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Death Penalty

9 June 1995

EGYPT            **Mohammad Fawzi Mohammad Ibrahim, aged 29**  
                  **Ahmad 'Abd al-Qadir Bakri, aged 24**  
                  **'Izzet al-Shahhat Mohammad (*in absentia*)**

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Amnesty International is concerned that the three men mentioned above were sentenced to death on 6 June 1995 and that they could be executed if their sentences are upheld.

According to press reports, on 6 June 1995 the Supreme State Security Court pronounced judgment in the case of 18 defendants, alleged members of *al-Gama'a al-Islamiya* (Islamic Group), who were charged with, among other things, killing a policeman and injuring two others in October 1994 and possession of printed materials which reportedly called for the overthrow of the Egyptian government.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Over the past three years, politically-motivated acts of violence by armed opposition groups have escalated sharply in Egypt. Islamist militant groups have committed deliberate and arbitrary killings, which Amnesty International has condemned. Victims have included a writer known for his secularist views, Copts, tourists, government officials and police and prison officers.

Thousands of members and sympathizers of banned Islamist groups have been arrested and arbitrarily detained. Over the last two and a half years, 64 Islamists have been sentenced to death by military courts and 46 have been executed.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Arabic, English, French or in your own language:**

- expressing concern that Mohammad Fawzi Mohammad Ibrahim, Ahmad 'Abd al-Qadir Bakri and 'Izzet al-Shahhat Mohammad have been sentenced to death and urging that President Mubarak commute these death sentences if they are referred to him for possible exercise of presidential clemency;
- expressing concern at the upsurge in the use of the death penalty in Egypt 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:**

##### 1) President

His Excellency, Mohammad Hosni Mubarak  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
'Abedine Palace, Cairo, Egypt

**Telegrams: President Mubarak, Cairo, Egypt**

**Telexes: 93794 WAZRA UN**

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

The Human Rights Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Corniche al-Nil, Cairo, Egypt  
Faxes: (20 2) 723 173

Dr Fathi Sorour  
Speaker  
The People's Assembly  
Magles al-Shaab Street, Cairo, Egypt

and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 21 July 1995.