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- Fear of Torture

TUNISIA: Samir MOUSSA
Salaheddine ZIKIKOUT

Salaheddine Zikikout, arrested on 8 August 1993, will be tried on 11 October 1993. He was held for 53 days in incommunicado detention; this is 43 days more than the maximum period allowed under Tunisian law.

Salaheddine Zikikout was brought before the *Procureur de la République* (Prosecutor of the Republic) on 19 September, but he was denied access to his lawyer until 29 September. It is expected that his family will be able to visit him shortly. His trial is due to take place on 11 October at the Tunis Court of First Instance. He is charged with belonging to an unauthorized organization.

Salaheddine Zikikout is said to have been tortured whilst he was held in incommunicado detention. During this time, he reportedly signed a *procès-verbal* (police statement) under duress and without knowing its contents.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action Network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.