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Further information on UA 401/92 (MDE 31/08/92, 18 December 1992) - Death Penalty

YEMEN:

'Abdul-Karim Muhammad 'Alwan
'Ali Muhammad Hussein Maghiniz
Yahya Najji Muhammad al-Asadi
'Ali 'Abdullah al-Faqih
'Ali Saleh 'Abdullah
Suleiman Haydar Jaber Qabis
Ahmad Yahya Shalfan
Ahmad 'Abdul-Jalil Ahmad Qasim
Muhammad Saleh Mu'awad
Hadi 'Ali al-Qadimi
Muhammad Hammoud al-Darrab
Muqbil 'Amer Ahmad Raha
Ahmad Qa'id `Abdul-Rahman al-Hubayshi (please note full name)
'Abdul-Wahab Ahmad Hussein al-Faqih
Ahmad Ahmad Mazeed
'Abdullah Hussein 'Ayqan Qasim
Muhammad Ahmad 'Ali Yahya
'Amer Ahmad Muhammad al-Sahmi
Salah 'Ali Ahmad al-Sa'idi
Naji Muhammad al-Sambali
Muhammad 'Abdullah al-Sha'iri
Heza' 'Abdul-Karim Muhammad al-Janid (please note corrected name)
Ahmad 'Abdul-Wali al-Ruri
Isma'il 'Ali Abu-Zayd
'Abdul-Wahhad Nather Silan

Amnesty International has learned that two of the above mentioned prisoners, Heza' 'Abdul-Karim Muhammad al-Janid and Ahmad Qa'id 'Abdul-Rahman al-Hubayshi were executed in the Republic of Yemen on 4 January 1993. Five other prisoners, Hamid Dirham Abu Luhum, Saleh Muhammad Nasser al-Mathbahi, Muhammad 'Abdo Sabr, 'Ali Saleh 'Abdullah al-Yarimi, Hamid Qassem Ahmad 'Ouda al-Shamat were also executed between 21 December 1992 and 4 January 1993. They were among a group of 35 prisoners whose death sentences had been ratified in early December 1992 by the Presidential Council, Yemen's highest executive authority.

Amnesty International remains gravely concerned about the fate of the remaining prisoners named above, and believes that their execution may be imminent.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and

airmail letters either in English, Arabic or in your own language:

- expressing deep regret at the seven executions carried out between 21 December 1992 and 4 January 1993;
- urging that the 28 remaining death sentences ratified by the Presidential Council are not carried out;
- requesting details of trial and appeals procedures followed in each case.

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APPEALS TO:

1) His Excellency General 'Ali 'Abdullah Saleh
Chairman of the Presidential Council
Sana'a
The Republic of Yemen

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Salutation: Your Excellency

2) His Excellency Haydar Abu Bakr al-'Attas
Chairman of the Council of Ministers
Sana'a
Republic of Yemen

Telegrams: His Excellency Haydar Abu Bakr al-'Attas, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen
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Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO: diplomatic representatives of the Republic of Yemen accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 February 1993.