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Further information on UA 53/00 (MDE 25/01/00, 29 February 2000) and follow-up (MDE 25/02/00, 16 March 2000) - Death Penalty by stoning

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

Kartini bint Karim (f), Indonesian national

An appeal court in the Emirate of Fujairah has commuted the death sentence against Kartini bint Karim to one year's imprisonment, with an order that she be deported at the end of her sentence.

The court also sentenced the man involved in the case, an Indian national who fled the country, to one year's imprisonment in absentia.

In February 2000, a *Shari'a* (Islamic) court in the Emirate ordered Kartini bint Karim to be stoned to death, reportedly after she confessed to adultery. During her appeal, however, she reportedly denied that she had confessed to adultery and her lawyer is said to have argued that this would not have been possible as she does not speak Arabic.

Kartini bint Karim's prison sentence will take into account the 10 months she has already spent in prison.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals on behalf of Kartini bint Karim.