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**EXTRA 103/93      Executions**

**25 November 1993**

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES      Six men (names unknown)**

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Amnesty International is gravely concerned at reports that six executions were carried out in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 24 November 1993. No names were made public but the reports stated that five Indian nationals and a Pakistani national had been executed after having been convicted of murdering two UAE nationals and a Pakistani national in two separate cases. The executions reportedly took place in Sharjah Central Prison.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

No information is available regarding the trial and appeal procedures in these cases. However, all death sentences must be referred to the President of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, who may exercise clemency, in accordance with the Constitution. According to reports four other executions (of three UAE nationals and an Indian national) were carried out in the UAE in May this year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams, telexes and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:**

- expressing grave concern at the six executions carried out on 24 November;
- acknowledging the serious nature of the crimes in this case, but stating that in Amnesty International's view the death penalty is not an effective deterrent to violent crime and considers it the most extreme form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and a violation of the right to life, irrespective of the crime for which it is imposed;
- urging that the President of the United Arab Emirates exercise his right to grant clemency and commute any outstanding and future death sentences.

#### **APPEALS TO**

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