

# STOP

# Sexual Apartheid

**Definition:** A system of legally and culturally enforced discrimination and/or persecution against people based on their sexual behaviors, with severe repression of sexual freedom.

**Homosexuality is a crime punished by imprisonment, flogging, stoning, hanging, or beheading** in Iran, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.



In Iran, practicing homosexuality is a capital offense. Those “convicted” of homosexuality are publicly executed, usually hanged. A reported 4,000 homosexuals were executed in Iran between 1979 and 1999.