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Further information (4) on UA 85/95 (MDE 11/02/95, 6 April 1995) - and follow-up(s): MDE 11/03/95, 24 April 1995 and MDE 11/08/95, 10 May 1995 - Arbitrary arrests/Fear of torture/Unlawful killings/Health concern

BAHRAIN Shaikh 'Abd al-Amir Mansur al-Jamri, aged 58
'Afaf 'Abd al-Amir al-Jamri (f), aged 31, daughter of above
Malika Singais (f), aged 27

Amnesty International has learned that 'Afaf 'Abd al-Amir al-Jamri was released on 5 June after having been detained for 27 days without charge or trial. She had been held at a detention facility in Madinat 'Issa and, with the exception of one visit from her mother on 20 May, she was held incommunicado. Her health at the time was reported to be poor and she was said to have suffered significant weight loss. No further information is available at present regarding the circumstances of her release.

'Afaf al-Jamri's father, Shaikh 'Abd al-Amir al-Jamri, remains held without charge or trial since his arrest on 15 April. Until recently, he was believed to have been held at a detention facility in the town of al-Safira, but unconfirmed reports suggest that he may have been transferred elsewhere in the past few days. He continues to be held in solitary confinement, although in the past month he has been allowed several visits by members of his family.

On 20 May he was visited by his wife, who visited him again on 4 June together with several other family members. The visits were said to have taken place at State Security Headquarters in the al-Qal'a complex in the capital, al-Manama. There remain serious concerns for the health of Shaikh al-Jamri, who suffers from a heart disease.

Malika Singais, a secondary school teacher, also remains in detention since her arrest on 6 April. She has been held for 68 days without charge or trial at a detention facility in Madinat 'Issa, reportedly as a hostage in lieu of her brother, 'Adel Singais, who is being sought by the authorities. It is not known whether or not she has been permitted access to her relatives.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- welcoming the release of 'Afaf al-Jamri;
- expressing concern about the continued detention without charge or trial of Shaikh 'Abd al-Amir al-Jamri and Malika Singais;
- urging that all detainees arrested in connection with the widespread protests in Bahrain be granted prompt and regular access to their families, lawyers and independent doctors as necessary;
- urging that these detainees, including Shaikh 'Abd al-Amir al-Jamri and Malika Singais, be released promptly unless they are to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence and tried in accordance with international standards for fair trial.

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