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**Further information on UA 149/93 (ASA 17/18/93, 10 May 1993) - and follow-up:  
ASA 17/25/93, 18 June 1993. - Death resulting from torture/Fear of torture**

**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:Lai Manping and other Christians**

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Amnesty International has recently received reports which claim that up to 25 Christians from Xunyang county, Shaanxi province, were rearrested by officers from the Ankang public security (police) bureau on 1 September 1993. Six of the 25 are believed to remain in detention.

The detained Christians were among a group of 90 who were believed to have been arrested in March 1993 after an incident in which it is alleged that a group of Christians were severely beaten by police officers and that one of the group, a young man named Lai Manping, subsequently died as a result of the beating.

According to the reports, one of those detained recently is the author of a letter smuggled out of China in April 1993 which gave a detailed description of the incident in Xunyang county in March 1993. The local police have reportedly demanded that the statements made in the letter be retracted. It has also been reported that the police are anxious to discover the identity of the person who took the photographs of Lai Manping's body and of another of the torture victims.

Over the past few months reports have been received about the Ankang public security bureau's concern that details of the incident, which resulted in Lai Manping's death, had been publicized abroad.

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

- expressing concern at reports that a number of Christians from Xunyang county, Shaanxi province, were rearrested on 1 September 1993 by the Ankang public security bureau, and that these arrests are reportedly connected with the events surrounding the death of Lai Manping in March 1993;
- urging the authorities to disclose the names of the detained Christians;
- urging the authorities to ensure that the Christians are not ill-treated in detention and that they be released immediately and unconditionally unless charged with a recognizably criminal offence according to international standards;
- urging the authorities to carry out an impartial investigation into the allegations of ill-treatment of the Christians in March and the death of Lai Manping, and to make the results public.

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**Telegram:** Governor Bai Qingcai, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China**Salutation:** Dear Governor**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:** diplomatic representatives of People's Republic of China accredited to your country.**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 9 December 1993.