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@UPDATE ON TUNISIA: Imprisonment of a Journalist

Further information on Tunisia: Imprisonment of a Journalist,
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Mohammed Nouri, a Tunisian lawyer sentenced to six months' imprisonment by the military court on 31 January 1991 for writing an article entitled "When will military courts, serving as special courts, be abolished?" had his sentence confirmed by the cour de cassation (Cassation Court) on 6 March 1991. He was arrested and imprisoned on 9 March 1991. The Tunisian cassation court, the only appeal court for cases tried by the military court, looks only at points of law and not at facts and findings.

Hamadi Jebali, editor of the weekly Al-Fajr (Dawn) in which the article appeared, was sentenced by the military court in Tunis on 31 January 1991 to one year in prison, as described in the above document. His sentence was also confirmed by the Cassation Court on 6 March 1991.

Amnesty International considers Mohammed Nouri and Hamadi Jebali to be prisoners of conscience, imprisoned for peacefully exercising their right to freedom of expression. Appeals for their immediate and unconditional release should be sent to the addresses given in the previous document (AI Index: MDE 30/06/91).

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