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Further information on EXTRA 65/95 (MDE 12/09/95, 2 June 1995) and follow-up (MDE 12/12/95 26 June 1995) - Death Penalty / Legal Concern

EGYPT Hussam Hassan Suleiman

Ahmad Mahmoud 'Abd al-Rahman

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On 6 August 1995 Hussam Hassan Suleiman and Ahmad Mahmoud 'Abd al-Rahman were executed. The two men had been sentenced to death by the Supreme Military Court in Cairo on 31 May in a trial which had included 40 other defendants, six of whom were sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour, 22 received sentences ranging from one to 15 years' imprisonment and 12 others were acquitted. Charges against them had included murder, sabotage and assault. The two men were reportedly members of *Talai' al-Fatah*, (Vanguards of the Conquest), a splinter group of *Gihad*, a banned Islamist organization.

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

- 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, (64 death sentences have been passed by military courts since December 1992 and 48 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.**