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Further information on UAI 412/94, (EUR 70/28/94, 24 November 1995) - Fear of ill-treatment/torture

Yugoslavia (Kosovo province):

Ramadan Ndrcaj, Rexhep Oruçi (correct spelling of Olluri), Salih Sokoli, Avdi Mehmetdović, Haki Mehmeti, Ali Mehmeti, Blërim Olloni, Sejfullah Sahatçiu, Shefqet Beqa, Remzi Tertica, Adem Shala, Halil Blakaj, Rëshat Maliqi, Jonuz Loshi, Sëlim Çitaku, Ilmi Uka, Abdullah Doroci, Ramadan Ndrca, Shaip Mustafa, Murtez Jahaj, Fadil Hyseni, Bajram Jakaj, Isak Aliu, Idriz Jashari, Enver Ramizi, Esat Mërovi, and other former police officers

and additionally: Halil Kafexholli from Djakovica; Idriz Sëjdiu from Srbica commune; Ilmi Bujari from Suva Reka commune; Shefqet Berisha from Ka_anik; Shërif Shala, Faik Jasiqi, Gani Hajdari, Vllasnim Shëzhu and Shaban Shala from Pë_ commune; Xhavit Osmani and Muhamet Nimani from Djakovica; Shefqet Budakova from Kosovska Mitrovica - all former police-officers.

Amnesty International has learned that Rexhep Oruçi and Salih Sokoli, together with five others: Xhemail Haxhimustafa, Gani Mullabazi, Shaban Dana, Osman Vuçitërma and Bajram Mëxhuani, have been charged with "endangering Yugoslavia's territorial integrity" under Article 116 of the Yugoslav Criminal Code.

They are accused of having created paramilitary forces with the aim of obtaining Kosovo's secession from Yugoslavia. The six are reportedly activists of Kosovo's main ethnic Albanian political party the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK). Rexhep Oruçi and Salih Sokoli are also former police officers and trade unionists. A court in Prizren has ordered that they remain in detention for investigation.

A lawyer defending one of the seven, Shaban Dana, has reportedly alleged that his client was tortured by state security officers in Prizren. Reports indicate that Ramadan Ndrcaj remains in hospital, under police guard, and that he is critically ill.

It is reported that Sejfulla Sahatçiu, Shefqet Beqa and Remzi Tertica are also under investigation in Djakovica, but the charges are not yet known to Amnesty International.

There have been further arrests of former police officers in Djakovica, Srbica, Suva Reka, Ka_anik, Pë_ and Kosovska Mitrovica (see above).

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2. Humanitarian Law Fund

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and to diplomatic representatives of Yugoslavia accredited to your country

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