

**PUBLIC**

**AI Index: ASA 20/023/2003**

**27 August 2003**

**Further Information on EXTRA 38/03 (ASA 20/021/2003, 11 August 2003) - Imminent Execution**

**INDIA**

**Dayanidhi Bisoi (m)**

---

On 16 August, Dayanidhi Bisoi was granted clemency by the Governor of Orissa state, and his death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. He had been scheduled to be executed on 23 August.

In 1999 Dayanidhi Bisoi was found guilty of killing a family of three, including a three-year-old girl, while they slept. He denied the charges. The court found there were "no extenuating circumstances" and ruled that his case was "one of the rarest of the rare cases" in which the use of the death penalty was justified. His conviction and sentencing was upheld by the Orissa High Court in 2000 and confirmed by India's Supreme Court on 23 July 2003. His petition for mercy to the President was filed on 5 August.

**Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the UA Network.**