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Fear of Execution

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IRAN: Soraya Ali MOHAMMADI

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Amnesty International has received information that Soraya Ali Mohammadi may be in imminent danger of execution.

She is a member of the People's Fedayan Organization of Iran reportedly sentenced to death in 1984 but her sentence was later commuted, first to 15 then to nine years' imprisonment. She was originally held in Evin Prison, Tehran but may now have been moved.

Soraya Ali Mohammadi participated in a hunger strike in February 1988 and since then has been denied medical care. Subsequently her medical condition has deteriorated and she is now reported as being seriously ill with gynaecological problems.

In recent months Amnesty International has received reports of executions of hundreds of political prisoners in Iran, some of whom were originally been sentenced to terms of imprisonment but whose sentences were changed to death.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please do not mention that Soraya Ali Mohammadi is a member of the People's Fedayan Organization of Iran.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- urging that any death sentence passed on Soraya Ali Mohammadi be immediately lifted and that she be given access to medical care;
- urging an immediate halt to all executions.

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*.

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

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Iran in your own country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat
or your section office if sending appeals after 17 January 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.