CENTRAL AFRICA

Al Index: AFR 02/33/96 Network: UA-286/96

Pages: 2

Pate: 5 December 1996

Title:Zaire/Rwanda: "Disappearances"/fear for safety

Abstract: Phoeas Nikwigize, Rwandese Catholie bishop, in his 70s, Michel Twagirayesu, former head of the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda, and his wife and son: Phoeas Nikwigize, former bishop of Ruhengeri in northwestern Rwanda who had been a refugee in Zaire since 1994, has "disappeared" in Goma. He has not been seen since 30 November 1996. Michel Twagirayesu "disappeared" in eastern Zaire towards the end of October and the whereabouts of his family are also unknown.

Keywords: AGED / DISAPPEARANCES / FAMILIES / REFUGEES / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - PROTESTANT/RWANDA/WOMEN/ZAIRE/

CENTRAL AFRICA

Al Index: AFR 02/36/96 Network: EXTRA-189/96

Pages: 1

Patz: 6 December 1996

Title: Rwanda/Tanzania: Fear of refoulement: more than 500,000 Rwandese refugees in Tanzania

Abstract: The Tanzanian Government and the United Nations fligh Commissioner for Refugees have issued a joint statement in which the Government of Tanzania states that all Rwandese refugees can now return to their country in safety and that they are expected to return home by 31 December 1996. Amnesty International fears that some of the refugees may be at risk of serious human rights violations on their return and also fears that they may be forcibly returned.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / ETHNIC GROUPS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RWANDA / TANZANIA / UNTICR /

CENTRAL AFRICA

Al Index: AFR 02/38/96 Network: EXTRA-189/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 12 December 1996

Title: Rwanda/Tanzania/Uganda: Further information on fear of refoulement: more than 500,000 Rwandese refugees in Tanzania

Abstract: Following the statement issued by the Tanzanian Government and the UNHCR that all Rwandese refugees in Tanzania were expected to return home by 31 December 1996, thousands of refugees have reportedly fled from the refugee camps. There is grave concern that these refugees have fled to areas of the country where they have no protection, and that they remain at risk of forcible repatriation.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / ETHNIC GROUPS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RWANDA / TANZANIA / UGANDA / UNTICR /

CENTRAL AFRICA

Al Index: AFR 02/41/96 Network: EXTRA-189/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 18 December 1996

Title: Rwanda/Tanzania: Further information on fear of refoulement: more than 500,000 Rwandese refugees in Tanzania

Abstract: Over 130,000 of the more than 500,000 refugees in Tanzania are now reported to have returned to Rwanda after their foreible expulsion from Tanzania. Hundreds of thousands more are expected to cross the border in the next few days. There remains concern for around 100,000 other refugees who have fled into the countryside, and at the continuing policy of refoulement. Amnesty International is also investigating unconfirmed reports of beatings and ill-treatment of some refugees by the Tanzania security forces.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / ETHNIC GROUPS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RWANDA / TANZANIA / UNHCR/

CAST AFRICA

Al Index: AFR 04/04/96 Network: UA-211/96 Pages: 1

Patz: 2 December 1996

Title: Cthiopia / Djibouti: Further information on fear for safety / refoulement / "disappearance"

Abstract: Girmay Moges Newaye-Mariam, Muhyadin Muftah, Hussein Ahmed Aydrus, Yusuf Hersi Ollow, Elmi Ahmed, Abdiqadir Dahir, Abdikarim Hussein Hassan, Ahmed Mohamed, Abdullahi Haliye and Abdullahi Qaji: None of the Somali detainees who were returned from Djibouti and Somaliland has been taken to court or charged, and all are still detained in secret and incommunicado. Al has received reports that Abdullahi Haliye is suffering from torture injuries, for which he is not being allowed medical treatment. Hussein Aydrus is also reportedly suffering from torture injuries, his whereabouts in detention in Addis-Ababa are not known. Muhyadin Muftah is still "disappeared" since he was forcibly returned from Djibouti on 23 August 1996.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / DIBOUTI / ETHIOPIA / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AS VICTIMS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / TEACHERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

