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Fear of imminent execution

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KAZAKHSTAN

V. Korelin (_ . _____ in cyrillic)
A. Belikov (_ . _____)
A. Ganichkin (_ . _____)
N. Maslov (_ . _____)
Yu. Pak (_ . _____)
F. Sattarov (_ . _____)
A. Seydakhmetov (_ . _____)
V. Srybnik (_ . _____)
M. Alibayev (_ . _____)
A. Kumisbayev (_ . _____)
M. Vyshegurov (_ . _____)

Amnesty International fears that the 11 men named above face imminent execution after having been sentenced to death in Kazakhstan. The organization has just learned that appeals against their death sentences were turned down by the Supreme Court of Kazakhstan in the second half of May 1995. Their only hope of avoiding execution is if the President of Kazakhstan exercises his constitutional right to grant them clemency.

All 11 men were sentenced to death by various regional courts for premeditated aggravated murder. One of them, V. Korelin, was additionally sentenced to death for banditry and another, A. Seydakhmetov, for aggravated rape.

Amnesty International is opposed to the death penalty in all cases and without reservation on the grounds that it is 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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to information supplied to Amnesty International in 1994 by a procuracy official, if a death sentence is left unchanged by the Supreme Court the President will normally hear a clemency petition within two months. If he refuses clemency the sentence will be carried out normally within a maximum of three months.

Officials have stated that 100 death sentences were passed in Kazakhstan in 1994, compared to 65 in 1993.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/express/airmail letters in English, Russian or your own language:

- urging President Nazarbayev to grant clemency to the 11 men named above and commute their death sentences;
- urging President Nazarbayev to commute all other death sentences that come before him.

APPEALS TO

1. The President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev
Respublika Kazakhstan,
480091 g. Alma-Ata,
pl. Respubliki, 4

Apparat prezidenta
Prezidentu Nazarbayevu N.A.

Telegrams: Kazakhstan, Alma-Ata, apparat prezidenta, Prezidentu Nazarbayevu N.A.

Salutation: Dear President Nazarbayev

2. The Chairman of the Clemency Commission, name unknown
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480091 g. Alma-Ata,
pl. Respubliki, 4
Komissiya po voprosam pomilovaniya
Predsedatelyu

Telegrams: Kazakhstan, Alma-Ata, apparat prezidenta, komissiya po pomilovaniyu, predsedatelyu

Salutation: Dear Chairman

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Procurator-General of Kazakhstan, Zharmakhan Tuyakbayev
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480099 g. Alma-Ata,
ul. Zheltoksan, 189
Prokuratura Respubliki Kazakhstan,
Generalnomu Prokuroru Tuyakbayevu Zh.

Chairman of the Supreme Court, Mikhail Malakov
Respublika Kazakhstan,
480103 g. Alma-Ata,
ul. Sovetskaya, 66
Verkhovny Sud Respubliki Kazakhstan,
Predsedatelyu Malakovu M.

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and to diplomatic representatives of KAZAKHSTAN accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 August 1995.