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Further Information on UA 118/06 (ASA 33/014/2006, 4 May 2006) and follow-up (ASA 33/019/2006, 24 May 2006) - Imminent execution

PAKISTAN

Mirza Tahir Hussain (m)

Authorities at Adiala jail in Rawalpindi, Punjab province, have announced that Mirza Tahir Hussain will be executed on 3 August 2006. He had previously been granted a stay of execution to allow his family more time to seek a pardon from and to offer monetary compensation to the family of the taxi driver he was found guilty of killing. However, the victim's family have refused to accept their offer.

Mirza Tahir Hussain was tried and convicted of murdering a taxi driver while travelling to the village of Bhubar from Rawalpindi on 17 December 1988. The taxi driver reportedly stopped the car and produced a gun, and Mirza Tahir Hussain, who was 18 years old at the time, was reportedly physically and sexually assaulted by the taxi driver. In the scuffle that followed, the gun went off, and the taxi driver was fatally injured.

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

- calling on President Musharraf to use his powers under article 45 of the Constitution to commute the death sentence of Mirza Tahir Hussain;
- noting that Amnesty International has observed a recent surge in executions in Pakistan, and urging the President to make all possible efforts to join a worldwide trend towards the abolition of the death penalty in law and practice.

APPEALS TO:

President Pervez Musharraf
Pakistan Secretariat
Islamabad, Pakistan

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Email: via website: <http://www.presidentofpakistan.gov.pk/WTPresidentMessage.aspx>

Salutation: Dear President Musharraf

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Pakistan accredited to your country.

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