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Further information on UA 388/94 (ASA 41/10/94, 28 October 1994) -  
Death Penalty

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: Nguyen Tung Duong, aged 37

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On 15 December 1994 the Supreme People's Court rejected the appeal of Nguyen Tung Duong, a policeman, and upheld his death sentence.

Nguyen Tung Duong was sentenced to death by the People's Court of Ha Noi on 21 October 1994 for the murder and robbery of a young man in 1992.

The President of Viet Nam is now the last authority with the power to grant clemency to Nguyen Tung Duong and commute his sentence.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases on the grounds that it is a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

- urging the President to grant clemency to Nguyen Tung Duong by commuting his death sentence;
- urging the commutation of all death sentences;
- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty.

**APPEALS TO:**

Head of State

Le Duc Anh

President

35 Ngo Quyen

Ha Noi

Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (SRV)

**Telegrams: President Le Duc Anh, Ha Noi, Viet Nam**

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

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Minister of Justice

Ministry of Justice

25 Cat Linh

Ha Noi, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

and to diplomatic representatives of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 February 1995.