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HAITI

David DESNOYER, aged 27

Amnesty International is concerned about the "disappearance" of David Desnoyer, following his arrest, reportedly by members of the security forces, on 12 April 1994.

According to reports, David Desnoyer was with one other person at the time of his arrest, which took place near Habitation Leclerc, Port-au-Prince. The other person was shot at but managed to escape. In spite of enquiries at several centres of detention by relatives of David Desnoyer, he has not been located.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There has been a marked upsurge in the number of human rights violations reported in Haiti in recent weeks. In mid-March 1994 the United Nations/Organisation of American States human rights observer mission in Haiti and Haitian human rights activists announced that there had been at least 75 apparent extrajudicial executions recorded in the country over a six week period. The victims, many of whom had been mutilated, appeared to have been targeted because of their support for the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The number of apparent extrajudicial executions during the last six weeks is reminiscent of September-October 1993 when *attachés* carried out a campaign of intimidation and abuses against President Aristide's followers, aimed at blocking his return, which had been projected for 30 October 1993.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in French or English or in your own language:

- expressing concern at reports that David Desnoyer has "disappeared" following his reported arrest by members of the Haitian security forces;
- urging that his whereabouts be clarified;
- urging that while in detention, his physical security be guaranteed and that he be granted access to a lawyer, a doctor and relatives;
- asking that he be charged with a recognisable criminal offence or else released.

APPEALS TO:

1) Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces:
Monsieur le Général Raoul CEDRAS
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Grand Quartier général des Forces armées d'Haiti
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Salutation: Monsieur le Général / Dear General

2) Chief of National Police:

Monsieur le Lt.Colonel Michel FRANÇOIS
Chef de la Police nationale
Grand Quartier général de la police
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Telegrams: Chef, Police Nationale, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Salutation: Monsieur le Lt. Colonel / Dear Lt. Colonel

3) Anti-gang investigation and research service:

Monsieur le Capitaine Joanis JACKSON
Chef du Service d'investigation
et de recherches anti-gang
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

**Telegrams: Chef du Service d'investigation et de recherches anti-gang,
Port-au-Prince, Haiti**

Salutation: Monsieur le Capitaine / Dear Captain

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Newspapers:

Haiti en Marche
173 N.W. 94 St
Miami
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and to diplomatic representatives of Haiti accredited to your country.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 May 1994.