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**Further Information on UA 118/06 (ASA 33/014/2006, 04 May 2006) and follow-ups (ASA 33/019/2006, 24 May 2006; ASA 33/030/2006, 21 July 2006; ASA 33/031/2006, 04 August 2006) - Imminent execution**

**PAKISTAN**

**Mirza Tahir Hussain (m)**

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Mirza Tahir Hussain is scheduled to be executed on or around 1 October. He had previously been due to be hanged on 3 August. He was sentenced to death for the murder of Jamshid Khan. Under Islamic provisions of the Pakistan Penal Code relating to murder, family members of a murder victim have the right waive the punishment and accept blood money as compensation. Jamshid Khan's family continue to call for Mirza Tahir Hussain's execution.

Mirza Tahir Hussain was tried and convicted of murdering taxi driver Jamshid Khan while travelling to the village of Bhubar from Rawalpindi on 17 December 1988. The taxi driver reportedly stopped the car, produced a gun and attempted to physically and sexually assault Mirza Tahir Hussain who was 18 years old at the time. In the scuffle that followed, the gun went off, and the taxi driver was fatally injured.

Amnesty International is one of a number of organizations which believe that the trial of Mirza Tahir Hussain did not conform to international fair trial standards. These organizations are continuing to call on President Pervez Musharraf to commute his death sentence. When the case of Mirza Tahir Hussain was raised during President Musharraf's visit to the European Parliament on 12 and 13 September, the President reportedly said only that he would "try to find some way of doing justice".

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:**

- expressing concern that Mirza Tahir Hussain is facing execution on or around 1 October;
- noting that Amnesty International is one of a number of organizations which believe the death penalty was imposed on Mirza Tahir Hussain after an unfair trial;
- calling on President Musharraf to use his powers under article 45 of the Constitution to commute the death sentence of Mirza Tahir Hussain.

**APPEALS TO:**

President Pervez Musharraf  
Pakistan Secretariat  
Islamabad, Pakistan

**Fax:** + 92 51 9221422

**Email: via website:** <http://www.presidentofpakistan.gov.pk/WTPresidentMessage.aspx>

**Salutation:** Dear President Musharraf

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

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.**