

URGENT ACTION

EXECUTION OF YEMENI MAN FEARED IMMINENT

A Yemeni man, Ahmed Saleh Abdullah al-Ma'ouri, could be executed on 13 February, according to sources in the country. He has exhausted all his appeals, and although previously granted presidential pardons, has been retried and sentenced to death.

Ahmed Saleh Abdullah al-Ma'ouri could be executed as early as 13 February. He is in solitary confinement in a prison in al-Baydha, southeast of the capital, Sana'a. He was first sentenced to death for murder in 2003, by the Court of First Instance in al-Baydha. In April 2004, an appeal court confirmed the sentence and ordered his execution. The Supreme Court upheld the appeal court's decision in December 2004.

Ahmed Saleh Abdullah al-Ma'ouri was granted a pardon by former President Ali Abdullah Saleh in January 2006. Soon afterwards other blood relatives of the victims separately lodged a complaint against Ahmed Saleh Abdullah al-Ma'ouri, which resulted in him being prosecuted and sentenced to death again by the Court of First Instance in al-Baydha in September 2006. The Court of Appeal upheld his sentence in 2008, as did the Supreme Court in 2010. The former president pardoned him again in 2010, but he is said to have succumbed to pressure, and later withdrew the pardon and ordered the execution.

Please write immediately in Arabic, English or your own language:

- Calling on the President to halt the execution of Ahmed Saleh Abdullah al-Ma'ouri;
- Calling on the Yemeni authorities to commute the death sentence of Ahmed Saleh Abdullah al-Ma'ouri, as well as those of all other prisoners under sentence of death;
- Urging the President to stop ratifying death sentences and establish a moratorium on executions, with a view to completely abolishing the death penalty.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 25 MARCH 2013 TO:

President

His Excellency Abd Rabbu Mansour Hadi
Office of the President
Sana'a, Republic of Yemen
Fax: +967 1 274147 (please keep trying)
Salutation: Your Excellency

Attorney General

His Excellency Ali Ahmed Nasser al-Awash
Attorney General's Office
Sana'a, Republic of Yemen
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And copies to:

Minister of Human Rights
Her Excellency Dr Houriah Ahmed
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Ministry of Human Rights
Sana'a, Republic of Yemen
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Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Amnesty International has longstanding concerns about the use of the death penalty in Yemen, particularly as death sentences are often passed after proceedings which fall short of fair trial standards. In 2012, dozens were executed. In 2011, at least 41 people were executed and in 2010, at least 62. Hundreds of people are believed to be under sentence of death.

Amnesty International acknowledges the right and responsibility of governments to bring to justice those suspected of recognizable criminal offences, but is unconditionally opposed to the death penalty in all cases as the ultimate cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment, and a violation of the right of life.

Name: Ahmed Saleh Abdullah al-Ma'ouri

Gender m/f: m

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