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JORDAN Muhammad 'Abed Hussein, aged 34

Muhammad 'Abed Hussein was hanged at dawn at Swaqa prison on 17 October 1999.

He had been sentenced to death in 1998 after the criminal court found him guilty of murdering his wife. His death sentence was upheld by the Court of Cassation in June 1999.

Three others also convicted of murder, Samir Musa, Muhammad Abed and Walid Muhammad, were hanged at the same time.

Eleven people have now been executed in Jordan this year.

Amnesty International continues to campaign towards the abolition of the death penalty in Jordan and the introduction of an effective moratorium on its use.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.