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WEEKLY UPDATE SERVICE 66/93 (2nd today)

Contained in this weekly update are external (for verbal response only) items on Lebanon and World Conference on Human Rights.

NEWS INITIATIVES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS RELEASES

UN WORLD CONFERENCE-RELATED NEWS INITIATIVES ONLY THROUGHOUT JUNE

\*\*WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS NEWS\*\*

(New Information)

PLEASE NOTE: Item 2 enclosed on World Conference.

PLEASE NOTE: An oral statement to be given to the World Conference by AI tonight was sent out earlier as an urgent note to press officers. Please do not issue it to media until you hear that the speech has been given.

PLEASE NOTE: There is going to be a major NGO human rights march in Vienna tomorrow (Saturday).

PLEASE NOTE: The following numbers are now working in the Vienna Press Office: Tel: +43 222 219 3574/3573/3572, Fax: +43 222 219 357221.

Amnesty International's press office in Vienna will be based at AI's tent outside the Austria Centre and will be open for 24 hours each day.

AI's press team will be staying at Pension Dr Geissler, Postgasse 14, 1010 Vienna. Telephone: +43 1 533 2803.

The strategy team in Vienna will report developments to sections via the IS press office to section press officers. Can press officers ensure that this information is circulated to the relevant people in their section.

General enquiries from press officers should go to Paula and James at the IS Press Office, on Tel: +44 71 413 5562/5810.

The second and third ENRs for the World Conference: Challenge to Governments, (Ref: 1838) and AI Activities Compilation, (Ref: 1840) are ready. Please order copies and refer journalists for copies from: Dubbs Copying House, giving the correct video reference number (as above) on Tel: +44 71 629 0055 or Fax: +44 71 287 8796.

Annual Report - 0600 hrs gmt, 8 July

PLEASE NOTE: It is VERY important that the annual report news release does not get leaked to the media over the next two weeks - in view of the pessimistic reference to the UN World Conference. Please be careful not to let it be seen by too many people until after the World Conference is over.

Annual Report Summaries, Regional Updates, ENR and news release have all been sent to you.

**Indonesia (Aceh) - 28 July**

Document and news release to go with action on massive numbers of political killings.

**TARGETED AND LIMITED NEWS RELEASES****Saudi Arabia - 1 July**

A weekly update item is being written to go with the document: **Saudi Arabia: An Upsurge in Public Executions**, AI Index: MDE 23/04/93. The document and weekly update item will be embargoed for 1 July and will be sent out to selected international media by the IS Press Office. Please note that the document has been sent out in the weekly mailing.

**2. IOR 41/WU 14/93 EXTERNAL FOR VERBAL RESPONSE ONLY**  
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**INTERNAL**

**The Drafting Committee of the World Conference on Human Rights today agreed the second paragraph of the final declaration. This paragraph reaffirms the universality and indivisibility of human rights.**

**Amnesty International has the following comment. Press officers can read this statement to journalists who want a reaction from us.**

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**EXTERNAL**

**RESPONSE TO DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

**"The universality of all rights was proclaimed by the United Nations in 1948. It will be small comfort to the tortured, the disappeared, and the starving to know that governments have just agreed to say the same thing again."**

**3. MDE 18/WU 01/93 EXTERNAL FOR VERBAL RESPONSE ONLY**  
18 June 1993

**LEBANON: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL APPEALS FOR FATE OF ISRAELI AIR FORCE NAVIGATOR TO BE CLARIFIED**

**INTERNAL**

The "Campaign to Free Ron Arad" has been lobbying the International Secretariat to increase its work on behalf of Ron Arad, an Israeli navigator missing in Lebanon. Sections may also receive inquiries about what AI has done on this case. You may use the following to respond:

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**EXTERNAL FOR VERBAL RESPONSE ONLY**

Ron Arad, aged 35, an Israel Air Force navigator, parachuted over Lebanon in October 1986. He is said to have been captured initially by the Lebanese militia Amal, and later to have been transferred into the hands of Iranian Revolutionary Guards stationed in Lebanon.

Amnesty International has appealed for his fate to be clarified, by appealing directly to Amal, as well as the governments of Lebanon, Syria, and Iran. The organization has made similar appeals on behalf of three other Israeli servicemen missing in action, who may no longer be alive. No response has yet been received. If they are being held exclusively in order to compel others to release detainees, they are to be regarded as hostages, and as such should be released immediately and unconditionally.

Amnesty International is continuing to follow their cases and to take such action on their behalf as it deems appropriate.

For further information, please refer to the following Amnesty International documents: Israel/South Lebanon: The Islam Detainees: Torture & Ill-treatment (AI Index MDE 15/08/92) pp 1-3, and Israel and the Occupied Territories: Oral Statement to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on the Occupied Territories (AI Index MDE 15/04/93).