

# JOURNALISTS IN PRISON

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#### INTRODUCTION

This list, compiled from Amnesty International records, contains the names of 67 journalists who are imprisoned, or who have disappeared in 17 countries throughout the world.

All are either AI-adopted prisoners of conscience or are under investigation to see if they qualify as such. (Investigation cases are marked with an asterisk.)

Virtually all are detained in violation of article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights which asserts the right of everyone to "receive and impart information through any media" as an integral part of the right to freedom of expression.

Many of the journalists on this list are held without charge or trial. Some have been subjected to "torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" in violation of article 5 of the declaration.

The list is far from comprehensive: either in the number of journalists who are imprisoned for the conscientious exercise of their rights under article 19 or in the number of countries in which journalists are detained. There are almost certainly more journalists detained in the world and equally certainly more countries that are holding journalists in custody.

The fact that a country or a particular journalist is not included only means that any such cases have not yet been taken up by or come to the attention of Amnesty International.

It is also important to emphasize that this list is only correct as of 23 April 1976. Some journalists on it may have been released since then and

others detained either in the same countries or elsewhere.

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# BANGLADESH

Shamshul ALAM - editor of Bengali weekly newspaper Nayabug; arrested October 1973; charged under the Press and Publications Ordinance and the Bangladesh penal code with "creating disiffection towards the government"; details of trial unknown; place of detention unknown.

Binoy Bhushan CHATTERJEE\* - journalist working on newspaper in Khulna; arrested in 1974, precise date unknown; held under the Special Powers Act and charged with "extreme leftwing political activities"; trial has not yet taken place; place of detention unknown, probably in Khulna.

Habibur RAHMAN\* - senior sub-editor for the Daily Azad; arrested January 1973; held under the Special Powers Act and charged with "subversive and extreme leftwing activities"; trial has not yet taken place; place of detention unknown, probably in Dacca Central Jail.

#### BRAZIL

David Capistrano da COSTA - aged 63; journalist and active member of the Communist Party prior to the 1964 military coup, after which he went into exile in Czechoslovakia following the suspension of his political rights for 10 years by the new government - he returned in 1974; arrested either 16 March or 16 May 1974, and has since disappeared; one of 22 persons whose families have requested a parliamentary inquiry into their disappearance; married with three children - one son arrested 1973 but now released.

Fernando Pereira CRISTINO - journalist; arrested July 1975 with other members of the Communist Party; charged under article 43 of the Law of National Security which forbids the reorganization of illegal political parties; preliminary hearings held in June 1975, trial has not yet taken place; place of detention unknown; allegedly tortured.

Issami Nakamura OKANO - aged 31; journalist; disappeared 14 April 1974; one of 22 persons whose families have requested a parliamentary inquiry into their disappearance; sentenced in March 1971 to 2 years' imprisonment because of his participation in student movement.

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Hiram de Lima PEREIRA - aged 61: journalist; disappeared in the first week of January 1975 in São Paulo; details of charges and trial unknown; allegedly severely tortured; married with children - wife previously imprisoned and tortured, now released.

<u>Walter de Souza RIBEIRO</u> - journalist; arrested April 1974, his whereabouts since then unknown; details of charges and trial unknown.

Sergio Gomes da SILVA - journalist and member of the opposition party, *Movimiento Democratico Brasileiro*; arrested 5 October 1975; charges unknown; brought before a military court April 1976; severely tortured.

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<u>Gladys DIAZ Armijo</u> - aged 34; political commentator and journalist, president of the Union of Radio Journalists until the September 1973 military coup; arrested 13 March 1975; detained without charge or trial under the state of siege legislation in Tres Alamos Prison; allegedly tortured; married with one child aged seven.

José GOMEZ Lopez - director of Santiago daily newspaper Puro Chile; arrested 11 September 1973; detained without charge or trial in Santiago public prison; allegedly tortured.

<u>Miguel RIVAS Rachitoff</u> - aged 36; editor of *Ultima Hora* and *Posición*, member of the Socialist Party; arrested 3 January 1974, and despite inquiries by his family and friends his whereabouts are not known; details of charges and trial unknown.

