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Further information (2) on EXTRA 145/96 (AMR 15/03/96, 9 September 1996)  
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BARBADOS                      Leston Leroy HAREWOOD  
   Vincent MURRELL

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Leston Leroy Harewood and Vincent Murrell, who had been scheduled to be executed on 10 September, have both had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment by the Barbados Supreme Court. The judge ruled that to execute the men after such a lapse of time (since conviction) would constitute inhuman or degrading punishment, in contravention of section 15 of the Barbados constitution.

This update is for information only and no further action is required by the Urgent Action Network. Thank you to all those who made appeals on behalf of Leston Leroy Harewood and Vincent Murrell.