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MDE 18/07/94, 3 May - Death Penalty

LEBANON: Shaker al-Buraydi
Ne'meh Hammadi (*in absentia*)

Amnesty International has learned with deep regret of the execution by firing squad of Shaker al-Buraydi in the town of Chtaura on 28 May 1994. An officer had to deliver a *coup de grâce* bullet to Shaker al-Buraydi's head as he was still alive after the shots had been fired.

Amnesty International deeply regrets this and all other executions that have taken place and is continuing to call for all current and future death sentences in Lebanon to be commuted, and for legislation providing for the death penalty to be abolished.

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

- expressing deep regret at the execution of Shaker al-Buraydi on 28 May 1994;
- asking for all death sentences to be commuted, including that of Ne'meh Hammadi;
- pointing out that there is no reliable evidence that the death penalty deters violent crime;
- urging the authorities to review legislation with a view of abolishing the death penalty.

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