

**BURUNDI**

AI Index: AFR 16/04/96

Pages: 2

Date: 8 March 1996

**Title:** Burundi: adequate resources necessary for UN Commission of Inquiry investigating human rights abuses

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / UN /

**EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

AI Index: AFR 24/22/96

Pages: 1

Date: 20 February 1996

**Title:** Equatorial Guinea: Government opponents arrested and tortured in run up to elections

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / ELECTIONS / LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

**NIGERIA**

AI Index: AFR 44/03/96

Pages: 11

Date: 1 March 1996

**Title:** Nigeria: a summary of human rights concerns

**Abstract:** Since the present military government came to power in November 1993 there has been a serious deterioration in human rights. This report documents cases of arbitrary detention, unfair trials, torture, mass public executions of criminal figures, extrajudicial executions and unlawful killings. Decisive steps are urgently required by the international community to prevent this situation worsening.

**Keywords:** CHILDREN / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / EDITORS / ETHNIC GROUPS / EXECUTION / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS /

**SENEGAL**

AI Index: AFR 49/03/96

Pages: 3

Date: 28 February 1996

**Title:** Senegal: Use of torture persists with impunity and human rights abuses continue in Casamance

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT /

SOMALIA

AI Index: AFR 52/01/96

Pages: 2

Date: 18 March 1996

Title: Somalia: AI condemns murder of a peace activist

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / PEACE ACTIVISTS /

ZAMBIA

AI Index: AFR 63/01/96

Pages: 15

Date: 25 March 1996

Title: Zambia: a human rights review based on the ICCPR

Abstract: Zambia is scheduled to appear before the Human Rights Committee in March 1996 to present its second periodic report concerning its obligations under the ICCPR. This document examines Zambia's human rights record in this context. It details the cases of two journalist prisoners of conscience. More than 200 prisoners remain under the death sentence. Torture in prisons and police custody is widespread. It concludes by making a series of recommendations to the Zambian government.

Keywords: CENSORSHIP / ICCPR / DEATH PENALTY / JOURNALISTS / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

BAHAMAS

AI Index: AMR 14/02/96

Pages: 2

Date: 14 March 1996

Title: Bahamas: AI condemns first execution in 12 years

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: DEATH PENALTY / EXECUTION /

BRAZIL

AI Index: AMR 19/08/96

Pages: 1

Date: 8 March 1996

Title: Brazil: Diolinda Alves de Souza, a woman held hostage

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: COMMUNITY WORKERS / LAND PROBLEMS / WOMEN /

CHILE

AI Index: AMR 22/01/96

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**Pages:** 26**Date:** 6 March 1996**Title:** Chile: Transition at the crossroads: human rights violations under Pinochet rule remain the crux**Abstract:** Chile's transition to democracy is at a crossroads. A focus of intense debate is the question of human rights violations under the government of General Pinochet (1973-90). AIs is concerned at moves to close investigations into these violations by proposed legislation which would effectively seal cases from prosecution. These moves are clearly influenced by military pressure. This report analyses the application of Chile's 1978 Amnesty Law to cases of grave human rights violations. AIs believes that the law and the way it has been applied violate international human rights standards. It opposes any further restrictions on the investigation of these violations or on the prosecution of those found responsible.**Keywords:** IMPUNITY / LEGISLATION / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / JUVENILES / MILITARY / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

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**CHILE****AI Index:** AMR 22/03/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 6 March 1996**Title:** Chile: Danger of legislation in favour of impunity and/or an early closure of human rights violations investigations**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.**Keywords:** AMNESTIES FOR VIOLATORS / IMPUNITY / LEGISLATION /

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**CUBA****AI Index:** AMR 25/07/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 22 February 1996**Title:** Cuba: Trials set to begin as arrests of members of Concilio Cubano continue**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

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**CUBA****AI Index:** AMR 25/09/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 23 February 1996**Title:** Cuba: Two leaders of Concilio Cubano jailed**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.**Keywords:** HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIALS / WOMEN /

CUBA

AI Index: AMR 25/13/96

Pages: 2

Date: 1 March 1996

Title: Cuba: AI fears further escalation of repression of dissidents inside Cuba

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / JOURNALISTS / LAWYERS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / TRADE UNIONISTS / WOMEN /

HONDURAS

AI Index: AMR 37/01/96

Pages: 21

Date: 1 March 1996

Title: Honduras: continued struggle against impunity

Abstract: The continued struggle against impunity in Honduras saw important developments during 1995; charges against military personnel for attempted murder and unlawful detention of 6 students in 1982 and the exhumation of the remains of people who "disappeared" in the 1980's. AI welcomes these efforts and reiterates its call for clarification of past human rights violations and to bring to justice those responsible for them.

