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Further Information on UA 149/05 (ASA 33/011/2005, 2 June 2005) Death Penalty

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Mutabar Khan (m)

Amnesty International has learnt that Mutabar Khan was executed in Peshawar Central Prison on 13 June 2006. He was sentenced to death for murder in 1998 and all his appeals to overturn the sentence were consequently dismissed by superior courts.

As Mutabar Khan was reportedly aged 16 when he was arrested in 1996, he should have benefited from the Presidential Commutation Order of 2001, which overturned the death sentences of all juveniles then on death row. However, this commutation did not apply to him because of the dispute over his age.

On 6 June 2006, a 15 day stay of execution granted by the Home Department expired. Two days earlier, the family of the man he is said to have killed agreed to pardon him in return for compensation. However, they retracted the pardon and Mutabar Khan lost his battle to stay alive.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.