

URGENT ACTION

IRAQI MAN EXECUTED

Muhammad bin Abd Rab al-Amir bin Ali al-Shammari (previously spelled Mohammad Abdul Amir) an Iraqi national aged 36, was arrested in 1995 and charged with the murder of a Saudi Arabian man. He was executed in the town of on Arar, near Saudi Arabia's border with Iraq, on 23 November.

He confessed to the crime after being interrogated for three months, during which he was allegedly tortured. A criminal court in Arar, sentenced him to death after a summary and secret trial. He had not been allowed any access to lawyers.

Under Saudi Arabian law, those found guilty of murder are often sentenced to *qisas* (retribution in kind). In these cases, the victim's relatives have the power to seek execution, request *diyya* (compensation) or grant a pardon freely. Muhammad has remained on death row for more than 10 years as the children of the murder victim were too young to be consulted on whether he was to be pardoned or executed. They have since reached the age of majority and are said to have informed the court which tried him that they want him to be executed.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the second update of UA 21/09 (MDE 23/003/2009). Further information:

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE23/005/2010/en>

Name: Muhammad bin Abd Rab al-Amir bin Ali al-Shammari

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