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Further information on EXTRA 148/97 (MDE 12/61/97, 3 November 1997) and follow up (MDE 12/65/97, 1 December 1997) - Death penalty / Legal concern / Torture

EGYPT Mohammad Fathi 'Abd al-'Azim, age 28
 Mahmoud Mostafa Sulayman, age 24

Amnesty International very much regrets that Mohammad Fathi 'Abd al-'Azim and Mahmoud Mostafa Sulayman were executed on 11 June 1998 at Cairo's *Isti'naf* prison.

The two men were sentenced to death by an (Emergency) Supreme State Security court in Cairo on 3 November 1997. They had previously been acquitted at an earlier trial by the same court in 1995 of all charges against them when the court ruled that their confessions had been extracted under torture. None of the men were released from detention following their acquittal, however, but were instead retried, at the behest of the Prime Minister, in February 1997 and sentenced to death.

No further action is requested by the network. Thanks to all who sent appeals.