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Further Information on UA 193/05 (MDE 23/015/2005, 28 November 2005) and follow-up (MDE 23/009/2005, 22 July 2005) - Imminent Execution

SAUDI ARABIA D.D. Ranjith De Silva (m), Sri Lankan national

E.J. Victor Corea (m), Sri Lankan national Sanath Pushpakumara (m), Sri Lankan national

The three men named above were executed on the morning of 19 February, together with a fourth man, in the capital, Riyadh.

According to an official statement by the Ministry of Interior later in the day, all four were beheaded, for their part in a series of violent armed robberies. The death sentences had reportedly been upheld on appeal. All four men had been detained in al-Ha'ir prison.

The three men named above had reportedly been arrested in March 2004. While they were sentenced to death, a fourth man arrested with them, Sharmila Sangeeth Kumara, was reportedly sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. They had received an unfair trial, during which they were denied access to legal representation.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.