Keywords: EXHUMATION / IMPUNITY / DISAPPEARANCES / HARBORING CORPUS / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / MILITARY / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / PHOTOGRAPHS / STUDENTS / TRADE UNIONISTS /

MEXICO

AI Index: AMR 41/09/96

Pages: 29

Date: 1 March 1996

Title: Mexico: overcoming fear: human rights violations against women in Mexico

Abstract: AI documents an increasing pattern of human rights violations against women in Mexico, including torture, rape, political killings and "disappearances". Some are targeted because of political activism, others, such as young or indigenous women, are targeted because they are perceived as being vulnerable. Rape is frequently used by government agents as a form of torture. AI has received an increasing number of reports relating to such violations which may indicate an overcoming of fear and the will to work towards justice and the punishment of perpetrators. AI believes that only a firm political commitment from the Mexican government to eliminate impunity will make it possible to eradicate human rights violations against women in Mexico.

Keywords: HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / SEXUAL ASSAULT / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / WOMEN / CHILDREN / COMMUNITY WORKERS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / FOREIGN NATIONALS / HARASSMENT / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / LAND PROBLEMS / LAWYERS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / NURSES / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PEASANTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / STUDENTS / WITNESSES /

PANAMA

AI Index: AMR 44/02/96

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**Pages:** 2**Date:** 20 February 1996**Title:** Panama: General Amnesty Bill guarantees impunity for perpetrators of human rights violations**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.**Keywords:** AMNESTIES FOR VIOLATORS / IMPUNITY /

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**PERU****AI Index:** AMR 46/06/96**Pages:** 11**Date:** 25 March 1996**Title:** Peru: Drs Nery Fermin Medina Quispe and Fortunato Graciano Sumina Taco**Abstract:** AI is appealing for the immediate and unconditional release of two Peruvian doctors serving prison terms of 22 years, imposed under Peru's anti-terrorism legislation. AI believes them to be wrongly sentenced and has adopted them as prisoners of conscience.**Keywords:** MEDICAL ACTIONS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

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**TRINIDAD & TOBAGO****AI Index:** AMR 49/05/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 12 March 1996**Title:** Trinidad and Tobago: woman sentenced to corporal punishment**Abstract:** Myra Bhagwansingh was sentenced to 12 years in prison with the additional punishment of 10 strokes with the cat o'nine tails for committing grievous bodily harm. She is the first woman sentenced to receive corporal punishment in Trinidad and Tobago.**Keywords:** CORPORAL PUNISHMENT / REGIONAL ACTION NETWORKS / WOMEN /

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**TRINIDAD & TOBAGO****AI Index:** AMR 49/07/96**Pages:** 3**Date:** 1 March 1996**Title:** Trinidad and Tobago: woman sentenced to corporal punishment**Abstract:** Myra Bhagwansingh was sentenced on 28 February to 12 years in prison and 10 strokes with the cat o'nine tails after being found guilty of committing grievous bodily harm. She is the first woman sentenced to receive corporal punishment in Trinidad and Tobago.**Keywords:** CORPORAL PUNISHMENT / WOMEN /

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**USA****AI Index:** AMR 51/01/96

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**Pages:** 26**Date:** 1 February 1996**Title:**USA: developments on the death penalty in 1995**Abstract:**At the end of 1995 over 3,000 prisoners were under sentence of death in 34 American states. 56 prisoners were executed and none were granted clemency in 1995. This report examines issues of concern related to the death penalty such as racial discrimination, mental illness, ineffective legal representation and cruelty of executions. The US continues to defy international trends away from the use of the death penalty.**Keywords:**DEATH PENALTY / MENTAL HEALTH / HOMOSEXUALS / LEGISLATION / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES / PROFESSIONAL ETHICS / RACIAL DISCRIMINATION / STATISTICS / TRIALS /

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**USA****AI Index:** AMR 51/24/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 February 1996**Title:**USA (New Jersey): Amnesty International concerned by shooting of unarmed black suspect by white police officer in New Jersey**Abstract:**Amnesty International is urging the police authorities in Paterson, New Jersey, to review police practice following the fatal shooting of Christopher Thomas, an unarmed black man, by a white housing police officer on 13 February 1996. There is extreme concern about this latest shooting in light of the shooting death in February 1995 of Lawrence Meyers, an unarmed black youth, also by an officer with the Paterson Housing Police.**Keywords:**MINORITIES / POLICE /

