



ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON  
**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**The ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP (PHRG)**  
**and**  
**the ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY,**  
**in conjunction with Legal Action Charity REPRIEVE,**

*invite you to a Panel Discussion on*

## **JUVENILE EXECUTIONS IN THE WORLD TODAY**

**18 July 2018, 5.00pm to 6.15pm,**  
**Committee Room 20, House of Commons**

**CHAIR: *Baroness Stern,***  
**Officer, PHRG, and Co-Chair, APPG Abolition of the Death Penalty**

### ***Speakers:***

- **Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam** - *Co-founder and spokesperson, Iran Human Rights;*
- **Ali al-Dubaisy** – *Director, European Saudi Organization for Human Rights;*
- **Maya Foa** – *Director, Reprieve;*
- **Agnes Callamard** – *UN Special Rapporteur on Arbitrary, Summary or Extrajudicial Executions*

With the execution of juveniles continuing in Iran Saudi Arabia and a few other countries worldwide, contrary to international law and the vast majority of state practice, we will be examining how children continue to receive death sentences and what the international community can do to help end this practice.

**For more information or to RSVP,**  
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### ***Background Information***

In Iran, anti-drug efforts have long fuelled thousands of executions, including those of children exploited as ‘drug mules’ to smuggle narcotics in and out of the country. Individuals convicted of crimes as children are executed within a system beset by serious due process violations, where receiving legal assistance or securing an appeal or review is often impossible.

Over the last several years, children in Saudi Arabia have been sentenced to death by the Special Criminal Court, used by the authorities to silence dissent – including by teenagers who attend protests. Within an atmosphere of total secrecy, juvenile executions are carried out in a manner condemned by the UN as itself amounting to torture and cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment.

The panel will explore how children in both countries continue to receive death sentences, while also exploring the experience of other countries including the US, which ended its executions of children in 2005, and Egypt, where several teenagers are awaiting execution on death row. The panel will also examine the international legal framework and the work of the UN Special Rapporteur in addressing the execution of children across the world.

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