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7 January 1998

Further information on EXTRA 47/97 (ASA 41/08/97, 2 April 1997) and follow-up (ASA 41/01/98, 6 January 1998) - Fear of imminent execution

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
Pham Huy Phuoc  
Le Duc Canh  
Tran Quang Vinh

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Le Minh Hai (pardoned)

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Pham Huy Phuoc, Le Duc Canh and Tran Quang Vinh were executed at dawn on 7 January 1998. According to press reports, the three men were taken blindfold to a field in Thu Duc district on the outskirts of Ho Chi Minh City. They were shot dead in front of thousands of people who had gathered to watch.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:**

- expressing grave concern and sadness that Pham Huy Phuoc, Le Duc Canh and Tran Quang Vinh were executed on 7 January 1998;
- expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which the Vietnamese Government ratified in 1982;
- urging that all outstanding death sentences be commuted and that the death penalty as a punishment be removed from all legislation.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.**