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Further information on EXTRA 20/02 (ASA 36/004/2002, 6 March 2002) Death penalty / imminent execution

SINGAPORE

Anthony Ler (m), aged 34, former web designer

Amnesty International has learned that Anthony Ler was hanged at dawn on 13 December in Changi Prison. He had been sentenced to death in December 2001 after being found guilty of hiring a 15-year-old boy to kill his wife. The boy, who was convicted of murder, was sentenced to be detained in prison indefinitely.

Executions are rarely announced by the Singaporean authorities. Amnesty International learned of this latest execution through an *Agence France Presse* report which quoted information from the website Channel News Asia. At least 367 executions are known to have been carried out since 1991. Singapore, with a population of just over four million, is believed to have one of the highest *per capita* execution rates in the world.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action from the network is required.