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Further information on UA 273/94 (MDE 12/12/94, 18 July 1994) and follow-up (MDE 12/13/94, 28 July) - Death Penalty

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On 22 August 1994, the five men named above were executed in Cairo. All five had been sentenced to death by the Supreme Military Court on 16 July 1994.

The five men were sentenced to death in the case known as *the attempted assassination of the Interior Minister, General Mohammad Hassan al-Alfy*.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Arabic, French, English or in your own language:

- expressing grave concern at these five executions, which Amnesty International considers as summary and arbitrary executions;
- expressing concern at the upsurge in the use of the death penalty in Egypt (56 death sentences have been passed by military courts since December 1992 and 40 executions have now taken place), and explaining Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the most extreme form of cruel and inhuman punishment;
- drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty, in accordance with Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Egypt is a state party.

APPEALS TO:

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