

September 2003

Further Information on UA 65/03 (MDE 31/002/2003, 6 March 2003) and follow-ups (MDE 31/008/2003, 12 September 2003, and MDE 31/010/2003, 18 September 2003) - Risk of Imminent Execution

YEMEN Nabil al-Mankali (m), Spanish national

Nabil al-Mankali, a Spanish national, is still at risk of imminent execution. He had reportedly been scheduled to be executed on 20 September for his alleged involvement in a bombing in the port of Aden in 1997.

Officials from the European Union, Spanish King Juan Carlos, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and a number of other Spanish officials have called on the Yemeni authorities to show clemency to Nabil al-Mankali. However Yemen's President, Ali Abdullah Saleh, has reportedly stated that the decision to execute Nabil al-Mankali was not politically motivated. He said that the Yemeni judicial system was independent and "no party whatever it be can intervene in its affairs or decisions, just as in Spain".

President Saleh reportedly ratified the death penalty against Nabil al-Mankali on 11 September. The Supreme Court had reportedly upheld the death sentence against Nabil al-Mankali in March 2003. Only President Saleh has the power to stop the execution from taking place.

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

- expressing concern that Nabil al-Mankali is reportedly facing imminent execution;
- urging the President to commute the death sentence and prevent the execution of Nabil al-Mankali;
- acknowledging the right of the government to bring to justice anyone found responsible for criminal offences, but expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty;
- reminding the authorities of international standards for fair trial in capital cases, including the right to seek pardon or commutation of the sentence.

APPEALS TO:

President

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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COPIES TO: Diplomatic representatives of Yemen and Spain accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.
