

URGENT ACTION



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Further Information on UA 79/05 (5 April 2005) and follow-ups (6 April 2005; 1 August 2007; 08 August 2007) - Fear of imminent execution

YEMEN

Hafez Ibrahim (m), age unclear

Relatives of the victim of the murder for which Hafez Ibrahim has been sentenced to death have agreed to a stay of execution until after the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, which ends in mid-October. According to the Shariah law rule of *qisas* (retribution), family members of a murder victim are entitled to seek the execution of the person responsible. Alternatively, they may pardon them, freely or in exchange for *diyya* (compensation). The victim's family have previously refused to pardon Hafez Ibrahim, and he therefore remains in grave danger of execution.

President 'Ali 'Abdullah Saleh has reportedly appointed a committee to clarify Hafez Ibrahim's age at the time that the crime of which he has been convicted was committed. Under Article 31 of the Yemeni penal code, if the age of the defendant is not certain, then the trial judge must determine it with the assistance of an expert.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible:

- welcoming the stay of execution granted to Hafez Ibrahim and the appointment of a committee to clarify Hafez Ibrahim's age, and urging the President to commute his death sentence;
- urging the President to commute all outstanding death sentences and establish a moratorium on executions, with a view to completely abolishing the death penalty, as called for by Paragraph 5(b) of resolution 2001/68 of the Commission on Human Rights.

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