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Further information on UA 70/92 (AFR 56/02/92, 26 February 1992) -
Legal/Medical Concern

TANZANIA: Juma Ngwali
Omar Msellem
Mkubwa Makame
Soud Mohammed Nuhu
Said Abdulla
Ali Nassor
Massoud Ali
Nassor Seif
Othman Makame
and six others whose names are unknown

and new name Ismail "Kopa"

Amnesty International has learned that Juma Ngwali and the other prominent government opponents named above arrested on 25 February 1992 were released uncharged the next day. As a condition of their release, they were reportedly made to sign a promise that they would not meet together for the next six months.

It has been reported that Ismail "Kopa" was arrested in Zanzibar on 27 February 1992 and accused of insulting the ruling party in Tanzania, the Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM). He is believed to have been remanded in custody and a bail application is due to be heard in court on 5 March 1992.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- welcoming the release without charge of 15 people arrested on 25 February 1992 who Amnesty International believed might have been prisoners of conscience held for the non-violent expression of their political beliefs;
- expressing concern at the arrest of Ismail "Kopa" on 27 February 1992 on the island of Zanzibar who Amnesty International believes may be a prisoner of conscience;
- seeking assurances that the authorities are not using a criminal charge as a means of silencing a non-violent political opponent of the government;

- asking where he is being held and seeking assurances that he is being humanely treated and that he has access to visits from his lawyer and family.

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APPEALS TO:

1) The Hon. Ndugu Salmin Amour
President of Zanzibar
Office of the President of Zanzibar
PO BOX 776
Zanzibar, Tanzania
Telegrams: President, Zanzibar, Tanzania
Telexes: 57311, 57367

Salutation: Dear President

2) The Hon. Ndugu Omar Ali Juma
Chief Minister of Zanzibar
Office of the Chief Minister
PO BOX 437
Zanzibar, Tanzania
Telegrams: Chief Minister, Zanzibar, Tanzania
Telexes: 57017

Salutation: Dear Chief Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

His Excellency Ndugu Ali Hassan Mwinyi
President of the United Republic of Tanzania
Office of the President
State House
PO BOX 9120
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The Hon. Ndugu Idi Pandu Hassan
Attorney-General of Zanzibar
Office of the Attorney-General
PO BOX 437
Zanzibar, Tanzania

and to diplomatic representatives of Tanzania in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 16 April 1992.