CUBA

<u>Carlos BETANCOURT Rodriguez</u>\* - aged 56; journalist; arrested March 1961; charged as a "counter-revolutionary"; sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment; married with one son.

Pablo Ricardo Valerio CASTELLANOS Caballero\* - aged 52; journalist; arrested 30 October 1961; charged with "crimes against the integrity of the nation"; tried 17 October 1962 and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment; married with one son.

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INDIA

All the journalists listed below were arrested in India after the declaration of a state of emergency on 26 June 1975 which imposed total press censorship and suspended specific fundamental rights. The prisoners are all detained under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act which provides for detention without charge or trial.

<u>Gour Kishore GOSH</u> - journalist for the Calcutta newspaper Ananda Bazar Patrika; arrested 6 October 1975 probably because of an article he wrote criticizing the government, which was published in the Bengali periodical Calcutta; place of detention unknown.

K.R. MALKANI - editor of *The Motherland*, the opposition *Jana Sangh* party's daily newspaper, which took part in the campaign to remove Prime Minister Indira Gandhi from office following her conviction on corruption charges, and which was banned on 17 July 1975; arrested 26 June 1975; detained in Rohtak Jail, Haryana.

Dr G.G. PAREK - chief editor of Janata, the newspaper of the Socialist Party, which took part in the campaign to remove Prime Minister Indira Gandhi from office following her conviction on corruption charges; precise date of arrest unknown, probably October 1975; detained in Nasik Jail, Maharashtra.

Borun SENGUPTA - journalist for Calcutta newspaper Ananda Bazar Patrika; arrested December 1975/January 1976, probably because of his contributions to the Bengali periodical Calcutta, which had published an article critical of the government; place of detention unknown, probably in Calcutta.

#### INDONESIA

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All the journalists listed below, with the exception of Miss Sudjinah, are held in detention without trial under the Presidential Decree Number 5 (1969) which empowers the Army Command for the Restoration of Security and Order, *KOPKAMTIB*, to detain indefinitely those suspected of involvement in the attempted leftwing coup on 30 September 1965. The majority have

been detained since 1965.

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The broad allegation made against those journalists associated with newspapers which were banned after the attempted coup, or with the national news agency Antara, before it was purged, is that their pro-Sukarno or pro-Communist Party writings helped to create a political climate which favoured the coup attempt.

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<u>ALWI</u> - aged about 48; journalist with Warta Bakti, a progressive evening newspaper banned after the 1965 attempted coup; arrested September 1969; detained without trial in Salemba Prison, Jakarta; married with two children.

Tom ANWAR - aged about 51; deputy chief editor of Bintang Timur, a Jakarta daily newspaper banned after the 1965 attempted coup; arrested October 1965; detained on Buru Island.

<u>Rivai APIN - aged 49; editor of the literary journal Zaman Baru; arrested</u> October 1965; detained on Buru Island.

<u>ARMUNANTO</u> - aged about 58; former editor of *Bintang Timur*, a Jakarta daily newspaper banned after the 1965 attempted coup, former Indonesian ambassador to Czechoslovakia. member of parliament and minister of mining until the time of his arrest; arrested March 1966; detained in Nirbaya Detention Camp.

Sjamsoe BAKRI - aged about 39; journalist and member of the Communist Party; arrested late 1965; detained in Salemba Prison, Jakarta; married with four children, his wife is also imprisoned.

<u>DAHONO</u> - aged about 38; home news editor of *Harian Rakjat* (People's Daily), the Communist Party daily newspaper banned after the 1965 attempted coup; arrested 1971; place of detention unknown; previously detained at Satgas-Pusat (Central Intelligence Unit) Detention Camp, Kebayoran-Lama, Jakarta, he may have been transferred to Salemba Prison.

Banda HARAHAP - aged 59; a poet and journalist responsible for the literary column of Harian Rakjat (People's Daily), the Communist Party daily newspaper banned after the 1965 attempted coup; arrested October 1965; detained on Buru Island; poor health; married with four children.

