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             further killings   21 October 1994

ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES   22 killed in bus bombing

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On 19 October 1994, 22 people were killed and about 45 others wounded, when
a bomb exploded on a bus in central Tel Aviv. The Islamic Resistance Movement
(*Hamas*) is reported to have claimed responsibility for the attack. In the
recent past *Hamas* has claimed responsibility for similar attacks against
civilians, and Amnesty International fears it may carry out further attacks
against civilian targets.

Amnesty International strongly condemns such deliberate and arbitrary killings,
which violate fundamental principles of humanitarian law. Respect for such
principles must be unconditional. The organization is calling on *Hamas* to
clarify its position with regard to the killings in Tel Aviv and to halt attacks
against civilians immediately.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters
in English or your own language:**
- expressing deep regret about the killings in Tel Aviv on 19 October 1994;
- calling on *Hamas* to clarify its position with regard to these killings;
- calling on *Hamas* to demonstrate respect for fundamental principles of
humanitarian law and halt attacks against civilians immediately.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 December 1994.