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Further Information on UA 125/06 (MDE 12/008/2006, 08 May 2006) – <u>Death penalty/Fear of imminent</u> execution/Unfair trial

EGYPT Ezzat Ali Hanafi (m)

Hamdi Ali Hanafi (m), his brother

Brothers Ezzat and Hamdi Ali Hanafi were executed by hanging at 6am local time on 18 June, at the Arab Tower (*Borj al-'Arab*) Prison in Alexandria, northwest of Cairo.

The two men had been sentenced to death on 25 September 2005 by the (Emergency) Supreme State Security Court, whose procedures fall far short of international fair trial standards. They had been arrested in March 2004 and convicted of using an area of land belonging to the state to grow unspecified "drugs"; when the security forces raided the property, they allegedly offered armed resistance, and took hostages to use as human shields.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network.