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Health concern / Unfair trial

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MOROCCONoureddine JARIR

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Amnesty International is concerned about the deteriorating state of health of Nouredine Jarir, a political prisoner who has been on an unlimited hunger-strike since 29 February 1996. Since the beginning of his hunger-strike he is reported to have been taken to hospital several times. He is currently believed to be back in Chaoun Prison.

Nouredine Jarir, a supporter of the *Union National des Etudiants Marocains*, UNEM, National Union of Moroccan Students, was arrested in October 1991 following clashes at Fes University between student supporters of the UNEM and student supporters of Islamist groups. He was allegedly tortured and ill-treated during incommunicado detention and was sentenced in February 1992 to 10 years' imprisonment on charges including disturbing public order and insulting the police authorities. In court he denied the charges and the content of a police statement which he said he had been forced to sign after being subjected to torture and ill-treatment. Requests by the defence lawyers that these allegations be investigated were disregarded by the court.

Amnesty International is concerned that the life and health of Nouredine Jarir are at risk, and that he was imprisoned in a trial which did not comply with international human rights standards to which Morocco is a state party.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the past few years, and especially after an amnesty in July 1994 in which more than 350 political prisoners and prisoners of conscience were released, several political prisoners who did not benefit from the amnesty have undertaken hunger-strikes, usually limited for set periods of time.

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

- expressing serious concern at the deteriorating health condition of Nouredine Jarir, who has been on a hunger-strike since 29 February 1996;
- calling for his release unless he is to be promptly retried in accordance with international standards for fair trial.

#### **APPEALS TO:**

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Ministre de la Justice  
Ministère de la Justice  
Palais de la Manounia  
Rabat, Maroc

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**Telegrams: Ministre de la Justice, Rabat, Morocco**

**Salutation: Excellence / Your Excellency**

##### PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

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Consultative Council for Human Rights (Official Human Rights Body):

Conseil Consultatif des Droits de l'Homme (CCDH)

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and to diplomatic representatives of MOROCCO accredited to your country.

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