JULIARSO - aged about 48; foreign news editor of Harian Rakjat (People's Daily), the Communist Party daily newspaper banned after the 1965 attempted coup; precise date of arrest unknown, probably 1967 or 1968; detained on Buru Island; married with children.

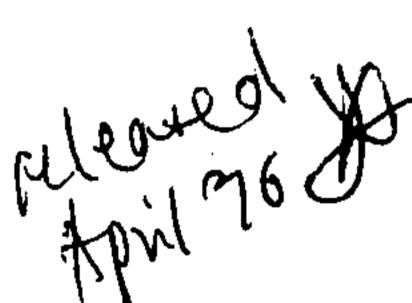
Ayub JOEBAR - aged 49; literary critic and features writer; elected to the central board of LEKRA, the leftwing cultural workers' association, in 1959; member of parliament; arrested November 1968; detained in Salemba Prison; married with one daughter.

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KARIM D.P. - aged about 51; editor in chief of Warta Bakti, the leftwing daily evening newspaper which was banned after the 1965 attempted coup; chairman of the Indonesian Journalists Association in 1965; arrested 1965; detained in Salemba Prison; married with children.

NAIBAHO - aged about 47; editor in chief of Harian Rakjat (People's Daily), the Communist Party daily newspaper which was banned after the 1965 attempted coup; arrested October 1965; detained on Buru Island; married with children.



Njoman S. PENDIT - aged 48; feature writer for the Indonesian Observer, Who published new translations and commentaries on the Bhagavad Gita; arrested August 1969; detained in Salemba Prison; married with children.

> Hasjim RACHMAN - aged about 53; managing editor of Bintang Timur, a Jakarta daily newspaper banned after the 1965 attempted coup; active member of the Indonesian Journalists Association (PWI), and member of the leftwing cultural organization LEKRA; arrested October 1965; detained on Buru Island; married with children.

Mrs RUSIJATI - journalist for the national news agency Antara; arrested October 1965; detained in Plantungan Detention Camp.

Bakri SIREGAR - aged about 55; poet and literary critic; a regular contributor to journals and radi programs and member of the central board of the leftwing cultural organization LEKRA; arrested 1969; detained either in Salemba Prison or at Satgas-Pusat (Central Intelligence Unit), Kebayoran-Lama, Jakarta.

Miss SUDJINAH - aged 42; a regular contributor to Harian Rakjat, (People's Daily), Bintang Timur and Api Kartini (the GERWANI magazine) which were all banned after the 1965 attempted coup; arrested late 1966; charged with "participating, directly or indirectly, in the 1965 attempted coup, and of working after that event to revive the Indonesian Communist Party"; tried early 1975 and sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment; possibly detained in Bukit Duri Prison.

Lies SUKATNO - journalist on Ekonomi Nasional, a Jakarta daily newspaper; precise date of arrest unknown, probably 1966; arrested together with her husband, who was secretary general of Pemudya Rakyat, the People's Youth Movement; detained in Bukit Duri Prison; beaten during interrogation; her husband, Sukatno, was tried (date unknown) and sentenced to death, but there is no confirmation that sentence was carried out or whether it was commuted.

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SUPRIJO - aged about 50; chief economics correspondent of the national news agency Antara, and an active member of the Indonesian Journalists Association (PWI); arrested October 1965; detained on Buru Island; married with children, his wife was a member of parliament for the Communist Party.

SUROTO - aged about 60; founder and editor in chief of the national news agency Antara; arrested October 1965, released in mid-1966, but returned to his former detention camp and requested protection in face of the virulent attacks and press criticism of his release; detained in Salemba Prison; tortured during his interrogation.

Alex Sunarjo, SURYO - aged 48; formerly a journalist with Gelora Indonesia, a pro-Sukarno newspaper, he was studying in Yugoslavia at the time of the 1965 attempted coup; arrested shortly after his return to Indonesia in 1967; detained on Buru Island.

