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Emailing the torturers: www.stoptorture.org

A new website will change the face of human rights campaigning, making it easier for people everywhere to join the struggle against torture. The site will go live on Wednesday 18th October to mark the launch of Amnesty International's global Campaign Against Torture.

"Amnesty International began as a letter-writing campaign nearly 40 years ago. Today the organization is expanding into cyberspace so that Internet users can become online human rights activists working on behalf of victims of torture electronically," Amnesty International said.

Users who register at the site to take part in the campaign, will receive the latest cases by email or mobile phone text messaging, anywhere in the world.

They can then reply via email or mobile phone to be included on an 'on-line petition' which will instantaneously send a pre-written email telling the relevant authorities that another person is concerned that someone is in fear of torture. Alternatively, users can send their own email message direct.

Users will also be able to email virtual postcards to their friends and families, urging them to get involved in the campaign.

The website will update users on the latest campaign information including worldwide activities and successes. It will provide users with AI's reports and publications available in English, Arabic, Spanish and French.

*www.stoptorture.org will go live at 0001 GMT Wednesday 18th
October 2000*

*Internet users can access www.stoptorture.org now to register their
email address.*

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