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Further information on EXTRA 153/99 (MDE 25/04/99, 2 November 1999) - Death Penalty

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) Gamini Perera (m), Sri Lankan national, aged 29

Gamini Perera was executed on the morning of 8 November 1999 by firing squad. He had been sentenced to death in October 1998 in connection with the murder of a young Emirati national earlier that year.

Gamini Perera was married with two children. He was the second person to be executed in the United Arab Emirates this year.

Those of you who wish to may send letters of regret:

- expressing dismay at the execution of Gamini Perera;
- expressing sympathy for the victims of crime and their relatives but reminding the authorities that the death penalty is brutalising to all concerned;
- asking that all other death sentences in the United Arab Emirates be commuted.

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