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Level 4 – 14th October, 2018

Malaysia to abolish the death penalty

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181014-death-penalty-4.html>

Malaysia will abolish the death penalty in a move that pleased human rights campaigners. The Law Minister said any planned executions will not be carried out. There are currently over 1,267 people on death row in Malaysia. They will be released or have their sentences reduced. The minister said: "[Prisoners] would have to face life imprisonment because there had been several deaths that were caused by the offender and so they were sentenced to death."

Amnesty International welcomed the decision. It said: "Malaysia [will] join the 106 countries who have turned their backs for good on the ultimate cruel, inhumane, degrading punishment." It added: "The death penalty should have been consigned to the history books long ago." It said the announcement was encouraging but more needed to be done because 23 countries still have the death penalty. There were 993 executions recorded worldwide in 2017.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/2168140/malaysian-government-agrees-abolish-death-penalty-move>
<https://www.newsweek.com/malaysia-announces-it-will-abolish-death-penalty-all-crimes-1165110>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. human rights | a. death row |
| 2. law | b. by the offender |
| 3. executions will not | c. campaigners |
| 4. 1,267 people on | d. to death |
| 5. have their sentences | e. be carried out |
| 6. face life | f. reduced |
| 7. deaths that were caused | g. minister |
| 8. sentenced | h. imprisonment |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Amnesty International welcomed | a. be done |
| 2. Malaysia will join | b. the decision |
| 3. turned their backs | c. recorded worldwide |
| 4. inhumane, degrading | d. for good |
| 5. consigned to the | e. was encouraging |
| 6. the announcement | f. the 106 countries |
| 7. more needed to | g. history books |
| 8. There were 993 executions | h. punishment |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Malaysia will abolish the death penalty in a (1) _____ human rights campaigners. The Law Minister said any planned executions will not (2) _____. There are currently over 1,267 people (3) _____ in Malaysia. They will be released or have their sentences reduced. The minister said: "[Prisoners] would (4) _____ life imprisonment because there (5) _____ deaths that were caused by the offender and so they were (6) _____."

Amnesty International (7) _____. It said: "Malaysia [will] join the 106 countries who have turned (8) _____ good on (9) _____, inhumane, degrading punishment." It added: "The death penalty should have been (10) _____ history books long ago." It said the announcement was encouraging (11) _____ to be done because 23 countries still have the death penalty. There (12) _____ recorded worldwide in 2017.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE DEATH PENALTY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the death penalty in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