BURUNDI

Al Index: AFR 16/36/96 Network: CXTRA-172/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 28 November 1996

Title:Burundi: Further information on fear of "disappearance" and new concern: extrajudicial execution: Melchior Bigirimana

Abstract: Melchior Bigirimana is now known to have been summarily executed on 5 November 1996. An official of the Brigade speciale de recherches (BSR) is reported to have taken him and nine others to Bwiza district in Bujumbura where they were handed over to members of a Tutsi militia. All were summarily executed.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / DISAPPEARANCES / ENGINEERS / ETHNIC GROUPS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION /

BURUNDI

Al Index: AFR 16/37/96 Network: EXTRA-184/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 29 November 1996

Title:Burundi: Disappearance /fear of extrajudicial execution

Abstract: A number of prisoners including: Lambert Ntawuhebimana, Nkerabahizi, Bigirimana, Remegie Bikorimana, Ananias Baransananiye: Amnesty International is concerned that on 27 November 1996, members of the Burundi security forces took a number of prisoners from Muyinga prison allegedly to be tried in their villages. None of the prisoners have been seen since and Amnesty International fears that the men are at grave risk of extrajudicial execution.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / DISAPPEARANCES /

BURUNDI

Al Index: AFR 16/38/96 Network: EXTRA-186/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 5 December 1996

Title:Burundi: III-treatment /fear for safety /possible prisoner of conscience: Laurence Rusuku (f)

Abstract: The above, a 35-year-old teacher at Rutegama secondary school in Muramvya, is reported to have been beaten in custody and is being held incommunicado. Amnesty International believes Laurence Rusuku may be a prisoner of conscience detained solely on account of her being the wife of Basile Ntamazeze, who was the head of the local branch of the former ruling party Front for Democracy in Burundi.

Keywords:ARMED CONFLICT / FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POSSIBLE POC / TEACHERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/WOMEN/

CAMEROON

Al Index: AFR 17/10/96 Network: UA-260/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 27 November 1996

Title: Cameroon: Further information on fear of torture and ill-treatment: three students

Abstract: Roger Alexis Wamba, Armand Mbe, and Blaise Ngoune were conditionally released from detention on 22 November 1996. Two other students arrested with them, Alfred Ondona and Zefae Tonang, were also subsequently released.

Keywords: CONDITIONAL RELEASE / STRIKES / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

CAMEROON

Al Index: AFR 17/11/96 Network: UA-250/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 December 1996

Title: Cameroon: Further information on prisoner of conscience /fear of further POCs

Abstract: Evariste Menouga, Peter William Mandio - journalists on Le Nouvel Independent newspaper: There have been further arrests of journalists in Cameroon. Evariste Menouga was arrested on 27 November 1996 in Yaounde. His colleague, Peter William Mandio, was arrested around 7 December. They were detained in connection with an article criticizing the Minister of Public Works. No charges have yet been brought against either journalist, and their detention has exceeded the 72 hours allowed by law when they must either be charged or released.

Keywords: Censorship / Detention without Trial / editors / journalists / possible poc / prisoners of conscience / unlawful detention /

CAMEROON

Al Index: AFR 17/12/96 Network: UA-250/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 13 December 1996

Title: Cameroon: Further information on prisoner of conscience /fear of further POCs

Abstract: Evariste Menouga, Peter William Mandio, journalists on Le Nouvel Independant newspaper; and new name: Daniel Atangana, journalist on Le Front Independant newspaper: Daniel Atangana was arrested on 10 December 1996, following an article which appeared in Le Front Independant about the commander of the presidential guard. The editorial director, Josue Banga Kack, had been arrested on 4 December and held for 48 hours before being released without charge. Evariste Menouga, Peter William Mandio and Daniel Atangana are being held by the gendarmerie in Yaounde without charge, exceeding the 72 hours allowed by law.

