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Further information on UA 329/91 (MDE 16/06/91, 7 October 1991) -  
Detention without trial/ hunger-strike

JORDAN

Khaled Ibrahim Ahmad 'Asha  
Muhammad Mahmud Hasan 'Asha  
Yusuf Ahmad Yusuf al-Bayed  
'Abd al-Rahman Muhammad 'Abd al-Fattah Abu Madi  
Jihad Muhammad Musa al-Najjar  
Khalil 'Abdullah Salem Abu Sal'um  
Ahmad Muhammad 'Abd al-'Aziz Abu Shamirah  
Anwar 'Abd al-Rahman Yasin

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Three of the eight detainees on hunger-strike in protest at their prolonged detention without trial have now been transferred to hospital. In addition to Khalil Abu Sal'um, reportedly taken to the al-Husayn Medical City on 6 October 1991, Muhammad Mahmud 'Asha and Khaled Ibrahim 'Asha are also reported to have been hospitalized on 7 and 8 October. Their families have not been allowed to visit them and are gravely concerned about their health.

The eight detainees have been held since early April 1991, apparently without charges and without having been informed of the legal basis for their detention.

Amnesty International continues to be concerned about the situation of these detainees, particularly about the health conditions of those now hospitalized. The organization is renewing its appeals to the Jordanian authorities that they release the eight detainees unless they are to be charged and given a fair trial without delay, and that they provide them with all appropriate medical care. It is also calling for families to be allowed to visit them.

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**PLEASE ORGANIZE UP TO 10 APPEALS PER SECTION**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern at the prolonged detention without trial of these eight prisoners and at the health of those who have been transferred to hospital;
- calling for their release unless they are to be charged and given a fair trial without delay;
- calling for them to receive all appropriate medical care and family visits.

**APPEALS TO:**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Jordan in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 November 1991.