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## FURTHER INFORMATION ON DOCTORS AND NURSES ARRESTED IN SARAJEVO

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In February 1994 Amnesty International reported on the arrest of a group of doctors and nurses who had been detained in Sarajevo in early January by Bosnian Government forces. The majority were of Serbian nationality, although there was one Croat among the group and another was Jewish. Al has now learned that the four doctors and two nurses were released in a prisoner exchange on 15 June 1994. They are Drs Dejan Kafka, Ranko Medan, Nemanja Veljkov and Marko Vukovi\_, and the nurses have now been named as Verica Vuji\_i\_ and Jagoda Deli\_. Igor Sablak, the fifth doctor named earlier by Al was released soon after his arrest, and it now appears that there were two nurses in detention and not three as earlier reported.

The health professionals all worked at Koševo hospital in Sarajevo, the city's main hospital. It is believed that they were detained for trying to cross to Bosnian Serb-controlled territory without permission. Amnesty International will seek to obtain statements from the former detainees to confirm details of their arrest and detention.

No further action is requested. Thank you to all who appealed on their behalf.