

Dear all

There was an oversight on this action which initially reports that:

All his accomplices were **sentenced to life imprisonment**

but then further on says:

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It should report that they all got life except the nephew.

regards
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Death Penalty

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) Munawar Dost Mohammad, age 28 (m)

A Pakistani national, Munawar Dost Mohammad, has reportedly been sentenced to death by an Appeal Court in Dubai. His case will automatically be referred to the Supreme Court. If his sentence is upheld, it will have to be ratified by the President of the UAE before it can be carried out.

He was charged with murdering his sister's husband, whom he alleged had mistreated her. He reportedly carried out the murder with four accomplices, of whom two were his brothers. All his accomplices were sentenced to life imprisonment in March 1999, but on appeal one brother's sentence was reduced to 15 years' imprisonment and the other brother's sentence to 10 years' imprisonment, with both to be deported after serving their sentences.

Another of the accused, Munawar Dost Mohammad's nephew, was tried by a juvenile court, but information on the sentence was not released. Amnesty International has no information on the fourth accomplice.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Two other Pakistani nationals have been executed in the UAE within the last year. On 2 June 1999, Mohammed Arshad was executed for a 1993 murder. Atallah Khair Mohammad was executed for murder in June 1998, even though his execution had previously been postponed twice after intervention by the Pakistani embassy. Executions in the UAE are usually by firing squad.

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

- expressing concern at the death sentence against Munawar Dost Mohammad and calling for the death sentence to be commuted if upheld on appeal;
- recognising the right and responsibility of governments to bring to justice those suspected of serious criminal offences, but expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty as the ultimate violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment;
- calling for all outstanding death sentences in the UAE to be commuted to lesser, more humane sentences.

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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 28 July 1999.