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Further information on EXTRA 22/03 (AMR 51/061/2003, 30 April 2003) - Death penalty

USA (Georgia)

Carl Isaacs (m), white, aged 49

Carl Isaacs was executed on the evening of 6 May in Georgia for his part in the murder of six members of the Alday family in May 1973.

The US Supreme Court refused to stop the execution. However, two of its Justices reportedly said that the Court should have agreed to consider the claim that it was unconstitutional to execute Carl Isaacs after such a long imprisonment. He had served almost 30 years in prison, most of it under a sentence of death. His original death sentence, handed down in 1974, was overturned on appeal in 1985. He was resentenced to death in 1988.

Carl Isaacs becomes the 32nd person to be put to death in the USA this year, and the 852nd since the country resumed executions in 1977. Georgia accounts for 33 of these executions.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.