

EXTERNAL

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28 August 1997

Further information on EXTRA 103/97 (ASA 33/23/97, 18 July 1997) and follow-ups (ASA 33/26/97, 31 July, ASA 33/27/97, 4 August, ASA 33/31/97, 21 August) - Death penalty / Imminent execution

PAKISTAN Shamu Masih
Javed Masih

On 27 August 1997, Shamu and Javed Masih were granted a further 30-day stay of execution by the President of Pakistan. This is to allow the member of parliament acting on their behalf more time to reach a settlement with the relatives of those Shamu and Javed Masih were convicted of murdering. The stay of execution will run out on 25 September.

**Action as specified in previous update may therefore continue, ie:
telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:
to President:**

- appealing to the President to use his powers under Article 45 of the Constitution to commute the death sentences against Shamu Masih and Javed Masih;
to other two addressees:

- expressing concern that Shamu Masih and Javed Masih are scheduled for execution, and appealing to the Governor and Chief Minister to urge the President to commute the death sentences;

To all:

- continuing to urge that the death be abolished as it violates the right to life and the prohibition of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

APPEALS TO:

President Farooq Leghari
Office of the President
Islamabad, Pakistan
Telegrams: President, Islamabad, Pakistan
Faxes: +92 51 9211018
Salutation: Dear President

Governor of Sindh
Governor's House
Karachi, Pakistan
Telegrams: Governor, Karachi, Pakistan
Faxes: +92 21 9201218
Salutation: Dear Governor

Chief Minister of Sindh
Sindh Secretariat
Karachi, Pakistan
Telegrams: Chief Minister, Karachi, Pakistan
Faxes: +92 21 9202000
Salutation: Dear Chief Minister

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Pakistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 September 1997.