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**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) Karteen Karikender (f), Indonesian national in her late twenties or early thirties**

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A *Shari'a* (Islamic) court in the Emirate of Fujairah has reportedly ordered Karteen Karikender, a pregnant woman, to be stoned to death after she was found guilty of adultery.

All death sentences in the UAE automatically go to appeal. If her sentence is upheld on appeal the case is likely to be referred to the Federal Supreme Court in Abu Dhabi and after to the President for ratification. The time scale involved is not known.

The man involved in the case, an Indian national, has reportedly fled the country.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In 1997 six people, including a woman, were executed for murder. In 1998 one person, a Pakistani national, was executed after being convicted of murder and in 1999 two people, a Pakistani national and a Sri lankan national, were also executed for murder. Executions are usually by firing-squad.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Arabic, English or your own language:**

- expressing alarm that Karteen Karikender has been ordered to be stoned to death;
- calling for the death sentence against her to be commuted if upheld on appeal.

**APPEALS TO:**

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His Excellency  
General Dr Mohammad Saeed al-Badi  
Ministry of the Interior  
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President of the United Arab Emirates  
His Highness  
al-Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan  
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and to diplomatic representatives of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 18 April 2000.