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Further information on EXTRA 118/97 (MDE 31/10/97, 29 August 1997) - Death Penalty / Legal Concern

YEMEN Jalal 'Abdullah al-Rada'i, 23  
'Abdullah 'Ali Idris al-Rada'i, 30

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Amnesty International has learned that the sentences of death and crucifixion passed against Jalal 'Abdullah al-Rada'i and 'Abdullah 'Ali Idris al-Rada'i have been upheld by a Court of Appeal in al-Mukalla. The Court ordered that the bodies of the men be displayed in public for one day following execution. The two men are at risk of imminent execution.

The sentence was upheld on 28 August 1997, 17 days after the original sentence was passed by the Court of First Instance in al-Mukalla in a trial which appears to have fallen far short of international standards. The defendants are reported to have been denied any legal assistance so far.

The case must now go before the Supreme Court for the final appeal stage.

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

- expressing grave concern that the sentences of death and crucifixion have been upheld on appeal;
- urging that the sentences be commuted immediately;
- explaining your unconditional opposition to the death penalty and pointing out that there is no evidence to suggest that its use acts as a deterrent to serious crime;
- expressing further concern that the trials may have fallen far short of international standards for fair trial.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of Yemen accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 14 October 1997.