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Further information (2) on EXTRA 115/96 (MDE 13/26/96, 25 July 1996) and follow-up (MDE 13/27/96, 1 August 1996) - Death Penalty / Flogging / Torture / Unfair Trial

IRAN Hedayatollah Zendehtdel, Businessman  
Abolghasem Majd-Abkhahi, business  
Alireza Yazdanshenas, former air force officer

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Amnesty International is gravely concerned at reports in an Iranian newspaper that the Supreme Court in Iran has confirmed the sentences of death and flogging passed against the above three men. The organization fears that they are at imminent risk of execution and of flogging prior to execution, and that one of them may have already been executed.

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

- expressing extreme concern that the death sentences against Hedayatollah Zendehtdel, Abolghasem Majd-Abkhahi, Alireza Yazdanshenas have been confirmed, and that one of the men may have already been executed;
- calling for these death sentences to be commuted immediately,
- calling for the commutation of all other pending death sentences in Iran;
- 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;
- urging that the sentences of flogging also be commuted, and stating that you believe flogging contravenes Article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

**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) The President

His Excellency Hojjatoleslam  
Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani  
The Presidency, Palestine Avenue  
Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, The Islamic Republic of Iran

**Telegrams: President Rafsanjani, Tehran, Iran**

**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**

**Salutation: Your Excellency**

4) Minister of the Interior

His Excellency Mohammad Ali Besharati Jahromi

Ministry of the Interior  
Dr Fatemi Avenue  
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Minister of the Interior, Tehran, Iran**  
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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES TO:**

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

Chairman of the Islamic Consultative Assembly's Human Rights Committee  
Imam Khomeini Avenue, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Mr Hussain Farahi, Secretary, Islamic Human Rights Commission  
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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 23 December 1996.