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Further information on UA 149/94 (AI 18/02/94, 15 April 1994) and updates (MDE 18/03/94, 20 April; MDE 18/04/94, 26 April and MDE 18/06/94, 29 April) - Death Penalty / Fear of Imminent Execution

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

'Abd al-Karim Hujayj and Muhammad Za'tar were executed as scheduled at 5am on 30 April 1994. Amnesty International fears that Shaker al-Buraydi remains at risk of imminent execution.

Amnesty International deeply regrets these executions, following a week after that of Bassam al-Muslah on 23 April. It is continuing to call for all other current and future death sentences in Lebanon to be commuted, and for legislation to be reviewed with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

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

- expressing deep regret at the execution of 'Abd al-Karim Hujayj and Muhammad Za'tar;
- urging that all other current and future death sentences be commuted, including that of Shaker al-Buraydi;
- pointing out that there is no evidence that the death penalty acts as a deterrent to violent crime;
- urging that Lebanese legislation be reviewed with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

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and to diplomatic representatives of LEBANON accredited to your country.

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