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Imminent Execution

4 September 1991

MALAYSIA:

Karno Marzuki, aged 26

Karno Marzuki, aged 26, an Indonesian citizen, is scheduled to be executed at Kajang prison in Selangor, Malaysia on Friday, 6 September 1991 after being convicted of murder during a robbery attempt.

He was found guilty in 1989 by the Kuala Lumpur High Court of killing Halim Hassan, also an Indonesian. The victim had foiled Marzuki's attempt to rob his house on 4 December 1985. Marzuki, a carpenter who had been unemployed for some time has lived in Malaysia since 1978.

Marzuki has no further avenue of appeal. The Supreme Court has turned down an appeal and the King has turned down his request for clemency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The death penalty is provided for under a variety of laws in Malaysia and is mandatory for some firearms offences, murder, and for certain drugs offences. From 1985 to the end of December 1990, 84 executions have taken place, to Amnesty International's knowledge. Two Indonesians have been executed in Malaysia since 1986.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters:

- expressing grave concern at reports of the imminent execution of Karno Marzuki;
- urging the government to grant clemency on humanitarian grounds;
- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty.

APPEALS TO: (up to 15 appeals per section)

1.

King of Malaysia:

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[Salutation: Your Majesty]

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2.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Malaysia and Indonesia in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY TO ARRIVE BEFORE 6 SEPTEMBER 1991.