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Death Penalty/Imminent execution

18 July 1997

PAKISTAN Shamu Masih
Javed Masih

Shamu Masih and Javed Masih are to be executed at midnight local time of 18 to 19 July in Central Jail Hyderabad (18.30 GMT of 18 July). They were sentenced to death for murder. All channels of appeal appear exhausted. The President of Pakistan, who is the ultimate authority to commute death sentences, has turned down their clemency petition.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes in English or your own language:

- urging the authorities to suspend the execution of the two prisoners;
- appealing to the President to reconsider the clemency appeal and use his powers under Article 45 of the Constitution to commute the death sentences;
- urging that the death penalty be abolished as it violates the right to life and the prohibition of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

APPEALS TO:

President Farooq Leghari
Office of the President
Telegrams: President, Islamabad, Pakistan
Faxes: 92-51-9211018
Salutation: Dear President

Governor of Sindh
Governor's House
Karachi
Telegrams: Governor, Karachi, Pakistan
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Salutation: Dear Governor

Chief Minister of Sindh
Sindh Secretariat
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diplomatic representatives of Pakistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY