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Further information on EXTRA 119/96 (MDE 18/02/96, 29 July 1996) and follow-up (MDE 18/03/96, 20 August) - Fear of Execution

LEBANON Ahmed Hallaq

It has just been reported (Reuters, 19 September) that President Elias Hrawi has approved the death sentence against Ahmed Hallaq and that his execution by firing squad will be carried out on 21 September 1996. It would be the first execution in Lebanon since 1995.

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

- expressing deep regret at the President's approval of Ahmed Hallaq's death sentence, and appealing to him to reconsider;
- stating unconditional opposition to the death penalty.

APPEALS TO:

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.