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YEMENNabil Saleh Jubayr

Nabil Saleh Jubayr was reportedly sentenced to death on 17 June. His body is to be crucified for one day after execution. He was convicted of murder by a criminal court in Sana'a.

His defence lawyer immediately lodged an appeal.

Amnesty International's concern about Nabil Saleh Jubayr is heightened by an apparent trend in Yemen towards speedy executions after unfair trials. In March 1997 Muhammad Ahmad Mislal al-Nadhiri was executed five days after he was first sentenced to death by the Court of First Instance. Later that year two other men were executed five months after they were sentenced to death and crucifixion. In both cases, the defendants were reportedly denied adequate opportunity to present a defence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

While Amnesty International recognizes the rights and responsibilities of all governments to bring to justice those suspected of criminal offences, it is unconditionally opposed to the death penalty in all cases as the ultimate violation of the right to life, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

- expressing concern at the death sentence and crucifixion, and urging that it be commuted if upheld on appeal;
- acknowledging the Yemeni government's right to bring to justice anyone found responsible for recognizably criminal offences, but expressing your unconditional opposition to the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life;
- reminding the government of international standards for fair trial in capital cases, including the right to legal assistance at all stages of the proceedings, the right to appeal, and the right to seek pardon or commutation of the sentence.

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