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Imminent

KUWAIT **Mohammad Zahar Abdul Sattar (m)**
Anwar al-Zamaan (m)
Anwar Khan Mohammad (m)

Amnesty International has received reports that the three Bangladeshi men named above will be executed on 25 June at the Nayef Palace in the centre of Kuwait City. According to press reports, the men's bodies will be left for "public viewing" for ten minutes after their execution.

Mohammad Zahar Abdul Sattar, Anwar al-Zamaan, and Anwar Khan Mohammad were originally sentenced to life imprisonment for the rape and murder of a Sri Lankan maid. This sentence was subsequently increased to the death penalty by the Court of Appeal in January 2001.

Amnesty International recognizes the rights and responsibilities of governments to bring to justice those suspected of criminal offences, but is unconditionally opposed to the death penalty in all cases, as the ultimate violation of the right to life.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- urging the Amir of Kuwait to commute the death sentences imposed on Mohammad Zahar Abdul Sattar, Anwar al-Zamaan, and Anwar Khan Mohammad, to a more humane punishment;
- expressing sympathy for the victims of crime and their relatives, and acknowledging the role of governments in bringing the perpetrators of such crimes to justice, but expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty irrespective of the crime for which it is imposed, as the ultimate violation of the right to life.

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