

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 67/96 (MDE 11/05/96, 8 March 1996) - Arbitrary detention / Fear of torture

BAHRAINZahra Salman Hilal (f)

Nazi Karimi (f)

Muna Habib al-Sharrakhi (f) )

Iman Salman Hilal (f) )

Na'ima 'Abbas (f) )

RELEASED

Huda Salih al-Jallawi (f) )

Mariam al-Mu'min (f) )

Zahra 'Abdali (f) )

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Amnesty International has learned that Muna Habib al-Sharrakhi and Iman Salman Hilal were released on bail on 1 May 1996 after payment of 200 Dinars (\$500).

Four of the other women were also released a few weeks after their arrest.

They had all been held in incommunicado detention since being arrested on 29 February 1996.

Nazi Karimi and Zahra Salman Hilal remain in incommunicado detention.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English, Arabic or your own language:**

- welcoming the release of the six women;
- urging the prompt release of Nazi Karimi and Zahra Salman Hilal unless they are to be charged with recognizable criminal offences;
- seeking assurances that they are being treated humanely and urging that they be granted immediate access to lawyers, relatives and independent doctors if necessary.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 June 1996.