Keywords: Censorship / Detention without trial / editors / journalists / possible poc/unlawful Detention /

CAMEROON

Al Index: AFR 17/13/96 Network: UA-250/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 18 December 1996

Title: Cameroon: Further information on prisoner of conscience /fear of further POCs

Abstract: Evariste Menouga, Peter William Mandio, Daniel Atangana: Peter William Mandio, a journalist, was released without charge on 16 December 1996. There remains concern, however, for the two other journalists who continue to be detained garde a vue and without charge.

Keywords: Censorship / Detention without Trial / editors / incommunicado detention / journalists / prisoners of conscience / release /

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Al Index: AFR 20/15/96 Network: UA-296/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 19 December 1996

Title: Chad: Fear of extrajudicial executions

Abstract: Georges Toubade, Karbida Nerobe and four unidentified men: Amnesty International is extremely concerned at an order, signed by Chad's Director General of the National Gendarmerie, which instructs all members of the Gendarmerie to extrajudicially execute criminals caught in the act. On 12 November in N'Djamena, Georges Toubade and Karbida Nerobe, were arrested on suspicion of theft. They are reported to have been beaten at the Dembe gendarmerie station before being shot on the same day. On 3 December the bodies of four unidentified men, bearing traces of torture, were found near the village of Djalali Arabe. Other extrajudicial executions have also been reported. Amnesty International is demanding the withdrawal of this order.

Keywords: EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

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Al Index: AFR 20/16/96 Network: UA-298/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 20 December 1996

Title: Chad: Torture / fgar of torture / medical concern

Abstract: Nestor Mbailo, Vineent Mbainaissem, farmer, Gregoire Boltoungar, Fleuri Nebadjingum, Emmanuel Maiadjim, Blaise Mbaidoual, Polinaire Mbaodji, Raymond Mbailassem: The above eight men were arrested in Logone occidental in August and September 1996, on suspicion of belonging to an armed group. It is not known if they have been charged with any offence. There is grave concern for their safety following reports that they have been severely tortured and are reported to have been denied medical attention.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / RESTRAINTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

COTE D'IVOIRE

Al Index: AFR 31/05/96 Network: UA-301/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 24 December 1996

Title: Cote d'Ivoire: Legal concern /fear of ill-treatment

Abstract: Pieas Damang, Charles Ble Goude, Souleymang Kamarate, Sylvanus Gorg: Pieas Damang, deputy secretary general of the Federation estudianting et scolaire de Cote d'Ivoire (FESCI, Ivorian Federation of Student and School Pupils), and three other FESCI leaders have been held incommunicado since 19 December and there are fears they may be at risk of ill-treatment. They appear to be prisoners of conscience, held because of their membership of FESCI, an organization which the government claims has been outlawed.

Keywords: BANNING / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POSSIBLE POC / STUDENTS /

Kenya

Al Index: AFR 32/16/96 Network: CXTRA-191/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 9 December 1996

Title: Kenya: Health concern / prisoners of conscience

Abstract: Koigi wa Wamwere, aged 47, human rights activist, former political prisoner, former member of parliament, journalist, Charles Kuria Wamwere, former political prisoner, G.G. Njuguna Ngengi, councillor for Molo, farmer: Amnesty International is concerned about the health of prisoner of conscience Koigi wa Wamwere, who was sentenced with the two other men above to four years' imprisonment and six strokes of the cane in October 1995. He was taken to hospital on 4 November 1996 because of a heart abnormality which requires medical treatment which is not available in Kenya.

