

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 71/94 (AMR 16/02/94, 1 December 1994) and follow-up (AMR 16/03/94, 12 December 1994) - Death Penalty

BELIZE                      Alfred CODRINGTON  
                                 Lindsberth LOGAN  
                                 Nicolás Antonio GUEVARA

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Lindsberth Logan, who had been scheduled to be executed, together with Alfred Codrington and Nicolás Antonio Guevara, on 9 December 1994, has recently had his conviction for murder quashed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (JCPC) in London, the final court of appeal for Belize. The JCPC granted the appeal and the murder conviction (which carries a mandatory death sentence in Belize) was substituted with one of manslaughter (a non-capital offence). The case has been referred back to the Belize Court of Appeal for sentencing.

In Alfred Codrington's case, the JCPC has not commuted the death sentence but has allowed his appeal and referred the case back to the Belize Court of Appeal for further consideration.

Nicolás Antonio Guevara recently had his appeal to the JCPC dismissed but lawyers are now pursuing a constitutional appeal on his behalf in Belize.

No action by the UA Network is necessary at present. The network will be alerted if further appeals become necessary on behalf of Alfred Codrington or Nicolás Antonio Guevara at a later date.