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**Further information on EXTRA 64/99 (ASA 35/15/99, 24 May 1999) and follow-ups (ASA 35/16/99, 27 May 1999, ASA 35/24/99, 28 June 1999, ASA 35/29/99, 23 July 1999 and ASA 35/43/99, 15 October 1999) - Imminent execution**

**PHILIPPINES Pablito Andan, aged 27, tricycle driver**

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Pablito Andan was executed by lethal injection on 26 October 1999 at 3pm local time. The execution went ahead despite last-minute appeals for a reprieve by Pablito Andan's children, lawyers and the Catholic Church. The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) has renewed its appeals for an end to the death penalty.

In a statement the CBCP said: "We hope our President will finally listen to our call to stop the cycle of violence and vengeance in our city. Killing Pablito Andan and the other people on death row diminishes all of us and is a sign of growing disrespect for human life".

Amnesty International is dismayed that the execution went ahead despite concerns that Pablito Andan had been tortured to coerce him to confess. To the organization's knowledge, despite making repeated requests to the Philippine authorities, no investigation has ever been conducted into these allegations. This marks a breach of the Philippines' obligations under the UN Convention against Torture.

Pablito Andan was originally due to be executed on 28 May 1999 but had been granted three separate stays of execution. He is the sixth person to die since the country resumed executions this year for the first time since 1976. Well over 1,000 other prisoners are on death row.

Pablito Andan, a former cycle-taxi driver, was convicted and sentenced to death for rape and murder in August 1994.

**No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.**