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Further Information on UA 289/05 (MDE 13/069/2005, 14 November 2005) – Death penalty/Imminent execution

IRAN **Karim Fahimi (m), also known as Karim Shalo**

Karim Fahimi, who had been sentenced to death for drinking alcohol, reportedly had his death sentence commuted after he signed an undertaking not to drink alcohol for the rest of his life. He was released at the end of May.

He had been convicted by a court in the city of Sardasht, western Iran. It was at least the third time he had been convicted of the offence: under article 174 of the Iranian Penal Code, the penalty for consuming any intoxicant is 100 lashes; under article 179, this penalty may be handed down twice, but a third conviction carries the death penalty.

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