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Further information on UA 66/98 (MDE 25/02/98, 3 March 1998) - Death Penalty

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Touran Ibrahim Abbas (f)

New name:

Qamar Ali Khan

On 20 June 1998 the Supreme Court in Dubai, UAE reportedly upheld the death sentence against Touran Ibrahim Abbas. The case will now be referred to the UAE President, al-Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, for ratification. Touran Ibrahim Abbas was sentenced to death in December 1997 for drug trafficking

Amnesty International has also learned that an appeal court in Dubai has upheld the death sentence against Qamar Ali Khan, a Pakistani national. He is said to have been sentenced to death, also in connection with drug trafficking. The case should now be referred to the Supreme Court.

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

- expressing concern that the Supreme Court has upheld the death sentence against Touran Ibrahim Abbas;
- expressing concern that the death sentence against Qamar Ali Khan has been upheld on appeal;
- recognizing the rights and responsibilities of governments to bring to justice those suspected of criminal offences, but expressing unconditional opposition to the death sentence in all cases as the ultimate violation of the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment;
- urging that the death sentences be commuted.

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