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Death Penalty

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SINGAPORE:

Mohamed Bachu Miah, Bangladesh national

Mohamed Mahmduzzaman Khan, Bangladesh national

Amnesty International is concerned that Md Bachu Miah and Md Mahmduzzaman Khan may soon be executed. They were sentenced to death on 27 March 1991 for the murder of a Bangladeshi labourer, Mr Mohamed Shafiqul Islam, on 22 January 1988 at the site office of Ong Huat Construction Company at Bukit Timah.

The two men were reportedly angry with Mr Mohamed Shafiqul Islam because they suspected him of being an Immigration Department informer. The victim died of a broken neck and skull.

Amnesty International believes that this sentence has been upheld by the Court of Criminal Appeal and that the only hope for clemency now lies with President Wee Kim Wee who has the power to commute these sentences.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

- expressing concern at the imposition of the death penalty on Mohamed Bachu Miah and Mohamed Mahmduzzaman Khan, and urging that their sentences be commuted;

- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty, and urging that all existing and pending death sentences be commuted and that no more be imposed.

APPEALS TO

1. The President:

His Excellency Wee Kim Wee

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