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Further information on UA 215/97 (MDE 16/09/97, 17 July 1997) - Death penalty

JORDAN                   `Umar Saleh, aged 49  
                          Na'im Saleh, aged 22  
                          Nash'at Saleh, aged 20

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`Umar Saleh was executed by hanging at Swaqa Prison at dawn on 22 October 1998.

`Umar Saleh and his sons Na'im and Nash'at Saleh were sentenced to death by the Amman Criminal Court on 8 July 1997, after being found guilty of murdering Ibrahim Khleifat in April 1996. The death sentences against Na'im and Nash'at Saleh were commuted to life imprisonment by the Court of Cassation in autumn 1997.

`Umar Saleh's execution is the fourth one known to have taken place in Jordan this year, and the second execution this week.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals.