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Further information on EXTRA 61/99 (AMR 49/02/99, 14 May 1999) and follow-ups (AMR 49/03/99, 18 May 1999 and AMR 49/05/99, 28 May 1999) - Death Penalty

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO Dole Chadee, also known as Nankissoon Boodram

Joey Ramiah
Joel Ramsingh
Ramkalawan Singh
Russell Sankeralli
Bhagwandeem Singh
Clive Thomas
Robin Gopaul
Stephen Eversley

The nine men named above were hanged on 4, 5 and 7 June 1999. They were the first people to be executed in Trinidad and Tobago since 1994.

Dole Chadee, also known as Nankissoon Boodram, Joey Ramiah and Ramkalawan Singh were hanged on 4 June; Russell Sankeralli, Clive Thomas and Robin Gopaul on 5 June; and Joel Ramsingh, Bhagwandeem Singh and Stephen Eversley on 7 June.

The executions proceeded despite appeals from the international community to commute the men's death sentences.

They were convicted in 1996 of the murder of Deo Baboolal, his wife Rookmin, their daughter Monica and son Hamilton.

In April 1999, the United Nations Human Rights Commission issued a resolution calling on all states party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, including Trinidad and Tobago, to establish a moratorium on executions with a view to completely abolishing the death penalty.