

## **Crimes against humanity - summary**

Though people should, considering the international laws, be entitled to a tolerable life, many women throughout the world have no such luck. This is especially true for the women of the Islamic countries. For example, laws of Islamic countries state that they should be covered from head to toe, they are forbidden of drawing attention and even a smile to a stranger can be a base for punishment. In Iran people are still being stoned for committing even minor crimes and non-married are being whipped for committing an act of adultery. Married men on the other hand are buried with stones up to waist and women up their necks. Quran does not endorse such punishments, so it is evident that they are practised only to have control over the people. Such Draconian punishments take place not only in Iran but also in many Muslim countries. Though the accused is acquitted of his or her crimes if he or she able to escape from the scene where the punishment takes place, a woman sentenced to death by stoning was killed by her executors although she was able to flee the scene. Besides stoning, gang raping is also commonly practised to repress women. In one case four men raped a woman and beat her up, because her brother had a relationship with a woman of a higher class. Although many humanitarian organizations are trying to remedy the situation, they are not very successful, because many believe that the accused deserve their punishment. The women of the Islamic will therefore have to walk a long way to gain their freedom.