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Further information on EXTRA 06/97 (MDE 12/05/97, 20 January 1997) and follow-up (MDE 12/30/97, 4 June) - Death Penalty

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The four men named above were executed on 22 October 1997. They had been sentenced to death by the Supreme Military Court in Heikstep, near Cairo, on 19 January 1997 in a case involving 19 alleged members of the banned Islamist group *al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya* (Islamic Group). Their sentences were ratified by Prime Minister Kamal al-Ganzoury on 2 June 1997.

The four men sentenced to death were charged with the planting of bombs in two cinemas in the Helwan district of Cairo in December 1993, the killing of a State Security Investigations Department officer and the planned assassination of the head of the Egyptian Military Prosecution.

This brings the number of executions in Egypt in 1997 to 22.

No further action is requested by the UA Network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.