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**AUSTRALIA****AI Index:** ASA 12/04/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 1 March 1996**Title:**Australia: AI delegation visits Australia**Abstract:**There is no abstract for this document.**Keywords:**MISSIONS /

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**AUSTRALIA****AI Index:** ASA 12/05/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 23 February 1996**Title:**Australia: Political activist becomes first prisoner of conscience for over 20 years (Albert Langer)**Abstract:**There is no abstract for this document.**Keywords:**CENSORSHIP / ELECTIONS / LEGISLATION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

CHINA

AI Index: AISA 17/01/96

Pages: 121

Date: 1 March 1996

**Title:** China: No one is safe: Political repression and abuse of power in the 1990s - includes correction

**Abstract:** No one is safe in China. Despite economic reforms, political repression and abuse of power mean that everyone is at risk of serious human rights violations. Torture is endemic. Thousands of political dissidents and members of religious and ethnic groups remain in jail. Many people are arbitrarily detained and sent to labour camps. More people are executed in China each year than in all other countries combined. AI calls on the Chinese authorities and the international community to take urgent steps to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of 1.2 billion people.

**Keywords:** DEATH PENALTY / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / LEGISLATION / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION / ETHNIC GROUPS / EXECUTION / IMPUNITY / PEASANTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - BUDDHIST / TRADE UNIONISTS / TRIALS / WOMEN /

CHINA

AI Index: AISA 17/02/96

Pages: 9

Date: 1 March 1996

**Title:** China: No one is safe: AI briefing

**Abstract:** 1. New economics, old repression 2. Abuse of power: details of victims of torture 3. A law unto themselves: repressive legislation used by the Chinese authorities 4. Silencing dissent: political dissidents, labour activists, human rights defenders, religious groups 5. Birth control policy 6. Regional repression 7. Death by numbers: executions in China 8. Human rights are everyone's business

**Keywords:** TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / ETHNIC GROUPS / EXECUTION / FARMERS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / JOURNALISTS / JUVENILES / LEGISLATION / MEC / MSP / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / TRADE UNIONISTS / WOMEN /

CHINA

AI Index: AISA 17/17/96

Pages: 22

Date: 1 February 1996

**Title:** China: gross human rights violations continue

**Abstract:** Grave human rights violations continued in China in 1995. Since 1991 the Chinese government has successfully used a procedural motion to block any resolution critical of its human rights record being debated by the UN Commission on Human Rights. No government should be allowed to manipulate human rights issues to further its political aims but should accept the universality of the fundamental human rights spelled out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**Keywords:** TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION / AI AND GOVERNMENTS / CHILDREN / DEATH PENALTY / ENGINEERS / FARMERS / PEASANTS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS / SCIENTISTS / TEACHERS / TRADE UNIONISTS / TRIALS / UN / WOMEN /

## CHINA

**AI Index:** AISA 17/22/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 7 March 1996

**Title:** China: wave of arbitrary detentions in Inner Mongolia

**Abstract:** Ten people labelled by the Chinese authorities as "nationalist separatists" have been held without charge or trial in Inner Mongolia since December 1995. Many other people were briefly detained for taking part in two demonstrations protesting against the detentions.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / ACADEMICS / DEMONSTRATIONS / MINORITIES / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / STUDENTS / WOMEN /

## CHINA

**AI Index:** AISA 17/25/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 26 February 1996

**Title:** China: media advisory

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL /

## CHINA

**AI Index:** AISA 17/26/96

**Pages:** 3

**Date:** 13 March 1996

**Title:** China: world can no longer ignore human rights of 1.2 billion people

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** CAMPAIGNS / DEATH PENALTY / ETHNIC GROUPS / LEGISLATION / MINORITIES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT /

## CHINA

**AI Index:** AISA 17/32/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 12 March 1996

**Title:** China: AI launches worldwide campaign on human rights violations in China

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** CAMPAIGNS /

CHINA

AI Index: AISAI 17/34/96

Pages: 3

Date: 13 March 1996

Title: China: No one is safe: statement by Pierre Sanz: FCCI Bangkok

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS / CAMPAIGNS /

CHINA

AI Index: AISAI 17/38/96

Pages: 1

Date: 14 March 1996

Title: China: AI holds Hong Kong press conference on human rights violations in China

