

Research based on news reports, information from local advocates, the ILGA World Database, Human Dignity Trust "Map of Countries that Criminalise LGBT People," the annual U.S. State Department Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and the annual State-Sponsored Homophobia Report of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA).

Important Note: The HRC Criminalization Around the World Map lists all countries and jurisdictions that criminalize consensual same-sex sexual relations around the world. The designation of country or jurisdiction is based on UN Membership status.

Caribbean (6): Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Oceania (6): Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Tuvalu.

Note the Following Jurisdictions Criminalize: *Gaza, *South Sumatra and Aceh (Indonesia)

PUNISHABLE WITH DEATH PENALTY IN 11 COUNTRIES:

Africa (4): Mauritania, Uganda, Somalia, and parts of Nigeria (12 Northern states of Nigeria (Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Niger, Sokoto, Yobe and Zamfara))

Middle East & North Africa (5): Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen

Central Asia (1): Afghanistan

Asia (1): Brunei Updated October 2023



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