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Further information on EXTRA 46/02 (MDE 17/003/2002, 21 June 2002) - Imminent Execution

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The execution of the three men named above has been postponed. The *Al Watan* newspaper has reported that it has been informed by the Ministry of Justice, that the men will be executed on 30 June at 8.00 am. Amnesty International has appealed to the Amir of Kuwait, to suspend the executions.

According to one of the defense lawyers, the men were reportedly beaten four to five times a day, with two hours intervals, for a period of ten days while in detention. Their legs were bound and beaten with a stick until they bled, causing them to fall into unconsciousness. In addition, they were not given any medical attention to treat their wounds.

Their lawyer added that the men were reportedly forced into "confessing" to the allegations of rape and murder of a Sri Lankan maid. They are also said not to have understood the proceedings of the lower court or the appeal court hearings, which concluded that they should be put to death.

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

- urging the Amir to suspend any plans to carry out the execution of the three men, pending a review of the death sentence in light of the allegations of torture in detention and to order a retrial of the case;
- calling for an immediate, independent, and impartial investigation into the allegations of torture is carried out, and that anyone found responsible be brought to justice;
- urging the Kuwaiti authorities to abide by international standard on fair trials, including article 7 and 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), to which Kuwait is a state party. Article 7 prohibits the use of torture, and article 14 provides minimum standards for fair trials.

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