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Further information on UA 206/95 (MDE 13/13/95, 23 August 1995) and follow-up (MDE 13/18/95, 16 November 1995) - Death penalty / Fear of flogging

IRAN Fazel Khodadad and a woman "M.H."
Ebrahim Aria
Jamshid Arghand

Fifty-year-old businessman Fazel Khodadad was hanged at dawn on 22 November 1995. He had been sentenced to death on 22 August after being convicted of "sabotaging the country's economic system", which related to the illegal transfer of 200 million dollars from an account in the Saderat Bank. The sentence was reportedly confirmed by the Supreme Court last week.

PLEASE CONTINUE ACTION ON THE FLOGGING SENTENCES AS OUTLINED IN PREVIOUS UPDATE (MDE 13/18/95, 16 November), AND IN ADDITION send telegrams/telexes/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- expressing deep regret at the execution of Fazel Khodadad on 22 November 1995;
- drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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3) His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi
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Telegrams: Justice Minister, Tehran, Iran
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Salutation: Your Excellency

4) Minister of the Interior
His Excellency Mohammad Ali Besharati Jahromi
Ministry of the Interior
Dr Fatemi Avenue
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Salutation: Your Excellency

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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 7 January 1995.