Keywords: Corporal punishment / Farmers / Human Rights activists / Ill-Health / Journalists / Local Government Representatives / Prisoners of Conscience /

Kenya

Al Index: AFR 32/17/96 Network: EXTRA-191/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 16 December 1996

Title: Kenya: Further information on health concern / prisoners of conscience

Abstract: Koigi wa Wamwere (47) human rights activist, former political prisoner, former member of parliament, journalist; Charles Kuria Wamwere, former political prisoner; GG Njuguna Ngengi, councillor for Molo, farmer: On 13 December 1996 Koigi wa Wamwere was released on bail on health grounds. He is due to travel to the United Kingdom shortly for urgent treatment for his heart complaint. There remains concern for prisoners of conscience GG Njuguna Ngengi who has non-insulin dependant diabetes, and Charles Kuria Wamwere who has a stomach problem. Their poor diets mean that these complaints are exacerbated.

Keywords: Conditional Release / Farmers / Human Rights activists / Ill-Health / Journalists / Medical Treatment / Parliamentarians / Prisoners of Conscience

NIGERIA

Al Index: AFR 44/34/96 Network: UA-21/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 26 November 1996

Title:Nigeria: Further information on: prisoner of conscience /legal concern /health concern

Abstract: Chief Gani Fawehinmi, aged about 57, lawyer, human rights activist, President of the National Conscience Party (NCP); Femi Falana, lawyer, human rights activist, President of the National Association of Democratic Lawyers, Femi Aborisade, leading member of the NCP, human rights activist: On 20 November 1996 the three prisoners of conscience named above were released unconditionally. The authorities have given no explanation for their incommunicado detention without charge or trial which lasted for nearly a year.

Keywords: HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / ILL-HEALTH / LAWYERS / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /

NIGERIA

Al Index: AFR 44/36/96 Network: UA-289/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 12 December 1996

Title:Nigeria: Fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience: Chief Olabiyi Durojaiye

Abstract: Chief Olabiyi Purojaiye, aged 63, is a lawyer, an economist and a founding member of the National Pemocratic Coalition (NAPECO). Since 3 December 1996 he has been detained in military custody, incommunicado and without charge, and he is believed to be a possible prisoner of conscience.

Keywords: Detention without trial / economists / elections / incommunicado detention / lawyers / military / political activists / possible poc/

NIGERIA

Al Index: AFR 44/37/96 Network: UA-299/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 20 December 1996

Title: Nigeria: Fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience

Abstract: Ayodele Anselm Akele, quantity surveyor, Chairman of Campaign for Independent Unions, former Lagos State Chairman of the National Union of Public and Corporate Employees; Pr Frederick Fasheun, medical doctor and Acting Chairman of the Campaign for Democracy: Both the above men were detained by police on 18 December 1996. Ayodele Anselm Akele had earlier been arrested and released on 16 December. There is concern that he may have been ill-treated. There is concern that both men may have been detained for their trade union, pro-democracy and human rights activities and that they may be prisoners of conscience.

Keywords: Detention without trial / Doctors / Incommunicado Detention / Political activists / Possible poc/rearrest/torture/ill-treatment/trade unionists/

RWANDA

Al Index: AFR 47/26/96 Network: UA-238/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 12 December 1996

Title: Rwanda: Further information on "disappearance" / fear for safety: Sylvere Kanani

Abstract: Amnesty International has learned that Sylvere Kanani was released on bail on 27 November 1996. The reasons for his arrest and pending charges remain unclear. He was detained incommunicado by soldiers of the Rwandese Patriotic Army (RPA) for 22 days, during which time he was beaten and suffered death threats. There continues to be concern for his safety.

Keywords:CONDITIONAL RELEASE / HARASSMENT / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY / REAPPEARANCE/TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/

ZAIRE

Al Index: AFR 62/27/96 Network: UA-283/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 4 December 1996

Title:Zaire: Ill-treatment/medical concern

Abstract: Willy Misihiki, former parliamentarian, Joseph Olenga Nkoy, parliamentarian, and dozens of others held incommunicado throughout Kinshasa: Amnesty International is concerned for the health and safety of the above men, currently detained incommunicado in Kinshasa. It appears that both detaineds were beaten at the time of the arrest and need medical treatment. Willy Misihiki was detained apparently for his involvement in student demonstrations. Joseph Olenga Nkoy was arrested after a press conference in which he criticized the role of the government in dealing with the conflict in the east of Zaire. Both of them have been charged with an "attack on state security".

