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Fear of Imminent Execution

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES      Khalid Mohammad Moussaji, aged 40

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Amnesty International fears that Khalid Mohammad Moussaji may be at risk of imminent execution. Reports indicate that on 27 July 1996, the Court of Cassation in Dubai upheld the earlier rulings by the appeal and criminal courts, which sentenced him to death for the kidnapping, rape and murder of a seven-year-old girl. His brother-in-law, Rahman Suleiman Khan, was found guilty of being an accomplice in the murder, and was sentenced in May 1996 by the court of appeal to life imprisonment.

Khalid Mohammad Moussaji's case will now be passed on to the President of the United Arab Emirates, al-Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, who has the right to grant a pardon under local laws.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English, Arabic or your own language:**

- expressing concern that Khalid Mohammad Moussaji's death sentence has been upheld by the Court of Cassation;
- urging that the President of the United Arab Emirates exercise his right to grant clemency and commute this and other outstanding death sentences;
- acknowledging the serious nature of the crime in this case, but pointing out that the death penalty has never been shown to deter violent crime more effectively than other punishments;
- stating the organization's opposition to the death penalty as the most extreme form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and a violation of the right to life, irrespective of the crime for which it is imposed.

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