

EXTERNAL (for general distribution)

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Ill-treatment/Whipping

**MALAYSIA: Aaron Cohen Shelton**

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On 29 October 1991 the Supreme Court in Kuala Lumpur upheld a High Court decision not to exempt Aaron Cohen Shelton, a New Zealand national, from being whipped six times by the rotan (a large cane). This sentence was carried out on 12 December 1991. Aaron Cohen Shelton aged 24, had been sentenced to life imprisonment and 6 strokes of the rotan, on 1 September 1987, for possession of 34.61 grams of heroin.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

No further action is required. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on his behalf.