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- Two Ahvazi Arab men on death row, Ali Chebieshat and Sayed Khaled Mousavi, have been transferred from Fajr Prison in Dezfoul, Khuzestan Province, to an unknown location.
- *Amnesty International* believes that the two Arab citizens may be at imminent risk of execution given that two other Ahvazi Arab men were secretly executed in January 2014 after being transferred to an unknown location.
- Chebieshat and Mousavi were reportedly denied access to lawyers and their families for the first several months of their detention and are believed to have been tortured or otherwise ill-treated and forced to make videotaped confessions.
- The two men were sentenced to death on September 9, 2013 by Branch Two of the Revolutionary Court in Ahvaz on charges of “enmity against God” in relation to the explosion of a natural gas pipeline close to their native village in Khuzestan.
- Under Article 38 of the Iranian Constitution and Article 9 of the Law on Respect for Legitimate Freedoms and Safeguarding Citizens’ Rights, all forms of torture for the purpose of obtaining confessions are prohibited. Yet, despite these legal provisions, forced confessions are sometimes broadcast on television before the trial has begun and are frequently accepted as evidence in Iranian courts.
- Source: Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/MDE13/014/2014/en/2c09f1ad-e181-4a70-b3de-6bd0305fa25e/mde130142014en.html>