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**SAUDI ARABIANasir Al-Shibani  
Muhammad Majed Al-Shibani, both secondary school students**

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Two students of Thaqeef Secondary School in Taif, Nasir Al-Shibani and Muhammad Majed Al-Shibani, have reportedly been sentenced to flogging after their trial by an Islamic court in Taif on 25 March 1996. Newspaper reports state that the two were sentenced for "attacking an Islamic education teacher earlier this month using a hammer and knife."

Nasir al-Shibani has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and 210 lashes, 70 of which will be given in front of his fellow school students and teachers. Muhammad Majed al-Shibani has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment and 150 lashes, 75 of which will be given in front of students and teachers.

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

- appealing for the sentence of lashes against Nasir Al-Shibani and Muhammad Al-Shibani to be commuted;
- expressing concern about the penalty of lashes as a judicial punishment which Amnesty International considers to be a form of cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment, contrary to Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 May 1996