

Says UN rights chief; Tehran hands ex-president's daughter jail time for 'propaganda'

Iran is weaponising the death penalty to frighten the public and crush dissent, and its execution of protesters without due process amounts to state-sanctioned killing, the UN said yesterday.

Tehran has executed four people in connection with nearly four months of demonstrations in the country, with two more executions scheduled imminently and at least 17 other individuals reportedly sentenced to death, the United Nations Human Rights Office in Geneva said.

"Criminal proceedings and the death penalty are being weaponised by the Iranian government to punish individuals participating in protests and to strike fear into the population so as to stamp out dissent, in violation of international human rights law," UN rights chief Volker Turk said.

The Islamic republic has been rocked by a wave of protests since the death in custody on September 16 of Kurdish Iranian Amini, 22, following her arrest for allegedly violating Iran's strict dress code for women.

"The weaponisation of criminal procedures to punish people for exercising their basic rights -- such as those participating in or organising demonstrations -- amounts to state-sanctioned killing," Turk said.

“The government of Iran would better serve its interests and those of its people by listening to their grievances, and by undertaking the legal and policy reforms necessary to ensure respect for diversity of opinion... and the full respect and protection of the rights of women in all areas of life.”

Meanwhile, Faezeh Hashemi, the daughter of late president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, has been sentenced to five years in prison, her lawyer told AFP on Monday.

Women's rights activist Hashemi was arrested on September 27 accused of "propaganda" and actions against public order and national security, said lawyer Neda Shams.



Last 8 yrs warmest on record globally

The last eight years were the warmest on record even with the cooling influence of a La Nina weather pattern since 2020, the European Union's climate monitoring service said yesterday.

Average temperatures across 2022 -- which saw a cascade of unprecedented natural disasters made more likely and deadly by climate change -- make it the fifth

warmest year since records began in the 19th century, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service.

Pakistan and northern India were scorched by a two-month spring heatwave with sustained temperatures well above 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit), followed in Pakistan by flooding that covered a third of the country.

France, Britain, Spain and Italy set new average temperature

records for 2022, with Europe as a whole enduring its second hottest year ever, Copernicus said in an annual report.

Heatwaves across the continent were compounded by severe drought conditions. European temperatures have increased by more than twice the global average over the past 30 years, with the region showing the highest rate of increase of any continent on the globe.

The ozone layer that shields life on Earth from deadly solar radiation is on track to recover within decades, but controversial geoengineering schemes to blunt global warming could reverse that progress, a major scientific assessment warned Monday.

Since the mid-1970s, certain industrial aerosols have led to the depletion of ozone in the stratosphere, 11 to 40 kilometres (7 to 25 miles) above Earth's surface.

In 1987, nearly 200 nations agreed on the Montreal Protocol to reverse damage to the ozone layer by banning chemicals that

destroy this naturally occurring stratum of molecules in the atmosphere.

That agreement is working as hoped, and is in line with previous projections, more than 200 scientists found.

"Ozone is recovering, this is a good story," John Pyle, a professor at the University of Cambridge and co-chair of Scientific Assessment of Ozone Depletion, told AFP.

The ozone layer should be restored -- both in area and depth -- by around 2066 over the Antarctic region, where ozone depletion has been most pronounced, according to the report, jointly released by WMO, UN Environment Programme, and government agencies in US and the EU.

Divisive new Speaker Kevin McCarthy passed the first test of his ability to lead the chaotic US House of Representatives Monday as lawmakers approved a rules package determining how his Republicans will govern.

The vote on the blueprint — described by top Democrat Jim McGovern as a “ransom note to America from the extreme right” — came on the heels of one of the most turbulent weeks ever in the lower chamber of Congress.

Lawmakers almost came to blows in the newly Republican-controlled House as McCarthy was forced to go through 15 rounds of voting over four days to overcome a far right blockade to his candidacy.

“At the heart of all of this discussion last week it was very clear, surely from our side, that Washington is broken,” McCarthy’s deputy, Majority Leader Steve Scalise, said as the debate opened.

"And not just is Washington broken, but the way that this House has been running for the last few years has not been designed to address the problems of the people from across this country."

Democrats complain, however, that the deals McCarthy cut to win the speaker vote have severely curtailed the role of Washington's top legislator and have ceded power to the most extreme Republicans.

