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Further Information on UA 209/04 (ASA 21/021/2004, 24 June 2004) and follow-ups (ASA 21/024/2004, 12 July 2004; ASA 21/026/2004, 5 August 2004; ASA 21/028/2004, 20 August 2004; ASA 21/036/2004, 17 Sept. 2004; ASA 21/043/2004, 29 Sept. 2004) - Death penalty/fear of imminent execution

**INDONESIA**                    **Namsong Sirilak (f), aged 32, Thai national**  
                                      **Saelow Prasert (m), aged 62, Thai national**

**Meirika Franola, alias Ola (f), aged 34, Indonesian national**  
                                      **Rani Maharani (f) aged 29, Indonesian national**  
                                      **Dany Maharwan (m), aged 32, Indonesian national**  
                                      **Samuel Iwuchekwu Okoye (m), aged 34, Nigerian national**  
                                      **Hansen Anthony Nwaolisa (m), aged 37, Nigerian national**  
                                      **Indra Bahadur Tamang (m), aged 24, Nepali national**  
                                      **Muhammad Abdul Hafez (m), aged 36, Pakistani national**  
                                      **Namaona Denis (m), aged 39, Malawian national**

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Thai nationals Namsong Sirilak and Saelow Prasert were executed by firing squad on 1 October.

A few hours before her death, Namsong Sirilak talked by telephone with her 12-year-old child in Thailand for the last time. She also asked that her two sets of clothing, her photographs, diary and necklace be sent to her child, and that her ashes be returned to Thailand. Among Saelow Prasert's final wishes was that he would be the last person to be executed in Indonesia. He also reportedly requested that his clothing be given to his fellow inmates in Tanjung Gusta Prison.

The two had been sentenced to death for drug trafficking in 1994. They were arrested for the possession of 12 kilograms of heroin, together with Indian national Ayodhya Prasad Chaubey, who was executed in August 2004. Both Saelow Prasert and Namsong Sirilak denied any knowledge that they were carrying the drugs. Amnesty International believes that their trials may not have been fair, because they did not have access to legal representation before their trial or to interpreters during the police investigation.

The eight other people named above are also under sentence of death for drug-trafficking. All had their appeals for presidential clemency rejected in June and July 2004. This means that they are at imminent risk of execution.

The case has received widespread coverage in the Indonesian press, which has commented on Amnesty International's appeals on behalf of Namsong Sirilak and Saelow Prasert.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals, in Bahasa Indonesian, English or your own language:**

- expressing regret at the execution of Saelow Prasert and Namsong Sirilak;
- calling for the death sentences of the eight other people named above to be commuted;
- expressing deep concern about the renewal of executions in Indonesia and at the possibility of judicial error in the Indonesian criminal justice system, which increases the risk of the innocent being executed;
- calling on the Indonesian authorities to join the worldwide trend towards the abolition of the death penalty, which violates one of the most fundamental human rights – the right to life

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your Section office, if sending appeals after 12 November 2004.