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Further information on EXTRA 46/02 (MDE 17/003/2002, 21 June 2002), and follow-up (MDE 17/005/2002, 27 June 2002) - Imminent Execution

KUWAIT Muhammad Zahar Abdul Sattar (m)
Anwar al-Zamaan (m)
Anwar Khan Mohammad (m)

Muhammad Zahar Abdul Sattar, Anwar al-Zamaan, and Anwar Khan Mohammad were executed by hanging on 30 June at around 8.00 am, local time. The men reportedly took nine, twelve, and thirteen minutes respectively to die. It was reported that their bodies were left for "public viewing" for fifteen minutes following their execution.

Amnesty International wrote to the Kuwaiti authorities on 24 June, and issued a news service (see News Service number 110, MDE 17/006/2002) on 25 June. The organization appealed for the commutation of the death sentence to a more humane punishment, and for an investigation into the alleged torture of the three men.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. Please send one final round of appeals, in English or your own language:

- expressing regret at the execution of the Bangladeshi nationals Muhammad Zahar Abdul Sattar, Anwar al-Zamaan, and Anwar Khan Mohammad;
- acknowledging the role of governments in bringing the perpetrators of such crimes to justice, but expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty as the ultimate violation of the right to life;
- calling for all outstanding death sentences in Kuwait to be commuted to more humane sentences;
- reminding the authorities of the growing international trend towards abolition of the death penalty, in accordance with the recommendations of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolish it.

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