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**Imminent Execution**

**SAUDI ARABIA**

**D.D. Ranjith de Silva (m), Sri Lankan national  
E.J. Victor Corea (m), Sri Lankan national  
Sanath Pushpakumara (m), Sri Lankan national**

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The three Sri Lankan men named above have reportedly had their death sentences referred to the King, which is the final appeal stage of Saudi Arabia's secretive judicial system. The King may grant clemency, but if he chooses to ratify their sentences, they could be executed at any time.

The three were reportedly arrested in March 2004, in the capital, Riyadh. They were reportedly sentenced to death in October, in connection with a series of armed robberies. Their sentences were reportedly upheld in March 2005. They are held in al-Ha'ir prison, in Riyadh.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Saudi Arabia applies the death penalty for a wide range of offences. Court proceedings fall far short of international standards for fair trial, and take place behind closed doors.

Defendants do not have the right to formal representation by a lawyer, and in many cases are not informed of the progress of legal proceedings against them. They may be convicted solely on the basis of confessions obtained under duress, torture or deception.

At least 55 people are known to have been executed in Saudi Arabia so far this year. Two thirds have been foreign nationals. The true figure may be much higher.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:**

- expressing concern that D.D Ranjith de Silva, E.J Victor Corea and Sanath Kumara are at risk of imminent execution, and calling on the King to commute their death sentences;
- seeking assurances that the three men are being treated humanely, and that they have regular access to consular assistance, their families, their lawyers and any medical treatment they may require.

**APPEALS TO:**

King and Prime Minister

The Custodian of the Two Holy Shrines  
His Majesty King Fahd bin 'Abdul 'Aziz Al-Saud  
Office of His Majesty The King  
Royal Court, Riyadh  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Minister of the Interior

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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 2 September 2005.