Keywords: Censorship / Demonstrations / ILL-Health / Incommunicado Detention / Opposition politicians / parliamentarians / students /

MERICAS

Al Index: AMR 01/13/96 Network: UA-278/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 28 November 1996

Title:Colombia/Panama: Fear for safety / fear or refoulement

Abstract: Refugee peasant farmers of the Uraba region, deported or facing deportation from Panama, internally displaced peasant farmers fleeing from Uraba: According to reports, some 400 peasant farmers and their families fled to Panama after violence broke out between leftist guerrillas and right wing paramilitary units operating in the Uraba region in Colombia. 88 Colombian refugees have been repatriated and this has raised fears for their safety and that of over 200 other refugees facing deportation by the Panamanian authorities. At least 75 peasant farmer families are said to have arrived in Apartado trying to escape from the violence in Uraba.

Keywords: AGED / COLOMBIA / DEPORTATION / DISPLACED PEOPLE / FAMILIES / PANAMA / PARAMILITARIES / POLITICAL VIOLENCE / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / WOMEN /

BRAZIL

Al Index: AMR 19/34/96 Network: UA-284/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 4 December 1996

Title:Brazil: Fear for safety

Abstract: Katithaurlu Indians, Ariovaldo Jose dos Santos, FUNAI field worker, Sebastiao Moreira, CIMI Coordinator, Mato Grosso: Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of a group of 76 Katithaurlu Indians, after an attack on their village in Mato Grosso s tate by a group of loggers on 16 November 1996. All is also concerned for the safety of the two men named above who have received death threats due to their work monitoring the situation in the Sarare indigenous lands and their calls for the withdrawal of land invaders from the area.

Keywords: Human Rights activists / Indigenous peoples / Land problems / Non-Governmental organizations /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/66/96 Network: UA-431/94

Pages: 1

Pate: 27 November 1996

Title: Colombia: Further information on fear for safety /possible "disappearance"

Abstract: Gerardo Estrada Yaspuesan, indigenous leader, Marco Antonio Nasner and Alfredo Basante, both members of indigenous communities. Amnesty International has learned of the killing of the 3 people named above on 8 November 1996. The three men were killed following a reported campaign of death threats and intimidation against the community by army-backed paramilitary groups and the armed opposition group CLN, National Liberation Army.

Keywords: COMMUNITY LEADERS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / PARAMILITARIES /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/67/96 Network: UA-387/94

Pages: 1

Pate: 29 November 1996

Title: Colombia: Further information on fear for safety: Pedro Julio Mahecha Avila

Abstract: Since October 1996, Pedro Julio Mahecha Avila and his family have been subjected to intimidation and harassment by persons believed to be members of the Colombian security forces. All is seriously concerned for their safety.

Keywords: FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / LAWYERS /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/68/96 Network: UA-181/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 December 1996

Title:Colombia: Further information on fear for safety /apparent extrajudicial execution /"disappearance"

Abstract: Juan Pavid Lopez Herrero (37), mechanic, and new names: Luis Angel Guerra (40), Hernando Restrepo (55): There continues to be serious concern for the safety of the civilian population of Zaragoza, department of Antioquia, following the apparent extrajudicial executions of Luis Angel Guerra and Hernando Restrepo on 1 December 1996 by a paramilitary group. Juan Pavid Lopez Herrero remains "disappeared".

