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Further information on EXTRA 155/96 (MDE 23/11/96, 3 October 1996) - Flogging

SAUDI ARABIA24 Filipino workers, names unknown

Amnesty International has learned that 23 of the 24 Filipino workers sentenced to flogging have now received the full 200 lashes, which were given in instalments of 50 lashes over a period of four weeks. Following this, the individuals were transferred to a deportation centre in Jeddah. At least three of them have already been deported, while the remaining individuals will be deported in the near future.

One individual was reportedly exempted from the floggings on grounds of ill-health.

The exact circumstances surrounding the arrest of the 24 Filipinos remain unclear, and Amnesty International is continuing to seek clarification of these details.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send express/airmail letters in English, Arabic or in your own language:

- expressing regret that the flogging sentence against the above individuals has been carried out;
- calling on the authorities to commute any outstanding flogging sentences and stop the use of flogging as a judicial punishment.

APPEALS TO:

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 January 1997.