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Further Information on UA 209/04 (ASA 21/021/2004, 24 June 2004) and follow-up (ASA 21/024/2004, 12 July 2004; ASA 21/026/2004, 5 August 2004; ASA 21/028/2004, 20 August 2004; ASA 21/036/2004, 17 September 2004) - Death Penalty/Fear of imminent execution/legal concern

**INDONESIA**    **Meirika Franola, alias Ola (f), aged 34, Indonesian national**  
**Rani Maharani (f) aged 29, Indonesian national**  
**Dany Maharwan (m), aged 32, Indonesian national**  
**Saelow Prasert (m), aged 62, Thai national**  
**Namsong Sirilak (f), aged 32, Thai national**  
**Samuel Iwuchekwu Okoye (m), aged 34, Nigerian national**  
**Hansen Anthony Nwaolisa (m), aged 37, Nigerian national**  
**Indra Bahadur Tamang (m), aged 24, Nepali national**  
**Muhammad Abdul Hafez (m), aged 36, Pakistani national**  
**Namaona Denis (m), aged 39, Malawian national**

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Thai nationals Saelow Prasert and Namsong Sirilak are scheduled to be executed in Indonesia in the next few days, according to their lawyers. An exact date and time has not been made public.

The two were moved to isolation cells on 26 September. Two days later, their lawyers received a letter from the local Prosecutor's Office stating that their execution was imminent.

Both have given their final wishes to their lawyers. Saelow Prasert stated that he wished to be the last person to be executed in Indonesia. He also requested that the legal team attend his execution, and that all his clothes be given to his fellow inmates in Tanjung Gusta prison, Medan, North Sumatra Province. Namsong Sirilak asked that her two shirts be sent to her parents in Thailand, and that her necklaces and photos be sent to her 12-year-old son in Thailand.

The two were sentenced to death for drug trafficking in 1994 together with Indian national Ayodhya Prasad Chaubey. He was executed by firing squad on 5 August 2004, making him the first person to be executed in Indonesia since 2001. Saelow Prasert and Namsong Sirilak's appeals for clemency were rejected in July 2004. Amnesty International believes that their trials may not have been fair, because they did not have access to legal representation before their trial or to interpreters during the police investigation.

The eight other people named above had their appeals for presidential clemency rejected in June and July, and are also at imminent risk of execution.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Bahasa Indonesian, English or your own language:**

- calling on President Megawati Sukarnoputri to commute the death sentence of Thai nationals Saelow Prasert and Namsong Sirilak;
- expressing concern that Saelow Prasert and Namsong Sirilak reportedly received unfair trials, and urging the authorities to review their trials and order retrials if irregularities are found;
- calling for the death sentences of the eight other people named above to also be commuted;
- expressing deep concern about the renewal of executions in Indonesia and at the possibility of judicial error in the Indonesian criminal justice system, which increases the risk of the innocent being executed.

**APPEALS TO: (Fax numbers may be difficult to get through to. Please keep trying)**

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