Marlon TAMPUBOLON - aged about 35; journalist for Bintang Timur, a Jakarta

daily newspaper banned after the 1965 attempted coup; arrested 1965; detained on Buru Island.

### REPUBLIC OF KOREA

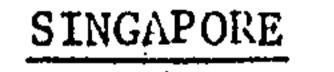
KIM Chi Ha - aged 35; poet, writer and outspoken critic of the government who has spent many of the past 14 years in prison, a death sentence passed in July 1974 was commuted to life imprisonment, and in February 1975 it was suspended but not removed; re-arrested 14 March 1975 under the Anti-Communist Law after publishing an article describing the torture of fellow prisoners; his trial, which began in May 1975, has been repeatedly postponed and is now due to take place on 18 May 1976; although the period of pre-trial detention allowed under South Korean law expired in September 1975, a military court reinstated the earlier life sentence; detained in solitary confinement in Seoul West Gate Prison; in poor health, Kim Chi Ha suffers from tuberculosis and was due to go into hospital for treatment at the time of his arrest; in August 1975, he managed to smuggle a "declaration of conscience" out of prison in which he described the pressure to which he had been subjected to make him confess to being a communist - he has since been denied all writing materials.

### PHILIPPINES

Renato CONSTANTINO\* - writer and columnist who contributed to the Manila Chronicle, the second largest English-language daily newspaper, and the Weekly Graphic; arrested after 23 September 1972; detained without charge or trial under Proclamation 1081 (martial law); place of detention unknown.

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LEE Eu Seng - aged 44; publisher and managing director of the newspaper Nanyang Siang Pau; arrested 28 January 1973, apparently in exchange for two staff journalists released after signing statements which laid responsibility for offending articles upon him; no trial; 2-year renewable detention order; detained in Moon Crescent Center, Changi Prison.

Said ZAHARI - poet and former president of Malaysian National Union of Journalists, editor of Utusan Melayu; opposed 1963 union with Malaysia and wrote anti-federation articles; arrested 2 February 1963 (Security "Operation Cold Store"); detained without trial in Moon Crescent Center, Changi Prison; married with four children.

SOUTH AFRICA

Jannie MAKOENG\* - journalist for *Die Vaderland*; arrested September 1975 probably because of an article he wrote entitled "New movement formed for Black Freedom"; detained under section 6 of the Terrorism Act which provides for indefinite detention without trial and without access to family, lawyer or doctor; place of detention unknown, probably in Pretoria Central Prison.

# TAIWAN

<u>CHANG Hua-ming</u> - aged about 45; journalist and writer; arrested 1966 when preparing to publish a book on the People's Republic of China; charged with "making propaganda against the government" under the Statute for the Punishment of Rebellion; tried 1966 and sentenced to 8 years! imprisonment; due to be released in 1974, but there has been no confirmation of this; detained in Taitung Prison.

<u>CHOU Chung-ping</u>\* - joint editor of *Min Tsu Wan Pao* (National Evening News); arrested December 1970; held under martial law; precise charges unknown, but they relate to alleged espionage for the People's Republic of China; details of trial and sentence unknown; place of detention unknown.

KUO Yi-tung (pen-name PO Yang) - aged 55; editor of Independent Evening Post, and a novelist; arrested 3 March 1963 probably because of his criticisms of the government; charged with "treason" under the Statute for the Punishment of Rebellion; tried by a military court and sentenced in July 1969 to 12 years' imprisonment and 8 years' deprivation of civil rights; first detained at the Taiwan Garrison Command, reportedly detained on Green Island.

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LI Ching sun - aged 56; editor in chief of Chung Yang Jih Pau (Central Daily News) and chairman of the executive council of the Great China Evening News; arrested 17 November 1970; charged with "treason" probably under the Statute for the Punishment of Rebellion; tried by a military court and sentenced in December 1971 to life imprisonment - his sentence was reduced to 15 years' imprisonment in July 1975; currently detained on Green Island.

