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**KUWAITHassan Mohamed Helal**

**Hamdi Abdel Azim Khalil, both Egyptian nationals**

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Amnesty International has learned with regret that Hassan Mohamed Helal and Hamdi Abdel Azim Khalil were both executed on 21 September 1997.

As far as Amnesty International is aware, these were the first executions in Kuwait since 22 September 1996, and bring to 21 the number of people known to have been executed there since the introduction of the death penalty in 1964.

**NO FURTHER ACTION BY THE UA NETWORK IS REQUIRED. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SENT APPEALS ON BEHALF OF HASSAN MOHAMED HELAL AND HAMDI ABDEL AZIM KHALIL.**