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Further information on EXTRA 52/93 (MDE 12/06/93, 28 May 1993) - Death Penalty

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Ahmed Hussein Ahmed Al-HUSSEINI

Tariq 'Abd al-Raziq HASSAN

Ashraf Al-Sayyid Ibrahim SALIH

Ibrahim Sayyid 'ABD AL-'AAL

Mostafa Ahmed Hassan HAMZA (sentenced in absentia)

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Amnesty International has learned that the death sentences passed on the six people named above will not be subject to further review and so those five held in prison could be executed at any time. All six were tried by the Supreme Military Court on 27 May 1993 and charged in connection with bomb attacks on tourist targets and an attempt on the life of the Minister of Information, Safwat al-Sherif.

All the above were sentenced to death by a military court, even though all of them are civilians. The death sentences were subject to ratification by the President of the Republic, and then review by the Military Appeals' Bureau, also headed by the President of the Republic. Amnesty International believes that such procedures fall short of international standards for fair trial, as guaranteed by Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), to which Egypt is a state party, which guarantee that everyone who is convicted shall have the right to their conviction and sentence being reviewed by a higher tribunal. The United Nations' Economic and Social Council has urged that these rights be respected in all cases involving the death penalty.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:**

- expressing concern at the death sentences passed on the six men named above and at reports that they will not be subject to further review;
- urging that the President use his constitutional right to grant clemency and commute these and other death sentences passed recently by military courts;
- urging an immediate review of military trial procedures to ensure that they comply with international standards to which Egypt is a state party (the ICCPR);
- expressing concern at the sudden upsurge in the use of the death penalty

in Egypt (22 death sentences have been passed by military courts since December 1992 and nine 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 ICCPR, to which Egypt is a state party.

**APPEALS TO:**

His Excellency  
Muhammad Hosni Mubarak  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
'Abedine Palace  
Cairo, Egypt  
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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

The Human Rights Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Corniche al-Nil  
Cairo, Egypt

His Excellency  
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Minister of Justice  
Ministry of Justice  
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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 30 August 1993.