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Amnesty International opposes by all appropriate means the imposition and infliction of death penalties and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of prisoners or other detained or restricted persons whether or not they have used or advocated violence.  
(Amnesty International Statute, Article 1(c))

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Death penalty

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IRAN: 12 members of Iranian Socialist Workers' Party  
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Hamid Shahrabi	Hormoz Fallahi	Mehout Kafaie
Mustafa Seifabadi	Hamid Adib	Ali Heshemi
Mustafa Gorgazadeh	Kambiz Lajevardiy	Kia Madavi
Morteza Gorgazadeh	Firouz Farsinpour	M. Hammed Poorkahvaz

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The 12 men named above and two women were arrested in Ahwaz in June and July 1979. All 14 are reported to be members of the Iranian Socialist Workers' Party (HKS). According to reports, they have been tried *in camera* by an Islamic Revolutionary Court. The formal charges are not known, but we have been told that they are accused of: "plotting against the national interest", "inciting the workers", "organizing a fifth column", and "inciting the Arabs". One source of information says that the defendants were refused legal representation.

The two women were sentenced to life imprisonment, but AI has just learnt that the 12 men have been sentenced to death.

Hundreds of people have been executed in Iran since the change of government in February this year. Most of those executed have been officials of the previous regime, although there have also been reports of the execution of prostitutes and vice offenders. Recent reports speak of increasing attacks on leftwing militants in Iran. If these death sentences are carried out, they may be the first leftwing militants to be executed in what one source describes as a purge of the country's dissidents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/letters (Iran has no "express" delivery service), appeals against these executions, and urging fair and open trials and appeal procedures.

If you write as an AI member, point out that AI has always consistently opposed torture, executions, unfair trials and imprisonment of prisoners of conscience in Iran, irrespective of the regime.

Appeals to:

Ayatollah Khomeini,  
Qum, Iran.

Dr Mehdi Bazargan,  
Prime Minister,  
Tehran, Iran.

Ibrahim Yazdi,  
Foreign Minister,  
Tehran, Iran.

Please send a copy of appeals to the Iranian diplomatic representative to your country.

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