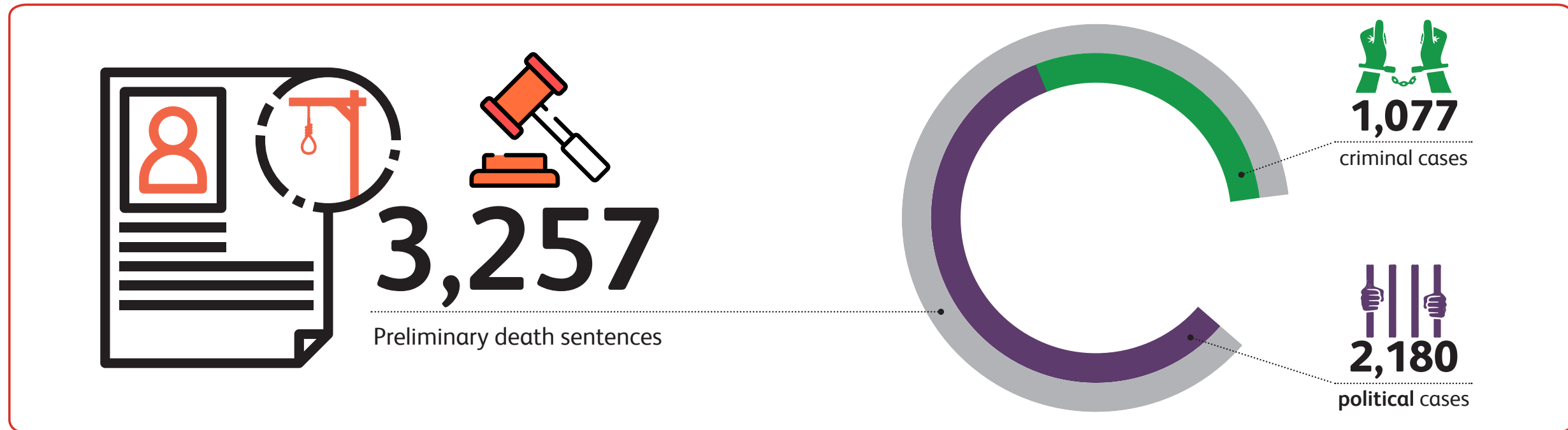


# PRELIMINARY DEATH SENTENCES IN ABSENTIA

25 JANUARY 2011 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2018



This infographic shows how many defendants were sentenced to death in absentia compared with individuals who were present at trial. Of all 3,257 preliminary death sentences identified by the Index, 786 (24%) were handed down to defendants tried in absentia. Of a total 2,180 preliminary death sentences resulting from political trials, 654 (30%) were handed down in absentia. In criminal trials, 12% of death sentences were handed down in absentia (132 of a total 1,077). This discrepancy is largely a result of the use of mass trials in political cases; charging documents in these cases often list hundreds of defendants, many of whom have not been apprehended and are then sentenced in absentia.

