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Further information on EXTRA 69/01 (MDE 16/008/2001, 15 October 2001) - death penalty/ legal concern

JORDAN Basim 'Abdallah Najeeb Abu-Shamma (m), 28 years old
Ra'ed 'Abdallah Najeeb Abu-Shamma (m), 25 years old, his brother

Basim 'Abdallah Najeeb Abu-Shamma and his brother Ra'ed 'Abdallah Najeeb Abu-Shamma were hanged on 7 February . Both men were convicted of killing a friend in a fight and sentenced to death in February 2001. They had appealed to His Majesty King 'Abdullah bin Hussein for clemency, but their death sentences was confirmed despite doubts about the fairness of their trial.

Three other people were executed during the same period, including a man whose sentence had been raised from 15 years' imprisonment to the death penalty for the murder of his father. Men who kill female members of their family in so-called "honour killings" normally have their longer sentences reduced to six months on appeal.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.