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Fear of execution

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IRAN: Assadollah ASSADI	Hamid SAIDI
Daryoush KARIMI	Hadi MEHRAD
Jafar JAHANGIRI	Siyavash SANAKI
Ebrahim NAJARAN	Mandana ZANDI (female)
Khadijeh JABIRI (female)	Lilik SIHAKOUBIAN
Sayed KAMALEDDINE SAIDI	Azadeh EBRAHIMI
Sayed JALALEDDINE SAIDI	Youssef AB-KHUN
Munir Khosrowshahi BARADARAN	Abdolreza SHOUKOUHI
Rahim Hossainpoor ROODSARI	Shuhreh FARZAD (female)
Lohrafb SALAVATI	Askar FIROUZI
Bahram ZOLFAKARI	Tamuchin JAHANGIRI
BEHBOUDI (no first name)	Sayed Ahmad SAIDI
Mahmoud Parvari MOQADDAM	

Amnesty International has learned that the 25 political prisoners named above are all reported to be in imminent danger of execution. Most are already serving prison sentences, ranging from life to as little as two or three years in a number of cases. All are members or supporters of a banned leftist opposition group.

In recent months Amnesty International has been gravely concerned by a new wave of political executions in Iran, the true figure of which may run into many hundreds. Those executed include government opponents from many different factions, and many of them appear to have had sentences of imprisonment which they were already serving changed to the death sentence, in contravention of Article 14(7) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Iran has ratified.

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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- urging that any death sentences passed on the above be commuted, and pointing out that it is a contravention of Article 14(7) of the ICCPR for anyone 'to be tried or punished again for an offence for which he has already been finally convicted';
- 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

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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
marked for attention of Speaker, Majles-e Shuray-e Eslami

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not mention the political affiliation of the prisoners in question.

Some appeals may be sent in a personal or professional capacity.

Copies to; diplomatic representatives of Iran in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 December 1988.

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| <p>— 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.</p> <p>— 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:</p> <p>Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."</p> <p>Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."</p> <p>Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."</p> | <p>— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.</p> <p>— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.</p> <p>— 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.</p> <p>— 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.</p> |
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