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: CAMPAIGNS /

CHINA

AI Index: AISAI 17/39/96

Pages: 3

Date: 14 March 1996

Title: China: "No one is safe": statement by Pierre Sanz, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 15 March 1996

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: CAMPAIGNS /

CHINA

AI Index: AISAI 17/40/96

Pages: 2

Date: 15 March 1996

Title: China: businesses investing in China should not ignore human rights

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: CAMPAIGNS / MEC /

CHINA

AI Index: AISAI 17/41/96

Pages: 1

Date: 15 March 1996

Title: China: AI holds Tokyo press conference on human rights violations in China

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: CAMPAIGNS /

CHINA

AI Index: AISA 17/43/96

Pages: 4

Date: 18 March 1996

**Title:**China: "No one is safe": statement by Pierre Sanz: foreign correspondent's club of Japan, 18 March 1996

**Abstract:**There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:**CAMPAINS /

INDIA

AI Index: AISA 20/01/96

Pages: 8

Date: 1 February 1996

**Title:**India: Harjit Singh: in continuing pursuit of justice

**Abstract:**A three year magisterial enquiry into the "disappearance" of Harjit Singh has proved inconclusive. AI continues to be concerned for the safety of Harjit Singh, who was arrested in 1992 and who subsequently "disappeared". His fate remains unknown.

**Keywords:**DISAPPEARANCES / FAMILIES / HARBERS CORPUS / HARASSMENT / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES /

INDIA

AI Index: AISA 20/05/96

Pages: 23

Date: 1 March 1996

**Title:**India: AI and India

**Abstract:**This report is an introduction to AI and its concerns in India. It shows that violations such as torture, including rape and death in custody, remain endemic, and that political prisoners continue to face unfair trials. It highlights an unfair legal and judicial system that facilitates these and other abuses. Human rights violations affect most sections of Indian society. The report demonstrates that not everyone has equal access to justice or an equal chance to be allowed to live in safety and with dignity.

**Keywords:**LEGISLATION / CHILDREN / IMPUNITY / MILITARY / MINORITIES / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / REFUGEES / WOMEN /

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISA 21/10/96

Pages: 38

Date: 1 February 1996

**Title:**Indonesia and East Timor: when will the Commission take action..?

**Abstract:**Serious human rights violations continued in Indonesia and East Timor in 1995 including "disappearances", extrajudicial executions, arbitrary detention and torture and ill-treatment. At the 51st UN Commission on Human Rights in 1995 AI called on the international community to take action over such violations.

However, the CHR's response failed to adequately respond to these requests. AI fears that the situation will not improve unless the international community is prepared to put pressure on the Indonesian government, via the UN, to take concrete measures to prevent further human rights violations.

**Keywords:**UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / JUVENILES / POLITICIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

## SOUTH KOREA

**AI Index:** ASA 25/05/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 1 February 1996

**Title:**South Korea: letter from former prisoner of conscience Ahn Hak-sop

**Abstract:**Translation of a letter received from former prisoner of conscience, Ahn Hak-sop who spent 43 years in South Korean prisons until his release in August 1995.

**Keywords:**GOOD NEWS TESTIMONIES /

## SOUTH KOREA

**AI Index:** ASA 25/06/96

**Pages:** 5

**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:**South Korea: open letter from AI to political parties on the occasion of the April 1996 National Assembly elections

**Abstract:**This letter lists AI's concerns in the 1996 National Assembly elections in South Korea. They include: amendment of the National Security Law, review of the cases of political prisoners, repeal of the prohibition on "third party intervention" in labour disputes, prevention of abuse by the Agency for National Security Planning (ANSP), eradication of torture and ill-treatment, investigation of all human rights violations and abolition of the death penalty.

**Keywords:**ELECTIONS / LEGISLATION /

## SOUTH KOREA

**AI Index:** ASA 25/09/96

**Pages:** 6

**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:**South Korea: update on National Security Law arrests and ill-treatment: the need for human rights reform

**Abstract:**AI continues to document human rights violations in South Korea which reinforce recommendations that the National Security Law should be amended and that better safeguards should be introduced to protect detainees from torture and ill-treatment. They also highlight the need for an effective and independent machinery to investigate all reports of human rights violations.

