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Further Information on UA 104/03 (MDE 12/019/2003, 16 April 2003) Fear of torture or ill-treatment/
Incommunicado detention

23 April 2003

EGYPT Mahmud Hassan Hassan (m)
 Ramiz Gihad (m)
 Ibrahim al-Sahari (m), journalist
 Wa'el Tawfiq (m)

New name: Marwan Hamdi (m)

Amnesty International is concerned at reports that a fifth anti-war activist, Marwan Hamdi, was detained on 15 April in the capital Cairo. His exact whereabouts are unconfirmed, but it is feared that he is being held incommunicado at a premises of the State Security Intelligence (SSI) where he is at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

The four other anti-war activists reportedly remain in incommunicado detention. Ibrahim al-Sahari has allegedly been transferred to Mazraat Tora Prison in Cairo. However, he has not been allowed access to his lawyers or relatives. The current whereabouts of the three other men are unknown.

Mahmud Hassan Hassan, Ramiz Gihad, Ibrahim al-Sahari and Wa'el Tawfiq were detained between 12 and 13 April in Cairo. The four men have reportedly been held incommunicado at the SSI headquarters at Lazoghly Square, where all of them were reportedly subjected to torture or ill-treatment.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic, English or your own language:

- expressing concern that Marwan Hamdi, Mahmud Hassan Hassan, Ramiz Gihad, Ibrahim al-Sahari and Wa'el Tawfiq are reportedly held in incommunicado detention;
- urging the authorities to reveal exactly where they are being held, and give them access to lawyers, relatives and any medical attention they may require;
- expressing concern at reports that anti-war activists, including Mahmud Hassan Hassan, Ramiz Gihad, Ibrahim al-Sahari and Wa'el Tawfiq were reportedly tortured or ill-treated in State Security Intelligence (SSI) detention;
- calling for an immediate and impartial investigation into the allegations of torture or ill-treatment, for the results to be made public and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- calling on the authorities to provide a guarantee that detainees will not be tortured or ill-treated in detention;
- calling on the authorities to guarantee that no one should be held in custody or charged solely on the basis of exercising his or her right to freedom of expression.

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COPIES TO: Diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

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