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Further information on EXTRA 49/97 (MDE 31/04/97, 2 April 1997) - Fear of imminent execution / Legal concern

YEMEN Muhammad Ahmad Mislah al-Nadhiri, building contractor, aged 48

Muhammad Ahmad Mislah al-Nadhiri was publicly executed on 5 April 1997.

On 3 April, the Supreme Court upheld the death sentence but overruled the sentence of crucifixion. President 'Ali Abdullah Saleh then ratified this sentence on 4 April.

**NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED FROM THE NETWORK. Thank you to all those who sent appeals. You may however, wish to write:**

- expressing regret at the execution of Muhammad Ahmad Mislah al-Nadhiri on 5 April 1997, together with concern that the trial proceedings appear to have fallen short of international standards guaranteed for defendants facing the death penalty;
- reiterating opposition to the death penalty, pointing out that there is no evidence that the death penalty has a greater deterrent effect to crime than other punishments.

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