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Further information on UA 236/99 (MDE 23/06/99, 13 September 1999) - Sharp increase in executions

SAUDI ARABIA Muhammad bin 'Amir bin Faya' 'Asiri
Muhammad bin Yahya bin Mani' 'Asiri
Muhammad bin Nasir Al Suwayyid 'Asiri
Rafdan bin 'Abd al-'Aziz bin 'Abd al-Karim 'Asiri
And one other

In the past three days a further five people have been executed in Saudi Arabia. The four people named above, all Saudi Arabian nationals, were executed on 14 September for murder. Another Saudi Arabian national was executed on 16 September, also for murder. These executions bring the number of people put to death in Saudi Arabia so far this year to 83.

Amnesty International is deeply concerned that the number of executions carried out in Saudi Arabia continues to increase at an alarming rate, and that capital trials do not comply with internationally recognised standards.

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

- expressing dismay that a further five people have been executed in the past three days, part of an alarming increase in the use of the death penalty in Saudi Arabia;
- calling for an immediate halt to executions and the commutation of all outstanding death sentences;
- calling for clarification of reports that 59 people in prisons in Saudi Arabia are facing charges which carry the death penalty;
- urging that international standards for capital trials are strictly observed.

APPEALS TO:

The Custodian of the Two Holy Shrines
His Majesty King Fahd bin 'Abdul-'Aziz
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Telegrams: King Fahd, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Salutation: Your Majesty

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COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Saudi Arabia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 October 1999.