**Keywords:**PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / ACADEMICS / AGED / CENSORSHIP / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / PREGNANCY / STUDENTS / WOMEN /

NEPAL

AI Index: AISI 31/01/96

Pages: 1

Date: 17 March 1996

Title: Nepal: AI activists detained

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS / CAMPAIGNS / CHINA / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS /

NEPAL

AI Index: AISI 31/02/96

Pages: 2

Date: 17 March 1996

Title: Nepal: AI condemns detention of peaceful demonstrators

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: CAMPAIGNS / CHINA / DEMONSTRATIONS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / MASS ARREST /

PAKISTAN

AI Index: AISI 33/01/96

Pages: 43

Date: 1 February 1996

Title: Pakistan: human rights crisis in Karachi

Abstract: Some 1,770 people were killed in Karachi in 1995. Both law enforcement personnel and armed opposition groups are alleged to be responsible for human rights violations. AI urges the Government of Pakistan and armed opposition groups to adopt measures to stop the large-scale human rights violations taking place.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / CHILDREN / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DISAPPEARANCES / ETHNIC GROUPS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / IMPUNITY / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JOURNALISTS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICAL BACKGROUND / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

SINGAPORE

AI Index: AISI 36/02/96

Pages: 1

Date: 15 March 1996

Title: Singapore: AI condemns executions of five Thai migrant workers

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords: DEATH PENALTY / EXECUTION / FOREIGN NATIONALS / MIGRANT WORKERS /

THAILAND

AI Index: AISI 39/06/96

Pages: 2

Date: 13 March 1996

**Title:** Thailand: All protests as detention of delegates in Thailand

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** CAMPAIGNS / CHINA / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS /

**All Index:** EUR 05/03/95

**Pages:** 12

**Date:** 1 October 1995

**Title:** Former Yugoslavia: An unknown destination: "disappeared" in former Yugoslavia: appeal case leaflets

**Abstract:** 1. Marija Zivkovic: "disappeared" in 1991 after being arrested in Vukovar by Serb reservists. 2. Vahda Ibisovic: aged 19 "disappeared" in 1992 after being abducted by local Serb forces near Kladanj. 3. Mustafa and Admir Medinic: "disappeared" after having been abducted by paramilitaries in Bosnia. 4. Zdravko Juricic: a teacher from Bugojno who was taken prisoner by Bosnian government forces and was last seen being taken from prison camp by the military police. 5. Goran Ladic: "disappeared" after the fall of Vukovar in 1991. 6. Bogdan Grgic: a Serb who "disappeared" in 1991 after being abducted. 7. Mustafa Turan: captured by Serbs in 1992 after fleeing from fighting in Vucic and then "disappeared"

**Keywords:** DISAPPEARANCES / ENGINEERS / FAMILIES / PARAMILITARIES / PHOTOGRAPHS / TEACHERS / WOMEN /

## ALBANIA

**All Index:** EUR 11/06/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:** Albania: police ill-treatment of the journalist Fatos Veliu

**Abstract:** Fatos Veliu, a journalist working with Koha Jone, was arrested and ill-treated by police after publishing an article which reportedly exposed corruption in a local police force.

**Keywords:** JOURNALISTS / POLICE / REGIONAL ACTION NETWORKS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

## ALBANIA

**All Index:** EUR 11/09/96

**Pages:** 0

**Date:** 25 March 1996

**Title:** Albania: torture and ill-treatment: Behar Toska

**Abstract:** Behar Toska alleges that on 5 February he was arrested and tortured by police in Tirana, who accused him of being paid by the main opposition Socialist Party to write anti-government slogans on walls in Tirana.

**Keywords:** REGIONAL ACTION NETWORKS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

BULGARIA

AI Index: EUR 15/04/96

Pages: 2

Date: 8 March 1996

**Title:** Bulgaria: AI calls on President Zhelyev to guarantee freedom of expression for journalists Hadzhiyev and Shtirkov

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** CENSORSHIP / JOURNALISTS / LEGISLATION /

FRG

AI Index: EUR 23/05/96

Pages: 2

Date: 21 March 1996

**Title:** FRG: Ahmet Delibas

**Abstract:** Ahmet Delibas, of Turkish nationality, alleges that police officers from Hamm, assaulted him following his arrest on 21 October 1995. Medical evidence shows that he suffered serious injuries to his face. AI urges the authorities to investigate these allegations, to bring to justice any officers found to have ill-treated him and to compensate the victim.

**Keywords:** FOREIGN NATIONALS / POLICE / REGIONAL ACTION NETWORKS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

POLAND

AI Index: EUR 37/04/96

Pages: 2

Date: 29 February 1996

**Title:** Poland: Reported ill-treatment of Olaf Nehrting by Polish police officers

**Abstract:** There is concern that Olaf Nehrting, a German national, was reportedly beaten, kicked and otherwise ill-treated by Polish police officers in Zary on 25 November 1995.