Keywords: Community Leaders / Disappearances / extrajudicial execution / Harassment / Manual workers / Miners / Nurses / paramilitaries / peasants / Traders / Women /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/69/96 Network: UA-74/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 December 1996

Title: Colombia: Further information on fear for safety /possible extrajudicial executions /"disappearance": Peasant farmer families living on, and forcibly displaced from, the Bellacruz Ranch, department of Cesar

Abstract:Belen Torres, Adelmo Segundo Rodriguez, Cesar Quintero, Brigadier Ropero, Isai Canizares, Ciro Botello; and new names: Ariel Toscano; Killed: Jesus Toscano, Diosenel Toscano, Dinael Toscano, Jose del Carmen Toscano: According to reports, members of a paramilitary group killed Diosenel, Dinael and Jose del Carmen Toscano on 5 December in Valledupar, department of Cesar. All three brothers were peasant farmers. Their other brother, Jesus Toscano, had been killed on 30 November in Pelaya. The paramilitaries are reportedly looking for Ariel Toscano who is now in hiding.

Keywords: extrajudicial execution / Land problems / paramilitaries / peasant leaders / peasants/

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/71/96 Network: UA-290/96

Pages: 2
Pate: 12 December 1996

Title: Colombia: Possible extrajudicial executions /fear for safety

Abstract: Heli Gomez Osorio, Jose Loaiza Correa, at least eight other municipal ombudsmen: There is serious concern for the safety of municipal human rights ombudsmen (personeros) in Antioquia department following the recent killings of Heli Gomez Osorio and Jose Loaiza Correa, reportedly by paramilitaries.

Keywords:CIVIL SERVANTS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / PARAMILITARIES /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/72/96 Network: UA-186/95

Pages: 1

Patz: 18 December 1996

Title:Colombia: Further information on "disappearance" / fear for safety

Abstract: Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy, Astrid Liliana Gonzalez Jaramillo, John Ricardo Ubate Monroy, Gloria Bogota: Al continues to be seriously concerned for the safety of Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy, after a written death threat against her was delivered to the Bogota office of the Asociacion de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos (ASFADDES). Sandra del Pilar Ubate and her family continue to be kept under surveillance by persons believed to be members of the Colombian security forces. Astrid Liliana Gonzalez Jaramillo was recently forced to leave Colombia because of fears for her safety. There is no further news about John Ricardo Ubate Monroy and Gloria Bogota.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / IMPUNITY / SURVEILLANCE / WOMEN /

COSTA RICA

ฟ Index: MMR 24/04/96 Network: UM-216/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 19 December 1996

Title: Costa Rica: Further information on fear for safety

Abstract: Reina Xiomara Zelaya Gonzalez and her daughters: Maryuri Johanna Zelaya Gonzalez, aged 6 (f), Stephania Xiomara Caballero Zelaya, aged 12 (f), Cynthia Lorena Caballero Zelaya, aged 13 (f): Reina Xiomara Zelaya Gonzalez and her young daughters continue to be harassed and intimidated by unidentified men, believed to be members of the Honduran security forces.

Keywords:CHILDREN/FAMILIES/HARASSMENT/HONDURAS/REFUGEES/SURVEILLANCE/WOMEN

GUATEMALA

Al Index: AMR 34/34/96 Network: EXTRA-193/96

Pages: 1

Patg: 16 December 1996

Title: Guatemala: Fear of impunity: amnesty law

Abstract: Amnesty International is concerned that a new draft amnesty law, Ley de Reconciliacion Nacional, which is about to be debated by the Guatemalan Congress, may mean that those who committed gross human rights violations in the past will remain immune from prosecution.

Keywords: AMNESTIES FOR VIOLATORS / IMPUNITY / LEGISLATION /

JAMAICA

Al Index: AMR 38/03/96 Network: EXTRA-194/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 16 December 1996

Title: Jamaica: Death penalty: fear of imminent execution

Abstract: Amnesty International is concerned that several prisoners on death row have been moved to the condemned cell and may be executed in the immediate future. The names of the prisoners concerned are not yet known.

