

## PRESS RELEASE

On 10 October 2023, World Day against the Death Penalty, ACAT Luxembourg will hold a vigil at Place d'Armes in Luxembourg City in partnership with the "Comité Nationale - Comité de défense des droits de l'homme en Iran" and the Iranian Students Association, with the support of Amnesty International Luxembourg, starting at 12:00 pm.

ACAT Luxembourg is thus following the call of the World Coalition against the Death Penalty for marking this day internationally with public events to raise public awareness of the ongoing scandal of the death penalty.

This year, we are drawing particular attention to the disastrous situation in Iran: In the first 6 months of this year, at least 354 people were executed, 36 percent more than during the same period last year, according to the NGO Iran Human Rights (IHR). Seven executions are linked to the wave of protests for more women's rights in Iran that broke out after the death of Kurdish woman Jina Mahsa Amini. Human rights groups warn that seven more protesters could be facing execution in Iran.

The vigil will be accompanied by a dance performance by Sara Labbaf to commemorate the victims of capital punishment in Iran and worldwide.

In this event, we will be joined by Mr. Amir Labbaf, a former prisoner of conscience who endured torture at the hands of the Iranian government. He also witnessed executions and other serious violations of human rights within Iranian prisons. The press will have the opportunity to conduct a brief interview with Mr. Labbaf during the event. For a more extensive interview to take place before the event, please notify us in advance.

You will find further information at [www.acat.lu](http://www.acat.lu) and [www.worldcoalition.org](http://www.worldcoalition.org).

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