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**Fear of Execution**

**14 May 1992**

**IRAN:**

**Hassan Zolfaghari**

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Amnesty International has received reports that Hassan Zolfaghari, an alleged member of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI), may be in imminent danger of execution. Hassan Zolfaghari was reported to have been arrested in April 1991, in Qasr-e Shirin, a town near the border with Iraq, together with another PMOI member, Beshar Shabibi. It is not known whether Hassan Zolfaghari has been charged, tried or sentenced and his place of detention is unknown. However, following reports of Beshar Shabibi's execution in Tehran in April 1992, there are fears that Hassan Zolfaghari may also be at imminent risk.

According to reports received by Amnesty International, Beshar Shabibi was among a group of over 40 prisoners executed in Tehran during the second half of April 1992, some of whom were believed to have been members or supporters of the PMOI.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Amnesty International is concerned about the continuing high number of executions in Iran, with at least 775 executions reported during 1991.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:**

- expressing concern that, according to reports, Hassan Zolfaghari may face imminent execution;
- urging for the commutation of any death sentence that may have been passed on him;
- seeking information about Hassan Zolfaghari's place of detention, whether he has been charged or tried and convicted and, if so, what sentence has been imposed on him.

- urging that, if he has not been tried, no sentence of any sort should be imposed on him and his right to a fair trial, in accordance with internationally recognized standards, should be respected;

- expressing concern at the continuing high number of executions in Iran and your opposition to the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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**APPEALS TO**

1) His Excellency  
Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani  
The Presidency  
Palestine Avenue  
Azerbaijan Intersection  
Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: President Rafsanjani, Tehran, Iran**  
**Telexes: 214231 MITI IR; 213113 PRIM IR**  
(marked for the attention of President Rafsanjani)

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

2) His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi  
Head of the Judiciary  
Ministry of Justice  
Park-e Shahr  
Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Justice Minister, Tehran, Iran**  
**Telexes: 214231 MITI IR; 213113 PRIM IR**  
(marked for the attention of the Head of the Judiciary)

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

3) His Excellency  
Hojatoleslam Abdollah Noori  
Minister of Interior  
Ministry of Interior  
Dr Fatemi Avenue  
Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Interior Minister Noori, Tehran, Iran**  
**Telexes: 214213 MITI IR; 213 113 PRIM IR**  
(marked for the attention of the Interior Minister)

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

His Excellency

Ali Akbar Velayati  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Sheikh Abdolmajid Keshk-e Mesri Avenue  
Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran

and to diplomatic representatives of IRAN in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 June 1992.