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ACTION**

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Fear of execution

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IRAN: Assadollah ASSADI                      Hamid SAIDI  
Daryoush KARIMI                              Hadi MEHRAD  
Jafar JAHANGIRI                              Siyavash SANAKI  
Ebrahim NAJARAN                             Mandana ZANDI (female)  
Khadijeh JABIRI (female)                  Lilik SIHAKOUBIAN  
Sayed KAMALEDDINE SAIDI                  Azadeh EBRAHIMI  
Sayed JALALEDDINE SAIDI                  Youssef AB-KHUN  
Munir Khosrowshahi BARADARAN          Abdolreza SHOUKOUHI  
Rahim Hossainpoor ROODSARI, Shuhreh FARZAD (female)  
Lohrafb SALAVATI                            Askar FIROUZI  
Bahram ZOLFAKARI                            Tamuchin JAHANGIRI  
BEHBOUDI (no first name)                Sayed Ahmad SAIDI  
Mahmoud Parvari MOQADDAM

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Amnesty International has learned that the 25 political prisoners named above are all reported to be in imminent danger of execution. Most are already serving prison sentences, ranging from life to as little as two or three years in a number of cases. All are members or supporters of a banned leftist opposition group.

In recent months Amnesty International has been gravely concerned by a new wave of political executions in Iran, the true figure of which may run into many hundreds. Those executed include government opponents from many different factions, and many of them appear to have had sentences of imprisonment which they were already serving changed to the death sentence, in contravention of Article 14(7) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Iran has ratified.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- urging that any death sentences passed on the above be commuted, and pointing out that it is a contravention of Article 14(7) of the ICCPR for anyone 'to be tried or punished again for an offence for which he has already been finally convicted';
- expressing deep regret at the large number of executions which have been taking place in Iran, and urging that they be brought to an immediate halt.

**Telephone 01-833 1771    Telegrams: Amnesty London WC1    Telex: 28502**

**Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the release of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used or advocated violence. These are termed prisoners of conscience. It works for fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial. It opposes the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of all prisoners.**

APPEALS TO:

H.E. Ayatollah Abdulkarim Musavi Ardebili  
Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Judicial Council  
Ministry of Justice  
Park-e Shahr  
Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Chief Justice, Tehran, Iran

Telexes: 214231 miti ir  
213113 prim ir  
marked for attention of Chief Justice

H.E. Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani  
Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly  
Majles-e Shuray-e Eslami  
Imam Khomeini Avenue  
Tehran  
Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams Speaker, Majles-e Shura, Tehran, Iran

Telexes: 212450 ext ir  
212600 ext ir  
214242 ext ir  
marked for attention of Speaker, Majles-e Shuray-e Eslami

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not mention the political affiliation of the prisoners in question.

Some appeals may be sent in a personal or professional capacity.

Copies to; diplomatic representatives of Iran in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 December 1988.

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action. If possible, send a telegram or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

— In Urgent Action cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly to prevent the ill-treatment of prisoners. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action coordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.