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Further information on UA 256/91 (ASA 28/04/91, 24 July 1991) - and follow-ups ASA 28/11/91 of 25 September 1991 and ASA 28/05/92 of 4 March 1992. - Death Penalty

MALAYSIA:	Asidin Iting	(Filipino)
	Hassim Haji Escandar	(Filipino)
	Talib Sahijuan	(Filipino)
	Anthony Naqjali	(Filipino)
	Edjing Abdullah	(Filipino)
	Antoni Julkani	(Filipino)
	Kullah Lawari	(Filipino)
	Rudi Jamjali	(Filipino)
	Khairullah Khan	(Pakistani)
	Shorin Khaita Khan	(Pakistani)

Amnesty International has received further information on Hassim Haji Escandar. His appeal was heard in the Supreme Court on 26 February and was rejected. His last remaining avenue of appeal is the Pardons Board of Sabah State, but to Amnesty International's knowledge Pardons Boards in Malaysia have granted clemency on only two occasions.

No further information is available on the other nine cases.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- expressing concern that the death sentence imposed on Hassim Haji Escandar has been upheld by the Supreme Court in Kota Kinabalu;

- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty;

- expressing grave concern that Hassim Haji Escandar and the others may have suffered from language difficulties in their initial trials;

- seeking further information on the appeals against the death sentence of the others mentioned above with Hassim Haji Escandar;

- urging that all death sentences be commuted and that no further death sentences be imposed.

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APPEALS TO:

1) TYT Tan Sri Haji Mohamad Said bin Kernak
The Head of State of Sabah
Istana
Kota Kinabalu
Sabah
Malaysia
Telegrams: Head of State, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
Telexes: 80948 DEWAN MA
Salutation: Your Excellency

2) Datuk Stephen Foo Kiat Shin
State Attorney General of Sabah
Jabatan Peguam Besar Negeri
Tingkat 9
Bangunan Yayasan Sabah
88990 Kota Kinabalu
Sabah
Malaysia
Telegrams: "LEGAL" Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
Salutation: Dear Sir

3) Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan
Chief Minister of Sabah State
Office of the Chief Minister
Kota Kinabalu
Sabah
Malaysia
Telegrams: Chief Minister, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
Salutation: Your Excellency

4) Prime Minister
YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad
Prime Minister's Office
Jalan Dato' Onn
50502 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia
**Telegrams: Prime Minister Mahathir,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

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(for the attention of Prime Minister Mahathir)
Faxes: + 60 3 238 3784
Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO: diplomatic representatives of Malaysia and the Philippines in your own country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 May 1992.