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Further information on UA 122/97 (MDE 30/23/97, 29 April 1997) and follow-up (MDE 30/40/97, 3 July 1997 and MDE 30/41/97, 9 July 1997) - Prisoner of conscience/health concern

**TUNISIA** Mohamed MOUADDA

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Amnesty International is concerned about the recent deterioration of the health of Mohamed Mouadde, who suffers from a duodenal ulcer and high blood pressure.

He began a hunger strike on 13 July to protest at his continued house arrest, and two days later was taken to hospital because he had blood in his urine and high blood pressure. He stopped the hunger strike on advice from doctors and returned home yesterday. He remains under house arrest, unable to leave the house or to receive visits from anyone except his immediate family. His wife, who is also in poor health, is not allowed to be visited by her doctor at home and his son, who was detained and interrogated for several hours on 28 June, is subjected to searches every time he leave the house. Moreover his telephone line remains disconnected and his mail is intercepted. No investigation is known to have been carried out into allegations that he was ill-treated by members of the security forces in charge of enforcing his house arrest order on 4 July.

Amnesty International considers Mohamed Mouadde a prisoner of conscience and calls for the immediate and unconditional lifting of the house arrest order.

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

- calling on the Tunisian authorities to lift the house arrest order of Mohamed Mouadde immediately and unconditionally;
- expressing concern at the deterioration of Mohamed Mouadde's health as a result of his hunger strike, which he undertook to protest at his continued house arrest;
- calling for an investigation to be promptly carried out into Mohamed Mouadde's allegations of ill-treatment on 4 July.

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**Telegrams: Ministre de la Justice, Tunis, Tunisie**

**Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Your Excellency**

2) Minister of the Interior

M. Mohamed Ben Rejeb  
Ministre de l'Intérieur  
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**Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Your Excellency**

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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 29 August 1997.