

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 16/96 (AMR 35/01/96, 6 February 1996) - Death penalty

GUYANA Abdool Saleem Yasseen
Noel Thomas

The appeal on behalf of Abdool Saleem Yasseen and Noel Thomas to the Guyana Court of Appeal has now been heard, and judgement on the case is expected in four to six weeks. In court, after all submissions had been heard, the Attorney General raised several points, including the fact that the authorities had received correspondence from international organizations, including Amnesty International, which expressed concern that the executions might have gone ahead before the appeal was heard. He stated that he had attempted to make it known that the appellants would have access to the judicial process.

No further action is necessary at the present time. The UA Network will be alerted if appeals become necessary at a later date. Thank you to all those who have made appeals on behalf of Abdool Saleem Yasseen and Noel Thomas.