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Further information on UA 78/94 (ASA 25/12/94, 1 March 1994) and follow-up (ASA 25/14/94 of 25 March) - Mass Arrests/Fear of Ill-Treatment/Legal concern

SOUTH KOREA:Hwang Seung-hyun - released

Lee Sang-yeop (f)

Lee Yoon-jung (f)

Jang Gee-bum - released

Kim Mee-kyung (f) - released

Lee Kwon-seop - released

Kim Tae-il

Lee Chang-eul

Cho Jae-hyun

Song Hyun-jik

Hwang Seung-hyun, Jang Gee-bum, Kim Mee-kyung and Lee Kwon-seop were released after questioning by the police. They were interrogated about the activities of the singing troupe *Heemangsae* (Bird of Hope) and its plans to stage the musical *Shining Path*, based on a book which the authorities said praised North Korea.

The troupe's two lead singers, Lee Sang-yeop and Lee Yoon-jung, are still in police custody. Their continued detention appears to be an attempt to prevent them from staging the musical. Amnesty International believes that they are prisoners of conscience.

Four other members of *Heemangsae*, Kim Tae-il, Lee Chang-eul, Cho Jae-hyun and Song Hyun-jik, arrested on 21 and 22 February (see ASA 25/12/94) have been charged under the National Security Law for attempting to stage a pro-North Korean musical and for distributing information about the musical via a computer communication network. Amnesty International believes that they are prisoners of conscience.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- welcoming the release of four *Heemangsae* members but expressing concern at the continued detention of Lee Sang-yeop, Lee Yoon-jung, Kim Tae-il, Lee Chang-eul, Cho Jae-hyun and Song Hyun-jik and urging that they be released immediately and unconditionally;
- urging the authorities to ensure that Lee Sang-yeop and Lee Yoon-jung, who appear to be still under police interrogation, are protected from torture and ill-treatment in custody;
- urging the authorities to account publicly for the situation of, and charges against, those detained in mass arrests since February 1994.

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