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Further information on UA 188/92 (MDE 13/13/92, 5 June 1992) - Legal Concern/Fear of Torture and new concern: Fear of execution

IRAN: Mass arrests in Mashhad

Amnesty International has received reports that four people were hanged in Mashhad prison, on 10 June 1992. The execution of **Javad Ganjkhanloo, Golamhossein Pourshirzad, Ali Sadeqi** and **Hamid Javid** was announced by Tehran Radio on 10 June 1992. They were all arrested in Mashhad on 30 May 1992, in connection with the riots. They were convicted of various charges which included creating terror, the use of firearms and setting fire to government buildings. One was also charged with burning books which included the Qur'an.

Tehran Radio added that a number of people had been sentenced to long-term imprisonment and flogging for their part in the riots, while a number were yet to be tried. Amnesty International, which opposes the use of the death penalty in all cases, believes that necessary safeguards for fair trial were lacking and fears that there may be more executions after summary trials.

Amnesty International had earlier expressed concern that those arrested risked torture, ill-treatment, and execution following unfair trials.

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

- expressing regret and concern at the reported four executions on 10 June 1992, and seeking urgent clarification of the precise charges brought against the four people, the date and place of their trials, whether they had had access to legal counsel and whether they had been given the right to appeal;

- expressing your opposition to the death penalty in all cases and strongly urging that no more death sentences be carried out;

- urging that those held for political reasons be given immediate and regular access to lawyers of their own choosing, their family members and medical doctors where necessary, and that their trial procedures will comply with internationally recognized standards for fair trial, as set down in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Iran has ratified;

- seeking urgent assurances that all those who have been arrested are being humanely treated.

APPEALS TO:

1) His Excellency Hojatoleslam
Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani
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Azerbaijan Intersection
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: President Rafsanjani, Tehran, Iran

Telexes: 214231 MITI IR; 213113 PRIM IR

(marked for the attention of President Rafsanjani)

[Salutation: Your Excellency]

2) His Excellency
Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi
Head of the Judiciary
Ministry of Justice
Park-e Shahr
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Justice Minister, Tehran, Iran

Telexes: 214231 MITI IR; 213113 PRIM IR

(marked for the attention of the Head of the Judiciary)

[Salutation: Your Excellency]

3) His Excellency
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Minister of Interior
Ministry of Interior
Dr Fatemi Avenue
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Interior Minister Noori, Tehran, Iran

Telexes: 214231 MITI IR; 213113 PRIM IR

(marked for the attention of the Interior Minister)

[Salutation: Your Excellency]

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

His Excellency
Dr Ali Akbar Velayati
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Sheikh Abdolmajid Keshk-e Mesri Avenue
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

and to diplomatic representatives of Iran in your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 July 1992.