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EGYPT

Mohammad Nagui Mohammad Mustapha
Mohammad Khadir Abu al-Farag al-Mahlawi

On 29 March 1995, Mohammad Nagui Mohammad Mustapha and Mohammad Khadir Abu al-Farag al-Mahlawi were executed. The two men had been sentenced to death by the Supreme Military Court in Cairo on 10 January. They were charged with the attempted assassination of the prominent novelist Naguib Mahfouz on 14 October 1994. Other charges against them include membership of a banned Islamist group known as *al-Gama'a al-Islamiya* (Islamic Group) and possession of weapons and ammunition.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express/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 46 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.