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Further information on UA 252/92 (MDE 14/01/92, 3 August 1992) - Death Penalty

IRAQ: Ra'ad Tabra
Mahmud al-Rahmani
Salim Hamra Abd al-Hadi Hamra, 65, former head Baghdad Chamber
of Commerce
Tareq Hamra
Hazem Hamra, 28
Najah Mahdi Saleh Kubba
Qassem 'Arab
Ahmad Malallah
Ahmad Muhyi al-Haj Radi, early 40s
Jassem Mir 'Ali
Taha Hussain al-Gat
Saffar Jamal Abul-Jubn
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and new executions: 25 other merchants and traders

Amnesty International is gravely concerned about reports of the execution in Iraq of 25 merchants and traders on 17 September 1992. This follows the reported execution of as many as 42 merchants, including those named above, in Baghdad on 26 July 1992, who were said to have been charged with profiteering.

Amnesty International received the names of 40 merchants executed on 26 July and requested the Iraqi authorities to provide details of the charges against them and the legal procedures followed in their cases. The organization also appealed for the commutation of any further death sentences passed but has so far received no response from the authorities.

At present Amnesty International has no details of whether any form of trial had taken place prior to the execution of 25 people on 17 September.

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

- expressing concern about the reported execution of 42 merchants in Baghdad on 26 July 1992 and further reports of the execution of 25 merchants and traders on 17 September;

- requesting their names, details of the charges against them and of the legal procedures followed in their cases;

- requesting the names and details of others arrested on similar charges since 25 July, their places of detention and details of any legal procedures being followed in their cases;

- appealing for the commutation of any other death sentences passed.

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APPEALS TO:

H.E. President Saddam Hussain
President of the Republic

Salutation: Your Excellency

H.E. Muhammad Hamza al-Zubaidi
Prime Minister

Salutation: Your Excellency

H.E. Tariq Aziz
Deputy Prime Minister

Salutation: Your Excellency

H.E. Ahmed Hussain
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Salutation: Your Excellency

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 6 November 1992.