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Further information on UA 257/93 (MDE 28/09/93, 5 August 1993) - Fear of torture in prolonged incommunicado detention

ALGERIA: Ali and Tahar DEROUICHE - RELEASED -

Mohamced Yassine SIMOZRAG and Mohieddine and Ahmed DEROUICHE - in prolonged incommunicado detention

Ali and Tahar Derouiche were released without charge on 8 August 1993 after having been held 20 days in incommunicado detention.

The other two brothers, Mohieddine and Ahmed Derouiche continue to be held incommunicado beyond the 12-day maximum period allowed under Algerian emergency laws.

Mohamced Yassine Simozrag also remains detained incommunicado. His family have been unable to obtain any information on their whereabouts from the authorities. They have learned from the families of other detainees that he is detained in Al-Harrach prison.

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

- expressing your concern that Mohamed Yassine Simozrag and Ahmed Derouiche are held in prolonged incommunicado detention in breach of Algerian Law;
- urging the Algerian authorities to allow them immediate access to their families, lawyers and medical care if necessary;
- urging that no one be detained in prolonged incommunicado detention as it is during this time that detainees are most at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of the Interior

M. Mohamed HARDI

Ministre de l'Intérieur Ministère de l'Intérieur

Alger Algérie

Telegrams: Ministre Hardi, Alger, Algérie

Telexes: 66341

Faxes: 213 2 618802 or 213 2 645793

Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre/Dear Minister

2) Minister of Justice

M. Mohamed Téguia Ministre de la Justice Ministère de la Justice 8 rue de Khartoum El-Biar Alger, Algérie

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Faxes: 213 2 605161 Telexes: 66241/66178/66243

Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre/Dear Minister

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3) Minister of Foreign Affairs and member of the High Council of State

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Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre/Dear Minister

PLEASE ALSO SEND COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS to the following Human

Rights Organizations:

Observatoire national des droits de l'homme

Palais du Peuple

Avenue F. Roosevelt

Alger, Algérie

Faxes: 213 2 60 10 42

Ligue algérienne des droits de l'homme

40-42 rue Larbi ben M'Hidi

Alger, Algérie

Ligue algérienne pour la défense des droits de l'homme

19 rue Abane Ramdane

Alger, Algérie

and to diplomatic representatives of Algeria accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 September 1993.