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Further information on UA 346/94 (MDE 12/16/94, 20 September 1994) - Death Penalty

EGYPT Ahmed Mohammad Gumu'a, aged 27  
Sharif Mohammad Hassan (in absentia)

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According to *Al-Ahram* newspaper of 14 October 1994, the President of the Republic has now ratified the death sentences passed on the two people named above. Although Ahmed Mohammad Gumu'a may submit a petition to the Military Appeals Bureau, he has no right of appeal as provided for by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. His execution may be imminent.

The two were sentenced to death on 20 September by the Supreme Military Court in Alexandria in the case known as "*Al-Mahmoudia*". They were charged, among other things, with membership of an illegal organization "International Jihad Organization", which reportedly aims to undermine the constitution by acts of violence. Another nine members of the same group were given prison sentences ranging from three to 10 years.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Arabic, French, English or in your own language:**

- expressing concern that the death sentences passed on the two people have been ratified, and urging that the President use his constitutional right to grant clemency and commute these and all other pending death sentences. If these men are executed, Amnesty International will consider them summary and arbitrary executions;
- expressing concern at the upsurge in the use of the death penalty in Egypt (58 death sentences have been passed by military courts since December 1992 and 40 executions have now taken place), and explaining Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the most extreme form of cruel and inhuman punishment;
- drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty, in accordance with Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Egypt is a state party.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Mohammad Hosni Mubarak  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
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Cairo, Egypt

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Corniche al-Nil  
Cairo, Egypt

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and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 November 1994.