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Further information (4) on EXTRA 115/96 (MDE 13/26/96, 25 July 1996) and follow-ups MDE 13/27/96, 1 August; MDE 13/39/96, 25 November; MDE 13/41/96, 30 December) - Death penalty / flogging / torture / unfair trial

IRAN Hedayatollah Zendehtdel, businessman  
Abolghasem Majd-Abkahi, businessman  
Alireza Yazdanshenas, former air force officer  
Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani (f)

According to press reports, businessmen Hedayatollah Zendehtdel and Abolghasem Majd-Abkahi were executed on or around 1 January 1997. The reports made no mention of the third man sentenced to death in this case, former air force officer Alireza Yazdanshenas, although earlier reports had indicated that one of the three had already been executed. Amnesty International has received no further information about Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani and fears she remains at risk of imminent execution.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue to send appeals to the authorities listed in the update of 30 December 1996:**

- expressing deep regret at the execution of Hedayatollah Zendehtdel and Abolghasem Majd-Abkahi on or around 1 January 1997, particularly in view of concerns that their trial may not have met internationally recognized standards for fair trial;
- asking for clarification of the fate of Alireza Yazdanshenas;
- asking for details of any charges or sentence passed against Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani and urging that she not be executed.

**COPIES TO:** see last update

and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 February 1997.