#### TANZANIA

Otini KAMBONA - editor of the newspaper Ulinwengu (The World); former member of parliament; first arrested December 1967 after editorial in paper called upon government to use law courts instead of powers under Preventive Detention Act; released February 1972 after detention without trial; re-arrested June 1972; held without trial in Butimba Prison, Mwanza; his brother Mattiya is also detained in Tanzania; another brother, former Minister of External Affairs Oscar Kambona, who is an opponent of President Julius Nyerere, is now in voluntary exile; Otini is married and has two children; suffers from a weak heart and a peptic ulcer.

Victor NAMUNERA - freelance journalist, born in Mozambique in 1948;

arrested in Kampala, Uganda, in 1967 and then transferred to Tanzania; presently held without trial in Keko Remand Prison, Dar es Salaam, under the provisions of the Preventive Detention Act; suffers from epilepsy.

#### THAILAND

Lek LAKSANAPHOL\*- editor of Dao Dara Yuk Sayarm; date of arrest unknown; charged under article 112 of the criminal code with "lese majesté" because of an article published on 10 April 1975 which allegedly criticized the royal family; tried February 1976 and sentenced to 14 months' imprisonment; detained in Bangkok Prison.

Seni SOONGNART\*- columnist for Dao Dara Yuk Sayarm; date of arrest unknown; charged under article 112 of the criminal code with "lese majesté" because of an article he had written on 10 April 1975 which allegedly criticized the royal family; tried February 1976 and sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment; detained in Lard Yao Jail.

TURKEY

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Dundar ERENLER - editor of *Kivilcim* (The Spark); arrested probably April 1974 because of his leftwing views expressed in *Kivilcim*, and call for the establishment of a "proletarian party"; charged under articles 1411 and 1421 of the penal code with "propagating communism and forming an illegal organization"; tried July-September 1974; original sentence of 36 years' imprisonment, 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years' exile and 100 Turkish lira fine was reduced to 16 years 9 months' imprisonment and 5 years 7 months' exile on appeal; detained in Nigde Prison:

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Demir KUCUKAYDIN - publisher of *Kivilcim* (The Spark); arrested probably April 1974 because of leftwing views expressed in *Kivilcim*, and call for the establishment of a "proletarian party"; charged under articles 1411 and 1421 of the penal code with "propagating communism and forming an illegal organization"; tried July-September 1974; original sentence of 36 years' imprisonment, 13½ years' exile and 100 Turkish lina fine reduced to 16 years 9 months' imprisonment and 5 years 7 months' exile on appeal; originally detained in Toptasi Prison, Istanbul, probably transferred to Nigde Prison.

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Vyacheslav CHORNOVIL - aged 38; Ukrainian journalist; tried November 1967 for writing detailed account (published outside the USSR as *The Chornovil Papers*) of the 1965-66 trials of leading Ukrainian intellectuals; released in 1969, and took employment as a railway worker; re-arrested January 1972 on suspicion of "nationalist activities" and "hostile activities against the socialist system"; tried February 1973 and sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment and 5 years' exile; detained in a Mordovian corrective labour

colony.

Boris Dmitrievich EVDOKIMOV - aged 53; journalist; arrested October 1971 in Leningrad; charges of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda and links with a Russian emigre organization" were based on articles written and published abroad; tried June 1972 and committed for compulsory psychiatric treatment; currently detained in Drepropatrovsk special psychiatric hospital.

Sviatoslav Iosipovich KARAVANSKY - aged 56; journalist, poet and translator; arrested 1944 and sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment of which he served 16 years; re-arrested 1965 on the grounds that he had not served his full sentence; new proceedings were instituted against him in 1969 because of an article he had written on the 1941 Katyn massacre; tried in 1970 and sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in addition to the remainder of his 25-year sentence on charges of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda"; detained in a Mordovian corrective labour colony; married, his wife, Nina Karavanskaya, was also imprisoned and was released in late 1975.

Boris KOVGAR\* - aged 50; journalist; arrested March 1972; details of charges unknown; tried September 1972 and committed for compulsory psychiatric treatment; detained in Dnepropetrovsk special psychiatric hospital; married with three sons.

