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Further information on UA 232/00 (MDE 30/16/00, 4 August 2000) - Health concern/prisoner of conscience

TUNISIATAoufik CHAIEB

Prisoner of conscience Taoufik Chaieb has now been on hunger strike in prison for 37 days, and his health is reported to be failing fast. Amnesty International is concerned that he may not survive, and that if he does the damage to his health may be permanent.

Conditions at the 9 Avril prison in Tunis, where Taoufik Chaieb began his hunger strike on 10 July, are bad at the best of times, especially for political prisoners. At present the conditions are especially bad because of the summer heat.

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

- expressing concern about the health of prisoner of conscience Taoufik Chaieb and calling for him to be immediately and unconditionally released.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Tunisia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 September 2000.