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Further information on UA 01/01 (MDE 31/01/2001, 3 January 2001) - Death Penalty

YEMENMohammad Adam Omar

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Mohammad Adam Omar was executed today, convicted of killing two female students. According to an AFP report he was executed by firing squad in front of the victims' families.

Mohammad Adam Omar was convicted despite serious concerns about the fairness of his trial. He initially "confessed" to the rape and murder of 16 young women, but retracted most of his confession after one of the alleged victims appeared in court during the trial. As a result the charges were reduced to two counts of murder, of which he was convicted. His death sentence was upheld by the Supreme Court and approved by President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

**Sincere thanks are due to all those who sent appeals on his behalf. No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network.**