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AZERBAYDZHANI REPUBLIC: Grachik PETROSYAN
Gagik ARUTYUNYAN
Arno MKRTCHYAN
Arvid MANGASARYAN
Garnik ARUSTAMYAN

(in cyrillic

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The five ethnic Armenians named above were due to be executed on 16 May 1992, after being convicted of murder two months previously by a court in Azerbaydzhani. Amnesty International has been unable to determine if the executions were carried out on that date. However the deposition of the Azerbaydzhani president the day before may mean that the executions were postponed pending clarification of the political situation.

Amnesty International is opposed to the death penalty in all cases without reservation, and is appealing to the current Acting President, Isa Gambarov, to use all steps open to him to halt the executions if they have not yet been carried out.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- urging that, if the executions have not been carried out, that the death sentences passed on Grachik Petrosyan, Gagik Arutyunyan, Arno Mkrtchyan, Arvid Mangasaryan and Garnik Arustamyan be commuted;
- urging that everyone sentenced to death in the Azerbaydzhani Republic be granted the opportunity to appeal to a court of higher jurisdiction, in accordance with internationally agreed human rights standards;
- pointing out that Amnesty International takes no position on territorial disputes, and in these cases is concerned solely with the issue of the death penalty.

APPEALS TO:

1) Acting President of the Azerbaydzhani Republic - Isa Gambarov
Azerbaydzhanskaya Respublika
370066 g. Baku

Salutation: Dear Acting President

ul. Kommunisticheskaya 19
I.O. Prezidenta Gambarovu I.

Telegrams: Azerbaydzhani, 370066 Baku, I.O. Prezidenta Gambarovu I.

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2) Head of the Presidential Department of Citizenship and Clemency questions - T. Aslanov:

Azerbaydzhanskaya Respublika
370066 g. Baku

Salutation: Dear T. Aslanov

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Otdel po voprosam grazhdanstva i pomilovaniya
pri apparate prezidenta Azerbaydzhanskoy Respubliki
Zaveduyushchemu otdela Aslanovu T.

Telegrams: Azerbaydzhani, 370066 Baku, Otdel po pomilovaniya pri prezidente, Aslanovu T.

3) Chairman of the Parliamentary Human Rights Committee - Professor Nadir Mekhtiyev:

Azerbaydzhanskaya Respublika
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Salutation: Dear Professor Mekhtiyev

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2) Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Azerbaydzhani Republic - Ibragim Isa ogly Ismailov:

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3) Minister of Justice of the Azerbaydzhani Republic - Alisaad Saftar ogly Orudzhev:

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Ministerstvo yustitsii Azerbaydzhanskoy Respubliki
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4) Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaydzhani Republic - Guseynaga Sadykhov:
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and to diplomatic representatives of the Azerbaydzhani Republic in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 June 1992.