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Further information on UA 235/88 (MDE 13/14/88, 2 September) and follow-up (MDE 13/17/88, 20 October) - Political Executions

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Amnesty International has received the names of a further 22 political prisoners, all allegedly supporters of the People's Mojahedine Organisation of Iran, who are reported to be in imminent danger of execution. Some may already have been executed. They are: Jamshid Riazi, Masoud Hashemi, Javad Nassiri, Mohammad Reza Saeidi Sharifabad, Baradaran Heydari, Badii and Jafari (no first names) (held in Mashad); Salman Ghassemi, Hassan Moezi and Khosro Asiabani (held in Tabriz); Mohsen Piri, Reza Mohammadabadi, Hussein Mahiguir, Mohammad Haselou and Kiumars Godarzi (held in Arak); Jafarzadeh (no first name) (held in Khoy); Najaf Zarai (held in Kerman); Mohammad Pasha (held in Evin Prison, Tehran); Houshang Aziami (held in Esfahan); Mahri Bazargani, Jabari and Hashemian (no first names) (held in Qazvin).

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. In the case of Iran it is particularly concerned by the lack of provisions for a fair trial in political cases, and the lack of any procedure for prisoners sentenced to death to appeal against conviction or sentence.

Since July 1988 it has received reports of the execution of hundreds of political prisoners, among them prisoners whose prison sentences had apparently been changed to the death sentence, in contravention of Article 14(7) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Iran has ratified, which states that no-one may be "tried or punished again for an offences for which he has already been finally convicted". Amnesty International has also been concerned by the recent ban on visits by the families of political prisoners; although this has now been partially lifted, many families are still not being allowed access to detainees.

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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*.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- expressing concern that the above prisoners are at risk of execution and calling for the commutation of any death sentences imposed on them;
- expressing deep regret at continuing reports of political executions and asking for details of the procedures by which the death sentences were passed and approved, referring to any previous letters you have written in this connection;
- calling for an end to political executions in Iran;
- urging that all political prisoners be allowed visits from their families.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do NOT mention the People's Mojahedine Organisation of Iran in your appeals.

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

H.E. Dr Hassan Ebrahim Habibi
Minister of Justice
Ministry of Justice
Park-e Shahr
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Chief Justice,
Justice Ministry, Tehran, Iran

Telegrams: Justice Minister,
Tehran, Iran

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

Telexes as for Chief Justice
marked for attention of the
Minister of Justice

COPIES 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 10 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.