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Further information on UA 317/88 (MDE 13/25/88, 28 November 1988) and follow-up MDE 13/26/88, 29 November 1988 - Fear of Execution

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| IRAN: Ali Akbar SALEHI | Sadegh FARIDEN |
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| NUSRATI (three brothers - surname only) | |

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Amnesty International has received further names of political prisoners, listed above, who are reported to be in imminent danger of execution. They were arrested in 1980 or 1981 and many may be prisoners of conscience convicted of distributing leaflets or of disturbing the peace at political rallies. All were supporters/sympathizers of the banned People's Mojahedine Organization of Iran, sentenced to prison terms ranging from six months to six years.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- urging that any death sentences passed on the above be commuted, and that all of those imprisoned solely for the non-violent expression of his/her political beliefs be immediately and unconditionally released;
- expressing deep regret at the large number of executions which have been taking place in Iran, and urging that they be brought to an immediate halt.

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Telephone 01-833 1771 Telegrams: Amnesty London WC1 Telex: 28502

Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the release of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used or advocated violence. These are termed *prisoners of conscience*. It works for fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial. It opposes the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of all prisoners.

APPEALS TO:

H.E. Ayatollah Abdulkarim Musavi Ardebili
Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Judicial Council
Ministry of Justice
Park-e Shahr
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Chief Justice, Tehran, Iran

Telexes: 214231 miti ir;
213113 prim ir;
marked for attention of Chief Justice.

H.E. Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani
Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly
Majles-e Shuray-e Eslami
Imam Khomeini Avenue
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Speaker, Majles-e Shura, Tehran, Iran
Telexes: 212450 ext ir
212600 ext ir
214242 ext ir

COPIES TO

H. E. Ali Akbar Velayati
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Sheik Abdolmajid Avenue
Koosh-e Mesri
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

and to diplomatic representatives of Iran in your country.

Note: Some appeals should be sent in a personal or professional capacity.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 29 December 1988.

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action. If possible, send a telegram or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

— In Urgent Action cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly to prevent the ill-treatment of prisoners. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action coordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.