US Navy seizes over 2,000 rifles from fishing boat

The US Navy said yesterday it had seized more than 2,000 assault rifles smuggled on a fishing boat along a maritime route from Iran to Yemen.

The cargo was discovered on Friday off the coast of Oman "on a route historically used to traffic illicit cargo to the Huthis in Yemen," the Bahrain-based US Fifth Fleet said in a statement, noting the vessel "was crewed by six Yemeni nationals."

“This shipment is part of a continued pattern of destabilising activity from Iran,” Vice Admiral Brad Cooper was quoted as saying.

The Iran-backed Huthi rebels took control of the Yemeni capital Sanaa in 2014, prompting a Saudi-led coalition to intervene the following year.

Since then, a grinding war has killed hundreds of thousands and pushed the impoverished nation to the brink of famine.

A UN-brokered ceasefire that took effect in April brought a sharp reduction in hostilities. The truce expired in October, though fighting largely remains on hold.

The fishing vessel intercepted last week had been carrying 2,116 AK-47 assault rifles.

“The transfer of the vessel and its crew for repatriation is in progress,” the Fifth Fleet said, adding that “the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer of weapons to the Huthis violates” international law.

Last month, the US Navy said it had seized one million rounds of ammunition along with rocket fuses and propellant being smuggled on a fishing trawler from Iran to Yemen.

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1.	734885, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/1/70	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Debaganj) & Azari Panchagar, Ranishankal & Harpur Thakurgaon, Nijhamani Sader)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:00:00
2.	734750, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/2/71	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Parbatpur, Biri & Kharsama Dinajpur, Adiman & Haribandha Lalmonirhat)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:00:00
3.	734722, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/3/72	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Rajshahi, Ulipur, Nageshwan, Rajpur Kuligam and Dhinal Bogra)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:00:00
4.	734740, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/4/73	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Poba & Godagan Rajshahi, Shaperhat, Badagasi & Patmola Nagergaon)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:00:00
5.	734741, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/5/74	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Natore Sader, Bagelipara, Shingra, Borsigram, Lalpur)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:00:00
6.	735080, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/6/75	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Kamarkhanta, Shahajadpur, Rajganj, Ullapara & Tarash Shaiganj)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:30:00
7.	735094, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/7/76	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Sader Jessor, Bheramara Kusila, Jbonnagar, Alondanga & Damshuda Chudanga)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:30:00
8.	736571, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/8/77	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Sreepur, Sonliha, Sader, Mahadpur of Nagura District and Sader Jhinalah)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:30:00
9.	736852, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/9/78	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Goskonda Rajbari, Tala, Kolarua, Debbota Salkhig)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:30:00
10.	736658, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/10/79	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Golapole, Kolapara Patakhali, Ambol Barguna, Hata, Noakhali, Rapur Lakshipur)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 12:30:00
11.	736886, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/11/80	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Lalmohan, Char Fashion, Sader, Borhanuddin, Tajmuddin Bhola)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:00:00
12.	736671, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/12/81	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Rajor, Kalkini, Shishbar Masterpur and Vedogari Goshairhat, Sheraitpur)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:00:00
13.	736937, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/13/82	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Boelmari, Afadanga, Madhukhali, Saltha, Sadarpur Faridpur)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:00:00
14.	736939, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/14/83	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Polashbari Gabbandha, Adomighi Bagura, Sader Palma, Sarishabari and Melandaha Jamalpur)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:00:00
15.	736942, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/15/84	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Shiboley, Satulia, Ghior, Doulapur Manikganj and Nagarpur Tangail)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:00:00
16.	736948, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/16/85	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Belabo, Raipura, Morihoni, Shibpur Narshingdi)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:30:00
17.	737015, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/17/86	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Sader Mymensingh, Futaba, Gouripur, Fulpur, Tanakanda)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:30:00
18.	737017, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/18/87	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Bahubal, Churnaughat, Madhobpur, Moulabazar Sader, Kanaighat Sylhet)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:30:00
19.	737018, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/19/88	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Purbathola, Barhatta, Nitrokorra and Gopalpur, Machpur, Danbari, Tangail)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:30:00
20.	737021, DAE/FMP/WD-13/lot/20/89	Machinery/Input storage Building Construction at 5 Upazila (Rangunia, Lohagara, Pota Chattogram and Chokoria, Palua Cox's Bazar)	08-Jan-2023 18:00:00	01-Feb-2023 13:30:00

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