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Further information on EXTRA 103/97 (ASA 33/23/97, 18 July 1997) and follow-ups (ASA 33/26/97, 31 July 1997 and ASA 33/27/97, 4 August 1997) - Death penalty / Imminent execution

PAKISTAN Shamu Masih
 Javed Masih

Although the one-month stay of execution granted to Shamu and Javed Masih by the President of Pakistan expired on 20 August 1997 the two men have not so far been executed. According to jail officials at Hyderabad Central Jail a new date has now been set for 26 August.

Christian groups in Pakistan are continuing to appeal to the President to commute the death sentences.

**Please continue to send telegrams/faxes in English or your own language:
to President:**

- continuing to appeal to the President to use his powers under Article 45 of the Constitution to commute the death sentences against Shamu Masih and Javed Masih;

to other two addressees:

- expressing concern that Shamu Masih and Javed Masih are scheduled for execution, and appealing to the Governor and Chief Minister to urge the President to commute the death sentences;

to all:

- continuing to urge that the death penalty be abolished as it violates the right to life and the prohibition of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

APPEALS TO:

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Office of the President
Islamabad, Pakistan

Telegrams: President, Islamabad, Pakistan

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Salutation: Dear President

Governor of Sindh
Governor's House
Karachi, Pakistan

Telegrams: Governor, Karachi, Pakistan

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Salutation: Dear Governor

Chief Minister of Sindh
Sindh Secretariat
Karachi, Pakistan

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Salutation: Dear Chief Minister

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

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