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Further information on UA 199/99 (ASA 35/31/99, 5 August 1999) and follow-ups (ASA 35/36/99, 18 August, ASA 35/40/99, 29 September 1999) - Imminent execution

PHILIPPINESRomeo Gallo, aged 37, charcoal burner

Amnesty International has just learned that the Supreme Court has commuted Romeo Gallo's death sentence to life imprisonment. His second stay of execution, announced by President Estrada on 27 September, was due to expire on 23 October 1999.

According to a report in today's *Philippine Star* the Supreme Court modified its original confirmation of Romeo Gallo's death sentence, noting that it had not been clearly established that the rape victim was his own daughter. Romeo Gallo was convicted of raping the 13-year-old girl in his home in 1994.

No further action is needed from the UA network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on Romeo Gallo's behalf.