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Further information (1) on EXTRA 46/97 (MDE 13/12/97, 2 April 1997) - Fear of imminent execution

IRAN Mohammad Assadi, lawyer, aged 68

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According to information received by Amnesty International, the appeal of Mohammad Assadi against his conviction and sentence has been rejected by Iran's Supreme Court which reportedly upheld the death sentence against him. Amnesty International is not aware of the exact charges brought against Mohammad Assadi, but believes them to be political. There are also fears that Mohammad Assadi's trial may have been unfair.

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

- expressing concern at the confirmation of the death sentence passed against Mohammad Assadi;
- calling for the commutation of this and all other pending death sentences;
- urging the Iranian authorities to ensure that all political prisoners in Iran are afforded a fair trial, safeguards which are all the more important where the defendant may be facing execution, the most serious and irreversible of penalties.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) Leader of the Islamic Republic

His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei  
The Presidency, Palestine Avenue  
Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Ayatollah Khamenei, Tehran, Iran**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

2) President Hojjatoleslam

Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani  
The Presidency, Palestine Avenue  
Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, The Islamic Republic of Iran  
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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

3) Head of the Judiciary

His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi  
Ministry of Justice  
Park-e Shahr, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Head of the Judiciary, Tehran, Iran**  
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4) Minister of the Interior

His Excellency Mohammad Ali Besharati Jahromi  
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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 May 1997.