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Fear of imminent execution

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KAZAKHSTAN

Boris TIMOFEYEV (????? ????????? in Russian)

Amnesty International fears that Boris Timofeyev is facing imminent execution, possibly within the next 48 hours, after the Clemency Commission of Kazakhstan turned down his petition for clemency. Amnesty International has learned that the order for carrying out the death sentence has already arrived at the prison in Karaganda, central Kazakhstan, where Boris Timofeyev is on death row. Boris Timofeyev's only chance of a reprieve is if the Clemency Commission can be persuaded at this late stage to reconsider its decision and recommend that President Nazarbayev grants him clemency.

Boris Timofeyev was sentenced to death for allegedly organizing the murder of the general director of the Karaganda Metallurgic Plant. Boris Timofeyev is a former deputy general director of this plant. He is accused of hiring Lithuanian mercenaries to carry out the murder. Boris Timofeyev claims he is innocent.

The exact dates of the trial and appeals against the sentence are not known. There are allegations that there were serious violations of criminal code procedure during the investigation.

Amnesty International is opposed to the death penalty in all cases and without reservation on the grounds that it is a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters either in English, Russian or in your own language:

- urging President Nazarbayev to grant clemency to Boris Timofeyev, and to commute his death sentence;
- urging the Clemency Commission to reconsider its previous decision and grant clemency to Boris Timofeyev;
- urging President Nazarbayev to commute all other death sentences that come before him.

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Salutation: Dear President Nazarbayev

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 December 1995.