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Further information on UA 172/01 (EUR 60/004/2001, 17 July 2001) - Imminent execution / unfair trial / torture / ill-treatment

TAJIKISTANDovud Nazriev (m)

Sherali Nazriev (m), his older brother

The executions of Dovud and Sherali Nazriev have reportedly been put on hold, following an intervention by the United Nations Human Rights Committee in January 2002.

The brothers have appealed to President Imomali Rakhmonov for clemency, and their appeals will be decided by the Clemency Commission. It is not known when the decision will be taken. Continued action by Amnesty International members may save their lives.

The men were sentenced to death in May 2001, after a trial that was reported to be unfair, and were reportedly ill-treated in pre-trial detention. They had been convicted of attempting to assassinate the mayor of Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, in a February 2000 bomb attack. There are allegations by the lawyer and independent journalists that the real culprits have not been found. The brothers' family maintain that the charges against them have been fabricated to punish them for fighting with anti-government forces during the country's civil war of 1992-97.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Russian, English, Tajik or your own language:

- asking the authorities to confirm that the executions of Dovud and Sherali Nazriev have been put on hold;
- urging the President to use his constitutional authority to commute their death sentences, and all other death sentences that come before him;
- expressing concern at allegations that the men's trial did not meet international standards for fair trial;
- urging the authorities to carry out a prompt and impartial investigation into allegations that Dovud and Sherali Nazriev were beaten while in custody, with the results made public and anyone found responsible brought to justice;
- urging the authorities to impose a moratorium on death sentences and executions pending a comprehensive review of the death penalty.

APPEALS TO (Please note that it can be difficult getting through to fax numbers in Tajikistan. If a voice answers, repeat 'fax' until you hear the signal; otherwise it is advisable to leave your fax machine on auto-redial if possible):

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