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Further information on UA 107/93 (MDE 13/05/93, 8 April 1993) and follow-up:
MDE 13/09/93, 6 September 1993 - Death Penalty

IRAN:Salim Saberniah, aged 31
Mustafa Ghaderi, aged 29

Amnesty International has received reports that Salim Saberniah and Mustafa Ghaderi have been transferred from Tabriz to Orumiyeh prison. They are believed to be held in solitary confinement, and have no access to visitors. Since the death sentences were upheld by the Islamic Revolutionary Court last year, fears continue that their execution may be imminent.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amnesty International is concerned that in Iran the death penalty is frequently imposed on political opposition suspects and others and that trial procedures by Islamic Revolutionary Courts fall far short of international standards for fair trial. In political cases trials are usually held in secret, often lasting only a few minutes. The detainee has no access to legal counsel at any stage and is denied the right of appeal both against the conviction and the sentence.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- urging that the death sentences be commuted;
- expressing concern that Salim Saberniah and Mustafa Ghaderi are now reportedly held in solitary confinement;
- seeking assurances that they are being humanely treated in accordance with international human rights standards, and that they are granted immediate access to visitors;

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Your Excellency

2) His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi
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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 July 1994.