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Further information on UA 259/95 (MDE 13/19/95, 22 November 1995) - and follow-up (MDE 13/02/96, 17 January 1996) - Death Penalty

IRAN Rahman Rajabi, aged 28

Amnesty International has received reports that Rahman Rajabi is scheduled to be executed on 9 March 1996.

Rahman Rajabi, from Naqadeh in North Western Iran and married with one child, is reportedly a former member of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran (KDPI), a Kurdish group engaged in armed opposition to the Iranian government. He is believed to have been arrested in July 1995, and later sentenced to death, possibly in October. The exact charges are unknown, but are thought to relate to membership of the KDPI. His death sentence was confirmed by the Supreme Court on 11 January 1996. He is reportedly held in Darya Prison in Oromieh.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams in English or your own language:

- urging that the death sentence against Rahman Rajabi be commuted;
- drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty, the desirability of which was reaffirmed in Resolution 32/61 of 8 December 1977 of the United Nations General Assembly.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.