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Further information on UA 259/95 (MDE 13/19/95, 22 November 1995) and follow-ups (MDE 13/02/96, 17 January 1996; MDE 13/08/96, 7 March; MDE 13/09/96, 11 March)
- Death penalty

IRAN Rahman Rajabi, aged 28

Amnesty International is dismayed by reports that the execution of Rahman Rajabi may be imminent. It appears that the General Amnesty Board has confirmed that his execution should be carried out.

Rahman Rajabi, from Naqadeh in North Western Iran and married with one child is reportedly a former member of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran (KDPI).

He was reportedly arrested in July 1995, and later sentenced to death, possibly in October. The death sentence was confirmed by the Supreme Court on 11 January 1996, then reportedly subjected to a final review, possibly by the General Amnesty Board. The exact charges are unknown, but are believed to relate to membership of the KDPI. He is reportedly held in Darya Prison in Oromieh.

Seven members of the KDPI were reportedly executed in September 1995. Sahabaddin Taheri; Sannar Taheri; Timur Ibrahimi; Mohammad Amin; and two men identified only as Avaz and Rahim were said to have been executed by firing squad in Oromieh Prison, after approximately one year in detention. The seventh, Rashid Abu Bakri, was later hanged, also in Oromieh Prison. All were reportedly convicted of membership of, and collaborating with, the KDPI.

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

- urging that Rahman Rajabi not be executed;
- urging that the decision not to commute the death sentence against Rahman Rajabi be reconsidered and that clemency be granted;
- drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty, the desirability of which was reaffirmed in Resolution 32/61 of 8 December 1977 of the United Nations General Assembly.

APPEALS TO:

1) Leader of the Islamic Republic
His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
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Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
Telegrams: Ayatollah Khamenei, Tehran, Iran
Salutation: Your Excellency

2) His Excellency Hojjatoleslam
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3) Head of the Judiciary
His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi
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4) Minister of Information
His Excellency Hojjatoleslam Ali Fallahian
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His Excellency Dr Ali Akbar Velayati
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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 5 September 1996.