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et à tous les membres et partenaires du Club
The Geneva Press Club - Club suisse de la Presse, has the pleasure to invite the international, the Swiss press and its members to a press conference on the topic

"EMERGENCY : Iranian minors under imminent threat of execution!"

with

M. Bernard BOËTON

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Iran office, Amnesty International, London

M. Jean ZERMATTEN

International Institute of the Rights of the child

Tuesday 8, July 2008

at 14h00

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EMERGENCY!

According to various sources, and, in particular, with the work of information provided by AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, we learn that **FOUR minors sentenced for criminal acts are likely to be executed from July 10, 2008.**

Approximately 20 minors have been executed by hanging in Iran in recent years (according to latest information), and we are aware of many other juvenile delinquents awaiting execution in the weeks and month to come. **Many NGO's are expressing their revolt and demanding the immediate halt of these executions,** which are in serious and obvious violation of the international prohibition on the use of death penalty for crimes committed by persons under the age of 18.

We are calling for the **Islamic Republic of Iran** to halt with immediate effect all such executions and commute sentencing to custodial terms, and we seek no less than the abolition of capital punishment for the minors.


Guy Mettan, Directeur exécutif