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**Further Information on UA 299/06 (MDE 23/005/2006, 23 November 2006) and follow-ups (MDE 23/003/2006, 09 November 2006; MDE 23/003/2007, 26 January 2007; MDE 23/006/2007, 01 February 2007) - Fear of Imminent Execution /Prison Conditions/Medical Concern**

**SAUDI ARABIA** Hadi Sa'eed Al-Muteef (m), Saudi Arabian national, aged 31  
Suliamon Olyfemi (m), Nigerian national, aged about 28  
Siti Zainab Binti Duhri Rupa (f), Indonesian national  
Ahmed al-Bahrani (m), Saudi Arabian  
**An unknown number of others under sentence of death**

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According to the Saudi Arabian Human Rights Commission, the death sentence against Suliamon Olyfemi has been upheld by the Court of Cassation and ratified by the Supreme Judicial Council. Amnesty International fears that Suliamon Olyfemi could be executed within days.

Suliamon Olyfemi, a Nigerian national, was reportedly sentenced to death at a closed trial in May 2005 in connection with the murder of a policeman in Jeddah in 2002. He was one of 13 Nigerian men arrested in September 2002 in connection with the murder. The twelve others were sentenced to prison terms and corporal punishment. During his trial, Suliamon Olyfemi was reported to have had no access to legal representation or consular assistance, and did not have adequate translation.

There is no further news about the other men named above. At least 36 people are known to have been executed thus far this year, though the true figure may be much higher.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Saudi Arabia applies the death penalty for a wide range of offences. Court proceedings fall far short of international standards for fair trial, and take place behind closed doors.

Defendants are rarely allowed formal representation by a lawyer, and in many cases are not informed of the progress of legal proceedings against them. They may be convicted solely on the basis of confessions obtained under duress, torture or deception.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English, Arabic or your own language:**

- expressing concern that Nigerian national Suliamon Olyfemi may be facing imminent execution, and calling for this execution to be halted immediately;
- appealing to the authorities to commute the death sentences against Suliamon Olyfemi and all of all those on death row in Saudi Arabia as a matter of urgency, including, Siti Zainab Binti Duhri Rupa and Ahmad al-Bahrani, with a view to the abolition of the death penalty;
- seeking clarification of the steps being taken to enable Suliamon Olyfemi and others to exercise effectively the rights to judicial review and to seek a pardon.

#### **APPEALS TO:**

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