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Fear Imminent of Execution

YEMEN Hussein bin Hussein Al-Ma'mari (m)

Hussein bin Hussein Al-Ma'mari, a diagnosed schizophrenic, is facing imminent execution. President Ali Abdullah Saleh has reportedly approved his death sentence, but still has the power to overturn the ratification. Executions are usually by firing squad.

Hussein bin Hussein Al-Ma'mari was sentenced to death for murder in December 1998. The verdict and sentence were upheld by the Appeal Court in September 2000 and by the Supreme Court in June 2001.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in English or your own language:

- expressing concern that President Ali Abdullah Saleh has ratified the death sentence against Hussein bin Hussein al-Ma'mari, even though he is a diagnosed schizophrenic;
- urging the President to overturn the death sentence and prevent the execution of Hussein bin Hussein al-Ma'mari;
- noting that the execution of the mentally impaired flouts international standards of justice and decency as reflected in resolution 2000/65 adopted by the UN Commission on Human Rights in April 2000, which urges retentionist countries "not to impose the death penalty on a person suffering from any form of mental disorder or to execute such a person".

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