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Further information on UA 107/93 (MDE 13/09/93, 8 April 1993) and follow-ups (MDE 13/08/93, 7 June 1993, MDE 13/09/93, 6 September 1993, MDE 13/06/94, 20 May 1994 & MDE 13/08/94, 12 August 1994) - Death Penalty

**IRAN** Salim Saberniah, aged about 33

**Mustafa Ghaderi, aged about 31**

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Amnesty International has learned with deep regret that Salim Saberniah and Mustafa Ghaderi were executed in Orumiyeh prison in north-western Iran on 10 April 1996. No information that their executions were imminent was received beforehand.

In August 1995, the Iranian Embassy in Sweden had informed Amnesty International's Swedish section that a court in Tabriz was investigating their petition for a new trial.

Salim Saberniah and Mustafa Ghaderi had reportedly been arrested in late 1990 when trying to cross the border into Turkey. They were held in Orumiyeh prison until late 1992, when they were transferred to Tabriz prison, where they were sentenced to death by an Islamic Revolutionary Court, reportedly after conviction of opposition to the Islamic Republic of Iran, related to their activities in Komaleh, a Kurdish armed opposition group. According to the Iranian authorities, the two men had confessed to "killing people and collecting money by force".

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

- expressing deep regret over the executions of Salim Saberniah and Mustafa Ghaderi;
- urging that all other death sentences in Iran be commuted;
- pointing out that the Iranian authorities have never provided information about their trial allowing its fairness to be assessed and expressing concern that it may have been unfair;
- pointing out that there is no evidence that the death penalty deters serious crimes.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

His Excellency Hojjatoleslam  
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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi  
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**Telegrams: Justice Minister, Tehran, Iran**

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His Excellency  
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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 20 JUNE 1996.