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Further information on UA 328/92 (AFR 53/22/92, 22 October 1992) - Fear of Extrajudicial Execution

**South Africa: Siza RANI, chairperson African National Congress (ANC)
Sharpeville township branch**

Amnesty International remains concerned for the safety of Siza Rani, who has continued to be the target of harassment and surveillance by members of the South African Police based in the Vaal Triangle area south of Johannesburg and by unidentified men apparently operating with the acquiescence of the police. Siza Rani has been forced to remain in hiding out of fear for his life. There appears still to have been no progress in the investigations into the charges Siza Rani laid against the police nearly a year ago.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or Afrikaans or your own language:

- expressing concern for the safety of Siza Rani whose home in Sharpeville township has been raided and ransacked by the police in December 1991 and October 1992, as well as being the target of a hand-grenade attack in January 1992, and urging the authorities to take steps, in accordance with Siza Rani's wishes, to safeguard him against further harassment and attack;

- expressing concern about the lack of progress in the investigations into the charges laid against the police by Siza Rani at Sharpeville police station in December 1991;

- expressing concern about the conduct of the police involved in these raids on Siza Rani's home, including the reported assault of Siza Rani's neighbour questioned by the police regarding his whereabouts, and urging the authorities to order a halt to the searches of Siza Rani's residence if these are not part of a bona fide criminal investigation;

- urging the authorities to implement promptly an independent investigation into the conduct of the police involved in these raids and assaults, to suspend them from duties pending the outcome of the investigation and to bring to justice those found to have committed human rights abuses.

APPEALS TO:

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State President

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Salutation: Dear State President

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2) Mr H J Kriel
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Salutation: Dear Minister

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Salutation: Dear Major-General

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Telegrams: Witwatersrand Regional Police Commissioner, Johannesburg, South
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Salutation: Dear Lieutenant-General

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Newspapers:

- The Star, PO Box 1014, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa
- The New Nation, PO Box 10674, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa
- The Sowetan, PO Box 6663, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa
- City Press, PO Box 34313, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa

and Human rights organizations:

- The Independent Board of Inquiry, PO Box 32293, Braamfontein,
Johannesburg 2017, South Africa
- Peace Action, PO Box 45096, Mayfair Johannesburg 2108, South Africa

and to diplomatic representatives of South Africa accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 January 1993.