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Further information on EXTRA 124/96 (MDE 16/05/96, 12 August 1996) - Death penalty

JORDAN Kayed Ahmad, aged 29

Amnesty International has learned that the Court of Cassation has ratified the death sentence passed by the Amman Criminal Court on 29-year-old Kayed Ahmad for murder. If King Hussain bin Talal approves the ratification, Kayed Ahmad could be executed soon afterwards.

Amnesty International does not in any way condone violent crime and recognizes the responsibility of governments to punish the perpetrators. However, the organization considers it the severest form of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and a violation of the right to life, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and is therefore unconditionally opposed to its use.

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

- urging King Hussain bin Talal to commute the death sentence against Kayed Ahmad, recently ratified by the Court of Cassation;
- urging him also to commute all other pending death sentences;
- appealing to the Jordanian authorities to discontinue the use of the death penalty in accordance with their stated commitment to human rights.

APPEALS TO:

1) His Majesty King Hussein bin Talal
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and to diplomatic representatives of Jordan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 December 1996.