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Mykhayle Hryhorovych OSADCHY - aged 40; journalist, literary critic and poet; sentenced in 1966 to 2 years in a corrective labour colony on charges of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" (relating to a thesis he had written), "nationalisa" and "participation in a conspiracy"; after release he was unable to find a job, but continued to write; in 1969 he completed the novel *Bilmo* (The Cataract) which was based on his experiences during his arrest and which was circulated in *samizdat*; re-arrested January 1972 and charged with "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" because of his writings, some of which he had allegedly sent abroad; sentenced to 7 years in a strict regime corrective labour colony and 3 (or 5) years' exile; detained in a Mordovian corrective labour colony.

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Vladimir RAKETSKY - Ukrainian; arrested March 1972; charged with "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda"; tried July 1972 and sentenced to 5 years in a strict regime corrective labour colony; detained in Perm colony number 36.

Ivan SVITLYCHNY - aged 51; prominent Ukrainian literary critic; imprisoned between September 1965 and April 1966 for being author of several samizdat documents; re-arrested January 1972; charged with "dissemination of samizdat and anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda"; tried April 1973; sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment and 5 years' exile; detained in Perm colony number 35; reportedly very ill with kidney trouble and tuberculosis.

#### URUGUAY

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Jose Servando ARRILLAGA Echeverria\* - aged 35; editor of Lucha Popular, lawyer, lecturer at the National University of Uruguay and member of Grupos de Acción Unificadora (GAU - Groups for Unifying Action), a legal organization until all political parties and groups left of center were banned at the end of 1973; arrested April 1974 with 24 other GAU members allegedly responsible for an explosion in the Faculty of Engineering at the university, which resulted in the death of a student who was also a GAU member; held under the Law of National Security, which brings civilians under military justice, and charged with "subversive association"; detained without trial in Penal de Punta Carretas, Montevideo.

#### YUGOSLAVIA

<u>Sime DJODAN</u> - aged 49; professor of economic law at Zagreb University, writer and one of the main contributors to *Hrvatski Tjednik* (Croatian Weekly), the journal of *Matica Hrvatska*, the Croatian cultural organization critical of the regime; arrested 11 January 1972; charged under article 100 of the penal code with "counter-revolutionary attacks against the state and social system of Yugoslavia"; tried 1 February 1973, sentenced to 6 years' rigorous imprisonment and banned from publishing his writings and making public appearances for a further 4 years; detained in Lepoglava Prison; in extremely poor health, suffering from tuberculosis, chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

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Jozo IVICEVIC BAKULIC - aged 46; editor of Hrvatski Tjednik (Croatian Weekly), the journal of Matica Hrvatska, the Croatian cultural organization critical of the government; arrested 11 January 1972; charged under article 100 of the penal code with "conspiring to overthrow Yugoslavia's social and political system"; tried 9 October 1972 and sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment followed by a 4-year ban on public appearances; detained in Lepoglava Prison; married with one son.

Momcilo JOKIC\* - editor of *Pobeda*, the main Communist Party newspaper in Titograd; exact date of arrest unknown, probably April 1974; charged with "conspiracy" and "anti-state activities"; tried in September 1974 and reportedly sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment; place of detention unknown; his brother, Branko Jokic, reportedly sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment under the same charges.

Mihajlo MIHAJLOV - aged 42; writer and journalist; arrested 7 October 1974 for publishing articles abroad which allegedly were hostile to the socialist system of Yugoslavia; charged under article 118 of the penal code with "hostile propaganda"; tried 28 February 1975 and sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment; currently detained in Belgrade Prison Hospital; arrested and imprisoned on two previous occasions.

Marko VESELICA - aged 40; contributor to Hrvatski Tjednik (Croatian Weekly), the journal of Matica Hrvatska, the Croatian cultural organization critical of the government, writer and professor of political economics at Zagreb University; arrested 11 January 1972; charged with "conspiring to overthrow Yugoslavia's social and political system", probably under article 100 of the penal code; tried 9 October 1972 and sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment; detained in Stara Gradiska Prison; married with two daughters.

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