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### **Secretary General urges Indonesia not to carry out pending executions**

Strasbourg, 28.04.2015 - The head of Europe's 47-nation human rights organisation has called on Indonesia not to carry out the execution by firing squad of 9 people which is expected to take place in the coming days.

"The death penalty is a terrible injustice which can never be put right," said Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland.

"I urge the Indonesian authorities to refrain from carrying out these executions, as a first step, and then to consider introducing a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to working towards abolition."

Through the European Convention on Human Rights, the Council of Europe has succeeded in creating a death-penalty free zone covering some 820 million people.

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