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A military court in the Gaza Strip on Monday convicted six people of “collaboration” with Israel, sentencing two of them to death.

The court said in a statement that the death sentences would be carried out “one by firing squad and the other by hanging.”

It added the four others were handed “life sentences with hard labor,” which in Gaza amounts to 25 years.

Those convicted were not identified by officials in the Strip, which has been run by the terror group Hamas since 2007, nor were details of their cases published.

Under Palestinian law, a death sentence requires the approval of the president of the Palestinian Authority which is headquartered in the West Bank.

But Hamas has repeatedly ignored this, and in September executed two Palestinians for “collaboration” with Israel, as well as three others.

Those executions, condemned by the United Nations Human Rights Office, were the first in the coastal territory in more than five years.

The New York-based group Human Rights Watch decried the death penalty at the time as “a barbaric practice that has no place in the modern world.”