

A 26 year old man, Theerasak Longji, was executed at Bang Kwang Central Prison on June 18, 2018. That was the first to be carried out in Thailand since 2009.

While the execution was announced to the public later on the day, Theerasak Longji's family told a national media outlet that they had not been notified in advance of the scheduled execution and were not given the chance of a last visit with their relative. He was only allowed one phone call with his wife shortly before the execution was carried out.

Amnesty International has received information, which it has not yet been able to independently verify, suggesting that several other prisoners have had their applications for royal pardon rejected and therefore may be at imminent risk of execution.

The resumption of executions in Thailand sets the country against the global trend towards abolition of the death penalty and represents a major setback for the country's human rights record.

I wish to express my deep concern at the execution of Theerasak Longji and the lack of prior notice to his family, and to urge you to halt any plans to carry out further executions.

At the same time, I call on you to commute all existing death sentences and establish an immediate moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

I also wish to express my deep regret at the setback that the resumption of executions represents for Thailand's human rights record and highlighting that two-thirds of the world's countries have abolished the death penalty in law or practice

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,