**Keywords:** FOREIGN NATIONALS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MEDICAL CONFIRMATION / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

PORTUGAL

AI Index: EUR 38/02/96

Pages: 2

Date: 5 March 1996

**Title:** Portugal: Alleged ill-treatment of "soldier Coelho" by Public Security Police officers near Lisbon

**Abstract:** Amnesty International is concerned about the alleged ill-treatment by officers of the Public Security Police of a soldier attached to the Artillery Training Centre of Cascais on the night of 4-5 December 1995. The full name of the 20-year-old soldier has not been revealed, and he is known only as "soldier Coelho". Amnesty International is seeking to confirm details of the case and to ensure that the judicial inquiry that has been opened into the allegations is prompt, full and thorough.

**Keywords:** INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

PORTUGAL

**AI Index:** EUR 38/04/96

**Pages:** 3

**Date:** 5 March 1996

**Title:** Portugal: Alleged ill-treatment of Nelson Pirés by Public Security Police officers near Lisbon

**Abstract:** Amnesty International is concerned at allegations that Nelson De César Morais Pirés was beaten by three officers of the Public Security Police on 22 April 1995. The organization is seeking to ensure that the judicial inquiry opened into the complaint is prompt, full and thorough.

**Keywords:** INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

PORTUGAL

**AI Index:** EUR 38/06/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 21 March 1996

**Title:** Portugal: Fernando Coxé and Adalberto Miti da Costa

**Abstract:** AI is concerned about the alleged ill-treatment by officers of the Public Security Police of two Angolans who both required hospital treatment as a result of beatings they claim they received in Lisbon in October 1995.

**Keywords:** FOREIGN NATIONALS / REGIONAL ACTION NETWORKS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/10/96

**Pages:** 19

**Date:** 1 February 1996

**Title:** Turkey: information on continuing human rights abuses

**Abstract:** The human rights situation in Turkey has been deteriorating since 1990. This report documents "disappearances", torture, extrajudicial executions and the case of Selhattin Simsek who has been in prison since 1980. Recommendations are made to the Turkish government to take steps to address these human rights violations.

**Keywords:** DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / CENSORSHIP / CHILDREN / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / JOURNALISTS / LAWYERS / MINORITIES / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / TEACHERS / UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS / WOMEN /

TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/31/96

**Pages:** 5

**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:** Turkey: lawyers severely ill-treated outside Buca prison in Izmir

**Abstract:** In September 1995 11 lawyers were ill-treated and detained by police outside Buca Prison in Izmir where they had gone to visit clients. The lawyers are now on trial for breach of the law on Assembly and Demonstrations. It is appealing for the complaint of ill-treatment to be fully and impartially investigated and for those responsible for their ill-treatment to be brought to justice.

**Keywords:** LAWYERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / MEDICAL CONFIRMATION / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES / WOMEN /

## UK

**AI Index:** EUR 45/05/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 14 March 1996

**Title:** UK: alleged ill-treatment of Amer Rafiq

**Abstract:** Amer Rafiq was allegedly ill-treated by Manchester police on 21 February 1996, which resulted in the loss of his right eye and other injuries. It urges the authorities to carry out an independent and full inquiry into the incident; to bring criminal proceedings against any officer found to be responsible for the injuries; and to pay Amer Rafiq full compensation for his injuries.

**Keywords:** PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / REGIONAL ACTION NETWORKS / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**AI Index:** EUR 46/12/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 28 February 1996

**Title:** Russian Federation: It welcomes Russia's commitment to halt executions

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** DEATH PENALTY /

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**AI Index:** EUR 46/19/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 21 March 1996

**Title:** Russian Federation: Viktor Orzkhov

**Abstract:** The above, a former official of the KGB and a former dissident, was sentenced to three years in a corrective labour colony in July 1995. There is concern that he is being punished for past political activities and for making statements critical of a Russian security official.

**Keywords:** POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES /

## AZERBAIJAZHANI

**AI Index:** EUR 55/06/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 21 February 1996

**Title:** Azerbaijan: Amnesty International urges the authorities to ensure appropriate medical treatment for imprisoned political opponent (Tofiq Qasimov)

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** MENTAL HEALTH / PARLIAMENTARIANS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / POSSIBLE POC /

## AZERBAIJAZHAN

**AI Index:** EUR 55/07/96

**Pages:** 4

**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:** Azerbaijan: the case of Torfiq Qasimov: an update

**Abstract:** AI is concerned that the allegations against Tofiq Qasimov, implicating him in involvement in a failed coup, are false. This concern is heightened by the fact that he faces a possible death sentence if convicted. AI seeks further information on the charges and urges the authorities to ensure that Tofiq Qasimov is given a fair trial if his case is brought to court.

