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INDONESIA: KAMJAI Khong Thavorn, aged 34, a Thai seaman

Amnesty International has received further information on Kamjai Khong Thavorn, a Thai seaman sentenced to death in January 1988. Appeals to the High Court and Supreme Court were rejected in March and December 1988 respectively. In March 1991 the authorities announced that an appeal for presidential clemency had been rejected in March 1991 and that preparations for his execution were under way.

According to press reports, a retrial began on 3 October 1991 after the Supreme Court approved a review of the case. It is not known whether Kamjai Khong Thavorn has appeared before the court, but his lawyers are believed to have presented a brief appeal and requested commutation of the sentence from the judge. It is not yet known whether the defence counsel has presented new evidence concerning the case. The decision of the Supreme Court has not yet been announced.

Amnesty International is currently undertaking a limited action on this case. This update is for information only and no further action is required for the moment. Thank you to all who have sent appeals on behalf of Kamjai Khong Thavorn.