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**Statement by the  
International Commission against the Death Penalty  
on the Execution of Two Juvenile Offenders  
in Iran**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) strongly condemns the executions of two Iranian juvenile offenders which were carried out in the town of Bandar Abbas on 20 April 2011.

ICDP highlights that the execution of juvenile offenders is clearly prohibited by international human rights law set out in several international instruments for which Iran is bound by:

Article 6(5) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) states that the "sentence of death shall not be imposed for crimes committed by persons below eighteen years of age and shall not be carried out on pregnant women". Iran is a State Party to the ICCPR since 24 June 1975.

Article 37 (a) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), states that all States Parties shall ensure that "Neither capital punishment nor life imprisonment without possibility of release shall be imposed for offences committed by persons below eighteen years of age". Iran ratified the CRC on 13 July 1994.

ICDP urges the Iranian authorities to stop sentencing juvenile offenders to death and carrying out executions, and to establish a moratorium on the use of the death penalty in line with the worldwide trend towards the abolition of capital punishment that was confirmed by the UNGA Resolution 65/206 on a Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty adopted on the 21 December 2010.



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