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Saddam Hussein's vice president hanged after first receiving a life sentence.

Â Â Death penalty: Always unjust. Â All execution is brutal and unjust. This morning, Saddam Hussein's former vice president -- Taha Yassin Ramadan -- wasÂ hanged evenÂ though his trial court ordered a life sentence.Â However, the appellate judges who reviewed theÂ case ordered a resentencing, saying the original sentence was too lenient.Â Â That's right, the United States has been sacrificing the lives and health of thousands of soldiers, spilling the blood of many more than that, and pouring billions of dollars into Gulf War II, and for what? To have a new Iraqi government that mimics Saddam Hussein's former government in such reprehensible ways as this execution.Â Jon Katz.

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