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Further information on UA 149/94 (MDE 18/02/94, 15 April 1994) and updates (MDE 18/03/94, 20 April and MDE 18/04/94, 26 April) - Death Penalty/Fear of imminent execution

LEBANON: 'Abd al-Karim Hujayj
Muhammad Za'tar
Ne'meh Hammadi (in absentia)
Shaker al-Buraydi

Amnesty International has learned that the execution of 'Abd al-Karim Hujayj and Muhammad Za'tar is scheduled for tomorrow, 30 April 1994 in the town of Ba'abda, one week after the first judicial execution for 11 years was carried out. Bassam al-Muslah was executed in Sidon on 23 April 1994. Amnesty International fears that Shaker al-Buraydi may also be at risk of imminent execution.

Amnesty International is appealing for the lives of these prisoners to be spared, and for all current and future death sentences to be commuted.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams, telexes and airmail letters in English, Arabic, French, or your own language:

- urging that 'Abd al-Karim Hujayj and Muhammad Za'tar not be executed;
- asking for all current and future death sentences to be commuted, including that of Shaker al-Buraydi;
- pointing out that there is no reliable evidence that the death penalty deters violent crime;
- urging that the authorities review Lebanese legislation with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of LEBANON accredited to your country.

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