

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 115/95 (ASA 39/04/95, 29 September 1995) - Fear of imminent execution

THAILAND One unnamed prisoner

Amnesty International is pleased to report that no execution took place on 8 October, as had been feared following a statement by an official at the Ministry of Interior. The organization is unaware of any further reports that the execution of a prisoner in order to deter criminal activity is still being considered.

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

- welcoming the fact that no execution was carried out on 8 October, despite reports from the Ministry of Interior that an execution was scheduled;
- urging that the Royal Thai Government drop any further consideration of implementing the death penalty as a deterrent against criminal activity;
- welcoming again that the death penalty has not been carried out in Thailand since 1987 and reiterating that a resumption in its use would represent a retrograde step in law enforcement in Thailand;
- reiterating your call to the Royal Thai Government to consider abolition of the death penalty.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

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and to diplomatic representatives of Thailand accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 November 1995