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Further information on UA 299/88 (MDE 13/22/88, 10 November) - Death Penalty

IRAN: Hamzeh MAHJOUN
Massoud ALLA'I KHASTOU

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Amnesty International has received a report that the executions of Hamzeh Mahjoub, held in Roodsar Prison, and Massoud Alla'i Khastou, held in Evin Prison in Tehran, earlier reported to be imminent, have now taken place.

Massoud Alla'i Khastou was arrested in 1981, aged 17, and was serving a prison sentence of 11 years. Hamzeh Mahjoub was arrested in 1982, aged 16, and according to Amnesty International's information was never tried or sentenced. Both were political prisoners and it is not known whether either had used or advocated violence; lack of fair trial in political cases in Iran means it is possible one or both may have been prisoners of conscience.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters

- expressing deep regret at the report that these two young men have been executed;
- urging that executions in Iran be brought to an end immediately;
- urging that any prisoner held solely for the non-violent expression of his/her political beliefs be immediately and unconditionally released.

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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. Hojjatoleslam Seyed Ali
Khamenei
President of the Islamic Republic
The Presidency
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: President Khamenei, Tehran

Telexes: 214231 miti ir;
213113 prim ir;
attention of President Khamenei

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,
Justice Ministry, Tehran

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

COPIES TO:

- H.E. Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, Qom, Islamic Republic of Iran
- 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 17 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.