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**PLEASE ORGANIZE 10 APPEALS PER SECTION.**

Further information on UA 170/91 (MDE 15/29/91, 17 May 1991) - Legal Concern

ISRAEL AND THE  
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES:

Abie Nathan

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Abie Nathan, a well-known Israeli peace campaigner, ended his hunger-strike on 6 June 1991 after 40 days. He had been on hunger-strike in protest against a 1986 law forbidding contacts between Israeli citizens and groups designated as "terrorist" by the Israeli authorities.

Although he did not succeed in his aim of changing the law, Abie Nathan reportedly said that the time had come to end his fast because his message had been heard. *"I felt that suddenly people are ready to continue the battle with me and I am not alone,"* he is quoted as having said.

Abie Nathan remains on trial under the law on the charge that he met Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunis in March 1990. Amnesty International believes that, if convicted and imprisoned, Abie Nathan would be a prisoner of conscience, held solely on account of his non-violent political beliefs and peace activities. Amnesty International continues to call for all charges against him to be dropped, and for the Israeli authorities to review the law to ensure that it does not result in the imprisonment of prisoners of conscience.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Express and airmail letters only should continue to be written:**

- expressing concern that Abie Nathan remains on trial, and would be a prisoner of conscience if convicted and imprisoned;
- asking the Israeli authorities to drop all charges against him;
- urging the authorities to review this law to ensure that it does not result in the imprisonment of prisoners of conscience.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 July 1991.