

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 103/97 (ASA 33/23/97, 18 July 1997) - Death penalty/Imminent execution

PAKISTAN Shamu Masih
Javed Masih

The President of Pakistan has granted a one month stay of execution to Shamu Masih and Javed Masih who were due to be executed at midnight on 18 July 1997 in Central Jail Hyderabad. The execution has reportedly been suspended to allow the two men time to appeal to a higher court against their sentence.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes in English or your own language:

- welcoming the one month stay of execution;
- continuing to appeal to the President to use his powers under Article 45 of the Constitution to commute the death sentences;
- urging that the death penalty be abolished as it violates the right to life and the prohibition of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

APPEALS TO:

President Farooq Leghari
Office of the President
Telegrams: President, Islamabad, Pakistan
Faxes: 92 51 921 1018
Salutation: Dear President

Governor of Sindh
Governor's House
Karachi
Telegrams: Governor, Karachi, Pakistan
Faxes: 92 21 9201 218
Salutation: Dear Governor

Chief Minister of Sindh
Sindh Secretariat
Telegrams: Chief Minister, Karachi, Pakistan
Faxes: 92 21 920 2000
Salutation: Dear Chief Minister

COPIES TO: to diplomatic representatives of Pakistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 August 1997.