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Further information on UA 165/93 (MDE 17/01/93, 19 May 1993) - Death Penalty

KUWAIT
Siham Ibrahim Hussain 'Ali (female) (Kuwaiti)
Khalifa al-Tannak (note full name)
Ghaleb 'Abd al-Majid al-Turki, (Iraqi)
Muhsin Shawkat Taher Hussain (Iraqi)

Siham Ibrahim Hussain 'Ali a Kuwaiti woman, sentenced to death by the State Security Court on charges of "collaboration" with the Iraqi forces during the occupation of Kuwait, had her death sentence reduced to 10 years' imprisonment by the Court of Cassation on 27 June 1994.

Khalifa al-Tannak, sentenced to death in 1992, had his sentence reduced to 10 years' imprisonment on 2 March 1994.

Ghaleb 'Abd al-Majid al-Turki, an Iraqi national sentenced to death before the State Security Court, had his sentence reduced by the Court of Cassation to six months' imprisonment on 16 November 1993.

It is believed that Muhsin Shawkat Taher Hussain, sentenced to death on 23 May 1992, is still awaiting a hearing before the Court of Cassation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amnesty International has condemned State Security Court proceedings as unfair, on the grounds that they do not meet internationally accepted standards for fair trial. The organization has called for a judicial review of the cases of all defendants convicted before the court. Six people sentenced to death on charges of "collaboration" still await hearings before the Court of Cassation, and six others, who were sentenced to death having been convicted of participating in an alleged assassination attempt on former United States president, George Bush, during a visit to Kuwait in April 1993, are also awaiting hearings in the Court of Cassation. Two others sentenced to death before the Criminal Court remain in detention. One, Muhammad 'Ali Qalaib al-Rashidi, has had his sentence upheld by the Court of Cassation, and may face the death penalty, if it is ratified by the Amir of Kuwait, the other, Muhammad Najib, awaits appeal hearings.

This is for information only. No further action by the Urgent Action Network is requested. Thank you to all who sent appeals on these cases in 1993.