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Further Information on UA 318/03 (EUR 44/025/2003, 5 November 2003), and follow-ups (MDE 13/032/2004, 20 August 2004; MDE 13/019/2005, 4 May 2005) Fear of execution/ unfair trial

IRAN

Hojjat Zamani (m), aged 31

Hojjat Zamani was hanged on 7 February in Ghordasht prison (just outside Tehran) at 6.30am local time.

Hojjat Zamani was accused of allegedly aiding the armed opposition group, People's Mojahedin of Iran (PMOI) to plant a bomb outside a Revolutionary Court in Tehran in 1998, which reportedly injured 22 people and killed three others. He was charged with 'corruption on earth' (*mafsad fil arz*) and 'enmity against God' (*moharebeh*), under Articles 183, 186 and 187 of Iran's penal code. Both of these vaguely worded charges, which relate to national security and membership of banned organisations, carry the death penalty. He was sentenced to death by Branch Six of Tehran's Revolutionary Court on 17 July 2004.

Hojjat Zamani was reportedly arrested in Tehran in 2000, and according to a PMOI statement, was severely tortured in detention. In August 2003, he escaped from detention and fled to Turkey. However, he was reportedly arrested in Istanbul by Turkish authorities acting in cooperation with Iran's intelligence services. He was forcibly returned to Iran in November 2003.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.