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Further information on Extra 85/99 (ASA 20/25/99, 14 July 1999) - Death Penalty/Imminent Execution

INDIASheikmiran
Selvam
Radhakrishnan

Amnesty International is concerned that Sheikmiran, Selvam and Radhakrishnan may still face imminent execution.

No new date has been set for their execution, but during the past week the Supreme Court of India has dismissed a review petition filed on the men's behalf. Clemency petitions continue to be submitted to the President.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue to send telegrams / telexes/faxes/express/ airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- acknowledging the grave nature of the crime of which Sheikhmiran, Selvam and Radhakrishnan have been convicted, and expressing sympathy for the relatives of their victim;
- urging President Narayanan to commute their death sentences;
- expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and emphasizing that the death penalty has never been shown to have a special deterrent effect.

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