**Keywords:** CONDITIONAL RELEASE / COUPS / MENTAL HEALTH / PARLIAMENTARIANS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISON CONDITIONS /

## KAZAKHSTAN

**AI Index:** EUR 57/05/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 7 March 1996

**Title:** Kazakstan: 1995 execution figure among highest in world, new executions feared imminent

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION /

## KYRGYZSTAN

**AI Index:** EUR 58/04/96

**Pages:** 4

**Date:** 14 March 1996

**Title:** Kyrgyzstan: Lyubov Sirotkina

**Abstract:** The above was sentenced to death on 17 January 1996 for murder. An appeal has been lodged against this.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / REGIONAL ACTION NETWORKS / WOMEN /

## UZBEKISTAN

**AI Index:** EUR 62/05/96

**Pages:** 0

**Date:** 29 March 1996

**Title:**Uzbekistan: possible prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:**Kholiknazar Gani, Bakhtiyor Nabi-ugly, Nosim Boboy: the above are possible prisoners of conscience. They have been arrested on charges which AI believes may be false because of their peaceful opposition to the Government of Uzbekistan.

**Keywords:**POSSIBLE POC / REGIONAL ACTION NETWORKS /

## BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

**AI Index:** EUR 63/08/96

**Pages:** 3

**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:**Bosnia Herzegovina: the duty to search for war crimes suspects: an open letter from AI to IFOR commanders and contributing governments

**Abstract:**There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:**INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS / WAR CRIMES /

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**AI Index:** MDE 01/02/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 12 March 1996

**Title:**Middle East: Sharm Al-Shaykh participants must not sell out human rights in the name of fighting "terrorism"

**Abstract:**There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:**INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS /

## EGYPT

**AI Index:** MDE 12/05/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 21 February 1996

**Title:**Egypt: Amnesty International concerned at the escalation of political violence in Upper Egypt

**Abstract:**There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:**ARMED CONFLICT / CHILDREN / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / MILITARY / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS /

## EGYPT

**AI Index:** MDE 12/06/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 26 February 1996

**Title:**Egypt: Amnesty International condemns the deliberate killing of eight civilians in Upper Egypt

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE /

## IRAN

**AI Index:** MDC 15/07/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 28 February 1996

**Title:** Iran: AI concerned about possible involvement in deaths of Iranian nationals

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / TURKEY /

## ISRAEL

**AI Index:** MDC 15/13/96

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**Date:** 26 February 1996

**Title:** Israel: Amnesty International condemns killing of civilians

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** BOMB ATTACKS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES /

## ISRAEL

**AI Index:** MDC 15/14/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 4 March 1996

**Title:** Israel and the Occupied Territories including the areas under the Palestinian Authority: AI condemns suicide bombing and urges safeguarding of human rights

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** MASS KILLING / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES /

## MOROCCO

**AI Index:** MDC 29/03/96

**Pages:** 4

**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:** Morocco/Western Sahara: Kalthoum Ahmed Labid El-Ouanat: prisoner of conscience

**Abstract:** Kalthoum Ahmed Labid El-Ouanat was arrested in 1992 following demonstrations calling for the independence of Western Sahara. She was held in secret detention

for 10 months during which time she was allegedly tortured and sexually abused. Charged with threatening external security, Kalthoum was convicted and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment. AI considers her to be a prisoner of conscience and calls for her release.

**Keywords:** PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / WOMEN / CONFESSIONS / DEMONSTRATIONS / INCOMMUNICADO  
DETENTION / PHOTOGRAPHS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRIALS /

## TUNISIA

**AI Index:** MDE 30/06/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 29 February 1996

**Title:** Tunisia: AI condemns unfair trial of Mohamed Mouadde

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / TRIALS /

**AI Index:** ACT 50/10/95

**Pages:** 0

**Date:** 1 December 1995

**Title:** The death penalty: list of abolitionist and retentionist countries (December 1995)

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** DEATH PENALTY /

**AI Index:** ACT 50/11/95

**Pages:** 4

**Date:** 1 December 1995

**Title:** Facts and figures on the death penalty

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** DEATH PENALTY / STATISTICS /

