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Further information on UA 223/92 (AI Index: EUR 48/19/92, 3 July 1992) - Death Penalty, Fair Trial Concern

YUGOSLAVIA: Sentenced to death:
 Martin ŠABLJI_
 Zoran ŠIPOŠ
 Nikola IBARI_
 Sentenced to Terms of Imprisonment:
 Jure MARUŠI_
 Ante VRANKOVI_
 Domazet BARTOL
 Slavko MADJAREVI_

On 29 July 1992 Milan Pani_, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Franjo Greguri_, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia reached an agreement to release their prisoners of war according to the principle of "all for all" and without conditions. The first exchange under this agreement took place on 14 August 1992. Amnesty International has received confirmation that Martin Šablji_, Zoran Šipoš, Nikola ibari_, Jure Maruši_, Ante Vrankovi_, Domazet Bartol and Slavko Madjarevi_ were exchanged near the Croatian village of Nemetin on that day.

Three other Croatian soldiers, Zdenko Novak, Franjo Brodjanac and Zoran Cako, who had been awaiting trial on similar charges were also exchanged. In July 1992 Amnesty International sent a delegation to observe their trial. The trial was immediately adjourned and never resumed. Amnesty International believes that this was in anticipation of the exchange, although this was not given as the official reason.

Amnesty International may have further concerns about some of those prisoners who have not yet been exchanged, and some possible fair trial concerns about some of these still held, but the organisation is awaiting further exchanges before considering further action.

No further appeals are required on this UA. Further action will be initiated if required. Thank you to all those who have participated in appeals for the above persons.