

# Abolish Stoning Worldwide!



Reports about convictions to stoning or executed stoning during the last years were heard from Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Afghanistan and Somalia. Legal possibilities for stoning convictions also exist in several other Islamic states. Mostly women, being accused of “adultery”, are the victims of this cruel punishment. Through Islamic Law a reversal of the burden of proof occurs for women who report the crime of rape. Through this report they “confess” the crime of “adultery” which can be punished with the death penalty. They now have to bring four male Islamic witnesses to support their report of rape because their own testimony as women only counts half of a male testimony. In certain kinds of Islamic teaching, pregnancy is a proof for “adultery”.

According to the United Nations Convention against Torture, stoning is a **cruel, inhuman and degrading** punishment. Stoning is in opposition to articles 3 and 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of articles 6 and 7 of the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights, which guarantee the **right to life** and prohibit **torture and inhuman treatment**. Furthermore stoning because of adultery is against the international principle of **commensurability**.

**With my signature I plead for a worldwide abolition of stoning.**

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