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Further information on EXTRA 39/92 (ASA 33/01/92, 31 March 1992) - Fear of Imminent Execution

PAKISTAN: Mohammad Riaz Ahmed

Mohammad Riaz Ahmed was hanged on 12 April 1992 at dawn in Karachi Central Jail. He had been sentenced to death by a Special Court for Speedy Trial for having murdered three people in 1988.

Every year a large number of people are sentenced to death in Pakistan. In 1991, Amnesty International monitored over 200 death sentences, but no executions were reported.

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

- expressing strong concern over the execution of Mohammad Riaz Ahmed on 12 April 1992;
- expressing further concern that he had been sentenced to death after a trial by a Special Court for Speedy Trial which may not have conformed to international standards for fair trial;
- expressing concern that this execution appears to signal a resumption of the use of the death penalty, this being the first execution reported to have been carried out since 1988;
- urging that no further executions be carried out and that the President of Pakistan commute the death sentences of all those at present awaiting execution under powers granted to him under Article 45 of the Constitution of Pakistan;
- expressing opposition to the death penalty in all cases as the ultimate form of torture and as a violation of the right to life.

APPEALS TO:

1. President Ghulam Ishaq Khan
The Presidency
Murree Brewery Road
Rawalpindi
Pakistan

**Telegrams: President, Rawalpindi President's House
Pakistan**

**Telexes: 54058 PSPUB PK
[Salutation: Dear President]**

2. Minister of the Interior
Chaudhary Shujaat Hussain
Ministry of the Interior
Pak Secretariat, Block R
Islamabad
Pakistan

**Telegrams: Interior Minister Hussain, Islamabad
Pakistan**

[Salutation: Dear Minister]

3. Minister of Law and Justice
Chaudhary Abdul Ghafoor
Ministry of Law and Justice
Pak Secretariat, Blocks R and S
Islamabad
Pakistan

**Telegrams: Law & Justice Minister, Islamabad, Pakistan
[Salutation: Dear Minister]**

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

- diplomatic representatives of Pakistan in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.