**AI Index:** ACT 60/01/96

**Pages:** 8

**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:** AI News, March 1996

**Abstract:** 1. News in brief: Equatorial Guinea: release of poe's Felipe Ondo Obiang, Bonifacio Nguema Esono, Rwanda: release of Jean-Baptiste Barambirwa, Brazil: protection of Wagner dos Santos, Macau: extradition requests from China rejected, Turkey: release of Erzen Keskin (photo), Mexico: letter from Father David Fernandez, Belarus: letter from S. A Kopytin, Yemen/India: thanks from released detainees,

Tunisia: release of poet's Mohamed Kilani and Hama Hammami, Panama: amnesty law, Myanmar: release of dance troupe members (photo), Tibet: Gedun Rinchen thanks AI (photo) 2. Necessity the mother of invention - the story of the first AI is retold to a meeting of AI coordinators in Brazil (photos) 3. AI's - a network of thousands, translating words into action, involving the UN, around-the-clock protection, governments respond, action in 1995, on the Internet 4. Mexican wave: a flood of official paperwork is set off by AIs on Mexico (photo of Consuelo Morales).

**Keywords:** BELARUS / BRAZIL / CHINA / EQUATORIAL GUINEA / INDIA / MEXICO / MYANMAR / PANAMA / PHOTOGRAPHS / RWANDA / TUNISIA / YEMEN /

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**AI Index:** ACT 77/02/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 8 March 1996

**Title:** International Women's Day: AI calls on all governments to draw up national plans of action on women's rights

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** CHILDREN / SEXUAL ABUSE / WOMEN /

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**AI Index:** DOC 34/03/96

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**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:** AI Urgent Actions: February 1996

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** NO KEYWORD /

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**AI Index:** IOR 30/01/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 27 February 1996

**Title:** ASEM summit must include strong commitment to human rights

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS / MEC / UNIVERSALITY /

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**AI Index:** IOR 30/02/96

**Pages:** 2**Date:** 8 March 1996**Title:** ASEM: business takes precedence over human rights**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.**Keywords:** ASEM AND THE PACIFIC / EUROPE / INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS /

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**AI Index:** IOR 41/03/96

**Pages:** 29**Date:** 1 March 1996**Title:** 1996 UN Commission on Human Rights - recommendations on countries on the agenda**Abstract:** The 52nd session of the UN Commission on Human Rights will meet in Geneva from 18 March to April 26 1996. This document describes AI's concerns about the human rights situation in the countries on the agenda.**Keywords:** UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS / AFGHANISTAN / BURUNDI / CAMBODIA / CUBA / EQUATORIAL GUINEA / FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA / GUATEMALA / HAITI / ISRAEL /

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**AI Index:** IOR 41/05/96

**Pages:** 28**Date:** 1 March 1996**Title:** Women's rights are human rights: commitments made by governments in the Beijing Declaration and the platform for action**Abstract:** This document highlights the commitments made by governments in Beijing which are of most concern to AI. AI makes recommendations in the following main areas: universality of all human rights, ratification and implementation of human rights standards, women activists, violence against women, women and armed conflict, refugee and internally displaced women, human rights education, development assistance and integration across the UN system.**Keywords:** HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS / WOMEN / ARMED CONFLICT / DISPLACED PEOPLE / HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION / INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS / REFUGEES / SEXUAL ASSAULT / UN / UNIVERSALITY / WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS /

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**AI Index:** IOR 41/07/96

**Pages:** 2**Date:** 18 March 1996

**Title:** 1996 UN commission on Human Rights: AI calls on the Commission to take action on human rights violations in China, Colombia, Indonesia and East Timor, Nigeria and Turkey

**Abstract:** There is no abstract for this document.

**Keywords:** CHINA / COLOMBIA / INDONESIA / NIGERIA / TURKEY / UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS /

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**AI Index:** NWS 21/05/96

**Pages:** 8**Date:** 1 March 1996

**Title:** Amnesty International Newsletter March 1996

**Abstract:** 1. Kuwait: Time to face up to past wrongs; 2. Burundi: International community turns a blind eye as killings continue throughout the country; 3. Singapore: Jehovah's Witnesses convicted of membership of illegal society; 4. Focus on Algeria: The cycle of abuses must end; 5. Worldwide appeals on Kenya, Viet Nam, Israel and the Occupied Territories; 6. Haiti: Investigations begin into past violations; 7. Major step forward for permanent International Criminal Court.

**Keywords:** ALGERIA / BURUNDI / HAITI / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / ISRAEL / KENYA / KUWAIT / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / SINGAPORE / UN / VIET NAM /

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