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SAUDI ARABIA Emad Abd el-Raouf Mohamed Said, aged 33, Egyptian national

Emad Abd el-Raouf Mohamed Said, currently in Alma Prison in Abha, will reportedly face 40 lashes on or around 5 August 1996. He was convicted of theft in May 1996, and sentenced to 120 lashes in addition to five months' imprisonment. According to reports, 80 of the lashes have already been carried out.

Emad Abd el-Raouf Mohamed Said is reported to have been tortured in pre-trial detention, in an attempt to extract a confession from him. An appeal against his sentence was refused. His conviction reportedly followed a series of irregularities in the proceedings against him, including the prevention of the defendant and of witnesses from making statements to the court.

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

- appealing for Emad Abd el-Raouf Mohamed Said's remaining sentence of 40 lashes to be commuted;
- expressing concern about the penalty of lashes as a judicial punishment, which Amnesty International considers to be a form of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, contrary to Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- urging investigation into the allegation of torture, and calling for anyone found responsible to be brought to justice.

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