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Further information on UA 396/97 (MDE 16/15/97, 17 December 1997) and follow-up (MDE 16/08/98, 2 June 1998) - $\underline{\text{Death Penalty}}$

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Amnesty International has recently learned that the above had their death sentences changed to life imprisonment at a sitting of the Amman Criminal Court on 18 September 1998. This was the second time the Court of Cassation had returned the case to the Criminal Court, asking that the charges be reduced to manslaughter. On the first occasion the Criminal Court upheld the death penalty.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.