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Fear of Imminent Execution

5 March 1996

KAZAKSTAN

Sergey GOLOVIN, aged 22
Sh. MORLDASAMETOV, aged 20
V. DOLSHNIKOV, aged 24
G. LUBASHOV, aged 24
K. SHUMAGALEYEV, aged 32
K. TULEOBAYEV, aged 33

On 13 or 14 March 1996, the Presidential Clemency Commission will study the clemency petitions of six men on death row in Kazakhstan. If the Commission rejects the petitions, the men will be executed within four days of the decision, unless the President of Kazakhstan grants them clemency.

Sergey Golovin, Sh. Mordasametov, V. Dolshnikov, G. Lubashov, K. Shumagaleyev, and K. Tuleobayev were all convicted of premeditated murder, under Article 88 of the Criminal Code of Kazakhstan. It is known that Sergey Golovin was convicted of killing his parents and that Sh. Mordasametov was convicted of murdering three people, but no further details are known.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to official sources, the Presidential Clemency Commission of Kazakhstan granted clemency to only one person in 1995 and to one person in 1994. The Clemency Commission is composed of 13 people, including the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Chairman of the Supreme Court, the Minister of Justice, the President of the Committee on National Security, the General Procurator, and the President of the Union of War Veterans.

Amnesty International has learned from sources in Kazakhstan that 101 people were executed in the republic in 1995. This makes Kazakhstan a republic with one of the highest rates of execution in the world.

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

- urging the Clemency Commission and the President to grant clemency to these six men (naming some or all);
- expressing sympathy with the victims of violent crime, but referring to the 1988 Study for the United Nations on the death penalty which concluded that the death penalty was not an effective deterrent for violent crimes;
- urging the Clemency Commission and the President to grant clemency in all other cases that come before them.

APPEALS TO:

President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev

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Telegrams: Kazakhstan, Almaty, apparat prezidenta, Prezidentu Nazarbayevu, N.A

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 April 1996.