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# URGENT ACTION

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## Death Penalty

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Further information on:

- UA 235/88 (MDE 13/14/88, 2 September), and follow-ups (MDE 13/17/88, 20 October, and MDE 13/21/88, 10 November)
- UA 317/88 (MDE 13/25/88, 28 November), and follow-ups (MDE 13/26/88, 29 November, and MDE 13/27/88, 1 December)
- UA 337/88 (MDE 13/33/88, 12 December)
- UA 346/88 (MDE 13/34/88, 16 December)
- UA 351/88 (MDE 13/35/88, 21 December)
- UA 354/88 (MDE 13/36/88, 22 December)
- UA 04/89 (MDE 13/01/89, 6 January)
- UA 46/89 (MDE 13/11/89, 10 February)

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Amnesty International has received reports that the above people, previously mentioned in a number of UAs (see above) have been executed. They belong to various left-wing opposition groups, including the People's Mojahedine Organisation of Iran and the People's Fedayeen Organization of Iran (Majority).

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Since the end of July 1988 Amnesty International has received the names of over 1700 members and supporters of political opposition groups who have reportedly been executed. Among those executed were prisoners of conscience, political prisoners serving prison terms, or those whose sentences had expired but who remained in detention, as well as prisoners who had never been tried or sentenced. It is unclear what, if any, judicial process was followed prior to the executions taking place. The organization has long been concerned that political trials in Iran fall far short of international standards for fair trials.

Amnesty International understands that during the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Islamic Republic, many political prisoners were reportedly granted amnesties. However, the organization is concerned that political prisoners still remain in detention, and may still be at risk of execution.

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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:**

- seeking confirmation about the fate of the above prisoners, and urging commutation of their death sentence, if they are still alive;

- welcoming the amnesty of many hundreds of political prisoners and the ten-day suspension of executions, but expressing regret at the large numbers of executions which have taken place since July 1988.

**N.B. Do not mention the political affiliations of the prisoners in question.**

**APPEALS TO:**

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and 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 9 June 1989.

— 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.