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Further information on UA 257/93 (MDE 28/09/93, 5 August 1993) - and follow-up: MDE 28/11/93, 13 August 1993 - Fear of torture in prolonged incommunicado detention

ALGERIA: Mohamced Yassine SIMOZRAG  
Mohieddine and Ahmed DEROUICHE

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Amnesty International remains concerned for the safety of the brothers Mohieddine and Ahmed Derouiche, arrested on 19 July and 27 July 1993 respectively, who continue to be held incommunicado beyond the 12-day maximum period allowed under Algerian emergency laws. Their family have still been unable to obtain information as to their whereabouts. Amnesty International is concerned that they are at risk of torture while they continue to be held in incommunicado detention.

The organization has received confirmation that Mohamced Yassine Simozrag is being held in Al-Harrach prison. His family and lawyer were able to visit him on 18 August, when he told them that he had been tortured in incommunicado detention. He was reportedly bruised and bore marks of beatings. He said that he had been tortured by the *chiffon* method (where the victim is tied to a bench and half-suffocated by a cloth soaked in dirty water and chemicals) and had had his head immersed and held under water.

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

- expressing concern that Mohieddine and Ahmed Derouiche continue to be held in incommunicado detention beyond the 12-day maximum period allowed under Algerian emergency laws, and that they are at risk of torture while they continue to be held incommunicado;

- urging the Algerian authorities to allow them immediate access to their families, lawyers and medical care if necessary, and to clarify their legal status;

- expressing concern that Mohamced Yassine Simozrag had reportedly been tortured while he was held in prolonged incommunicado detention beyond the 12-day maximum period allowed under Algerian emergency laws;

- urging the Algerian authorities to carry out a prompt, impartial and public investigation into his allegations of torture;

- 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  
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**Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister**

2) Minister of Justice:

M. Mohamed TEGUIA  
Ministre de la Justice  
Ministère de la Justice  
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**Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister**

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

M. Redha MALEK  
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**Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

the following human rights organizations:

1) Observatoire national des droits de l'homme  
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Avenue F. Roosevelt  
Alger, Algeria  
**Faxes: + 213 2 60 10 42**

2) Ligue algérienne des droits de l'homme  
40-42 rue Larbi ben M'Hidi  
Alger, Algeria

3) Ligue algérienne pour la défense des droits de l'homme  
19 rue Abane Ramdane  
Alger, Algeria

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 30 September 1993.