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Further information (1) on UA 24/97 (MDE 18/03/97, 23 January 1997) - Death Penalty

LEBANON  
executed: Mounir Salah 'Abboud, Palestinian  
executed: Khalid Muhammad Hamed, Palestinian  
executed: Ahmad Mundhir al-Kasm, Lebanese

sentenced *in absentia*: Ahmad 'Abd al-Karim al-Sa'di, alias Abu Muhjin,  
Palestinian

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Amnesty International deeply regrets that Mounir Salah 'Abboud, aged 25, Khalid Muhammad Hamed, aged 27, and Ahmad Mundhir al-Kasm, aged 25, were executed by hanging at dawn today, 24 March, at Roumieh prison in Lebanon.

Ahmad 'Abd al-Karim al-Sa'di remains at large.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals on behalf of the executed prisoners.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: letters may be sent in English, French, Arabic or in your own language:**

- expressing regret at the execution of Mounir Salah 'Abboud, Khalid Muhammad Hamed and Ahmad Mundhir al-Kasm;
- continuing to call for an immediate end to executions in Lebanon and appealing to the Lebanese president to work towards the total abolition of the death penalty by the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1998, which Lebanon participated in drafting.

**APPEALS TO:**

His Excellency President Elias Hirawi  
Office of the President  
Ba'abda Palace  
Ba'abda, Beirut  
Republic of Lebanon

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of Lebanon accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending letters after 5 May 1997.