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Further information on EXTRA 96/97 (MDE 13/29/97, 8 July 1997) - Fear of imminent execution / Flogging

IRAN Hossein Dowlatkhah, businessman, aged 58

Hossein Dowlatkhah was reportedly sentenced to death on 18 June 1997 by a revolutionary court in Tehran on charges of corruption and embezzlement. He was also accused of organizing parties with drugs, for which he was sentenced to flogging. According to information received by Amnesty International, Hossein Dowlatkhah's appeal against his conviction and sentence was recently rejected by the Supreme Court, which reportedly upheld the death sentence against him. Hossein Dowlatkhah is believed to have been officially informed that he is to be executed by firing squad. His sole chance of escaping execution now rests with the possibility of a pardon by the Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the recommendation of the Head of the Judiciary.

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

- expressing concern at the confirmation of the death sentence and flogging against Hossein Dowlatkhah;
- urging for commutation of these sentences.

APPEALS TO:

1) Leader of the Islamic Republic

His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
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Salutation: Your Excellency

2) President

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His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi
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4) Minister of Information

His Excellency Qorbanali Dorri Najafabadi
Ministry of Information
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
Telegrams: Information Minister, Tehran, Iran
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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 March 1998.