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**Further Information on UA 39/08 (ASA 11/002/2008, 12 February 2008) and follow-up (ASA 11/012/2008, 23 September 2008) - Death Penalty**

**AFGHANISTAN**

**Sayed Perwiz Kambakhsh (m), student and journalist**

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The Appeal Court of Kabul overturned student journalist Sayed Perwiz Kambakhsh's death sentence on 21 October, but sentenced him to 20 years' imprisonment.

There were no legal grounds for his conviction, the death sentence or the prison sentence. Amnesty International will be campaigning for his release through longer-term methods.

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