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Hello friends,

Apologies for emailing you again so soon after yesterday's newsletter, but we have just received this urgent request from the International Secretariat on behalf of a man at risk of imminent execution.

The network has previously taken action on behalf of Abbas Hosseini and we are asking you to do so again.

Iran moves to execute man for crime committed when he was 17

The Iranian authorities are planning to execute a man alleged to have killed when he was only 17 on Monday. Amnesty International has warned that the execution, in Mashhad, north-eastern Iran, of Afghan national Abbas Hosseini must be stopped.

Amnesty International condemned the Iranian authorities' moves to once more violate its international obligations by setting a renewed date for the execution of a juvenile offender.

"It is sickening that Iran continues to flout international law by arranging to kill those who committed crimes as children," said Hassiba Hadj Sahraoui, Middle East Deputy Programme Director at Amnesty International. "We appeal to the Head of the Judiciary to issue, with immediate effect, an order to stay this execution and to ensure that Abbas Hosseini's death sentence is overturned."



Abbas Hosseini's June 2004 death sentence imposed by Branch 43 of the General Court in Mashhad for the murder of a man who had tried to rape him in July 2003 was upheld by Branch 41 of the Supreme Court on 30 September 2004. He claimed before the court to have committed the crime "in a moment of insanity", but this was rejected.

[Read more about Abbas Hosseini here.](#)

Please draw on the information above and within yesterday's newsletter to write demanding a stop to Monday's planned execution.

Head of the Judiciary

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