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Further information on UA 424/94 (EUR 50/13/94, 1 December 1994) - Fear of imminent execution

UKRAINE Zaur Safar ogly ZILFUGAROV, aged 27  
( \_\_\_\_\_ in Russian)  
Danilo Aleksandrovich KRASNOV, aged 24  
( \_\_\_\_\_ )

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Amnesty International fears that Zaur Safar ogly Zilfugarov and Danilo Aleksandrovich Krasnov face imminent execution after the President of Ukraine turned down their requests for clemency.

On 14 September 1995, Zaur Zilfugarov's mother received information from the President's office that her son's petition for clemency had been refused. On 2 November 1995 Danilo Krasnov's mother telephoned the prison in Simferopol, where the two men were being held, but was told that they had been transferred to the prison in Dnepropetrovsk. It is known that this prison is one of those where executions have been carried out in Ukraine. When Danilo Krasnov's mother asked what would happen to them she was told "you'll receive a letter". She last saw her son in May 1995, and was refused permission to see him on 15 September 1995.

Ukraine officially acceded to the Council of Europe on 9 November 1995, and undertook to impose an immediate moratorium on executions. The Minister of Justice, Sergiy Holovatiy, said in an official statement on 17 October 1995 that no executions have been carried out in Ukraine since September 1995.

However, press reports have quoted a statement by the Procurator General of Ukraine, Grigory Vorsinov, as claiming that executions are continuing in two regions of the county. Reportedly, Grigory Vorsinov said on 18 October that he personally filed a report on an execution carried out recently in the Dnepropetrovsk Region.

Amnesty International is extremely concerned by this ambiguity in official statements on the subject of the introduction of a moratorium on executions. On 23 October, in a telephone conversation with a representative of Amnesty International, the Procurator General stated that no official government decree or written statement concerning this matter has been issued, and no instructions issued to local authorities.

(See EXTRA 124/95, EUR 50/17/95, 24 October 1995).

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

- urging President Kuchma to grant clemency to Zaur Zilfugarov and Danilo Krasnov, and to commute their death sentences;
- urging President Kuchma to commute all other death sentences that come before him;
- calling for all relevant government and judicial bodies to be promptly informed of the government's commitment to an immediate moratorium on executions on becoming a member of the Council of Europe on 9 November.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 January 1996.