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Fear of imminent execution

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SAUDI ARABIANasiroh Binti Karmudin (f), maid, Indonesian national

Nasiroh Binti Karmudin, an Indonesian national, is reported to be scheduled for execution on 24 October 1997 in Saudi Arabia.

Nasiroh Binti Karmudin, from Cianjur in West Java, who went to Saudi Arabia in 1993 to work as a maid, is said to have been sentenced to death on charges of murdering her male employer. However, no information is available about her trial proceedings as these are invariably held behind closed doors.

The Indonesian Minister of Justice is reported to have appealed to the Saudi Arabian Government for commutation of the death sentence, but Amnesty International does not have any details about the outcome of this appeal.

Executions continue to be carried out at an alarming rate in Saudi Arabia. At least 117 people have been executed so far this year. They include Soleha Anam, a 30-year-old Indonesian national who was executed on 30 September 1997.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send as many telegrams/telexes as possible, in Arabic, English or in your own language:

- expressing deep concern at reports that Nasiroh Binti Karmudin is scheduled for execution on 24 October 1997 and calling for commutation of the death sentence to a more humane punishment:
- seeking details about her trial proceedings.

APPEALS TO:

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In addition, or if unable to send telegram or telex to authorities above, please telephone, or send a fax to Saudi Arabian embassy in your country, asking for your concerns to be transmitted to authorities in Saudi Arabia as a matter of urgency.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.