year, Iranian courts have issued 16% less death sentences. Public hangings and executions of women have decreased by 78% and increased 12%, respectively.
Females account for only 15 of the 256 HRANA-confirmed execution victims this year. In addition, 2 juvenile offenders, under the age of 18 when they allegedly committed the crime they were charged with, were executed.

**The report includes a breakdown of executions by capital offense:** 80.08% were charged with murder, 7.42% were charged with drug and narcotic offenses, 5.08% were charged with Rape, 2.34% were charged with armed robbery/offenses classified as “corruption on earth”, 3.13% were charged with political or security-related offenses, 0.39% were charged with drinking alcohol and 1.56% had unknown charges.

**A comparison for the crimes committed by executed individuals**
The chart below displays execution numbers by the province in which they took place. According to this chart, Alborz had the highest number of executions at 16%. Khorasan Razavi and West Azerbaijan come second and third, with 11% and 9% respectively.

**A COMPARISON FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF EXECUTIONS IN DIFFERENT PROVINCES IN IRAN**
The chart below is a distribution of execution information sources. The chart indicates that 77% of HRANA-confirmed executions were not announced by the official Iranian sources. Undisclosed executions are referred to as “secret” executions.

**SOURCES OF EXECUTIONS REPORTS**

- Reported by independent Human Rights Organizations or media: 77%
- Iranian authorities or State Media: 23%

The chart below displays execution numbers by their location in prison or public. According to statistics, 1% of the executions in Iran were carried out in public.

**EXECUTIONS LOCATIONS**

- Executions in prison: 99%
- Public executions: 1%