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Further information on UA 430/94 (MDE 12/23/94, 6 December 1994) and follow-up (MDE 12/24/94, 29 December) - Death Penalty

EGYPT            **Mohammad 'Ata'-Allah 'Omar**  
                  **Rabi' Mohammad Mahmoud Hussein**

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On 25 February 1995, Mohammad 'Ata'-Allah 'Omar and Rabi' Mohammad Hussein were executed. The two men had been sentenced to death by the Supreme Military Court in Cairo on 3 December 1994. They were charged, among other things, with armed attacks on tourists in the Red Sea Resort of Hurghada on 27 September 1994, resulting in the death of two German tourists and two Egyptian nationals, possession of automatic weapons and ammunition and membership of a banned organization (al-Gama'a al-Islamiya). Fourteen other defendants in this case received sentences ranging from five to 15 years' imprisonment with hard labour (five of them *in absentia*).

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

- expressing grave concern at these two executions, which Amnesty International considers as summary and arbitrary executions;
- expressing concern at the upsurge in the use of the death penalty in Egypt (62 death sentences have been passed by military courts since December 1992 and 44 executions have now taken place), and explaining Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the most extreme form of cruel and inhuman punishment;
- drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty, in accordance with Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Egypt is a state party.

**APPEALS TO:**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.**