Keywords: Death sentence/

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/79/96 Network: UA-200/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 27 November 1996

Title: Mexico: Further information on death threats / fear for safety

Abstract: Pilar Norigga (f), and Digna Ochoa (f), lawyers; David Fernandez Davalos, Jesuit priest; new name: Victor Brenes, lawyer: Staff members of the non-governmental human rights organization, Centro de Derechos Humanos Agustin Pro Juarez, A.C. (PRODH), have received further threats. Al remains deeply concerned for their safety.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / LAWYERS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC/

MEXICO

ฟ Index: AMR 41/80/96 Network: UA-287/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 9 December 1996

Title: Mexico: Death threats /fear for safety: Juan Jose Pelayo Zepeda

Abstract:On 1 December 1996, the above, a 32-year-old human rights activist and priest, received the latest in a series of death threats warning him to stop his work on behalf of his community. He is a member of the Academy Jalisciense of Human Rights and has long been working with peasant and indigenous communities in Jalisco State.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / LAND PROBLEMS / PEASANTS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/81/96 Network: UA-265/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 10 December 1996

Title:Mexico: Further information on fear for safety: Ruth Yudit Ortega Orozco (f), her family and fellow students

Abstract:Ruth Yudit Ortega Orozco, a 21-year-old student activist, continues to be the victim of threats and intimidation. The authorities have refused her request for protective measures to be taken.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / STUDENTS / WOMEN /

MEXICO

ମା Index: ମMR 41/82/96 Network: ଧମ-265/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 13 December 1996

Title: Mexico: Further information on fear for safety: Ruth Yudit Ortega Orozeo (f), her family and fellow students

Abstract:On the night of 10 December 1996, student activist Ruth Yudit Ortega Orozeo received two more threatening phone calls. She is still waiting to hear if the authorities will provide her effective protection.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / STUDENTS / WOMEN /

MEXICO Al Index: AMR 41/83/96 Network: UA-200/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 18 December 1996

Title: Mexico: Further information on death threats / fear for safety

Abstract: Pilar Noriega (f), and Pigna Ochoa (f), lawyers; Pavid Fernandez Pavalos, Jesuit priest; Victor Brenes, lawyer: On 12 December the Mexican government announced that it had established a special investigative body within the Procuradia General de la Republica, Attorney General's Office, to address the serious problem of violations against human rights defenders.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES /

MEXICO Al Index: AMR 41/84/96
Network: EXTRA-196/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 20 December 1996

Title: Mexico: Fear for safety

Abstract: Norma Mesino Mesino (f), Donaleiano Valencia Juarez: There is concern for the safety of the above peasant activists and human rights defenders who will return to Mexico at the end of December 1996. They have been touring several countries in Europe meeting leading human rights organization to explain the dire human rights situation affecting their peasant organizations in the southern states of Guerrero and Oaxaca.

Keywords: Harassment / Human rights defenders / peasants / political activists / women

 PERU
 Al Index: AMR 46/23/96

 Network: UA-277/96

pages: 1

Pate: 27 November 1996

Title:Peru: Fear for safety /prisoner of conscience: General Rodolfo Robles Espinoza

Abstract: Amnesty International is seriously concerned about the arbitrary detention on 26 November 1996 of dissident retired army general Rodolfo Robles Espinoza, following public statements he made, in which he attributed responsibility for a recent bomb attack and several summary executions to the Colina Group, linked to Peru's military intelligence services. The organization considers General Robles to be a prisoner of conseignee and fears for his safety in detention.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

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Al Index: AMR 46/27/96 Network: UA-277/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 9 December 1996

Title:Peru: Further information on fear for safety /prisoner of conscience: General Rodolfo Robles Espinoza

Abstract:Prisoner of conscience Rodolfo Robles Espinoza, a retired army general and human rights defender, was released on 7 December 1996, following the approval, by Congress, of an amnesty law.

Keywords: Amnesties / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/98/96 Network: EXTRA-187/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 6 December 1996

Title:USA (Arkansas): Death penalty

Abstract: Paul Ruiz, Carl Denton, Kirt Wainwright: The above three men are scheduled to be executed in Arkansas on 8 January 1997.

Keywords: Death sentence/

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/99/96 Network: CXTRA-183/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 6 December 1996

Title: USA (Virginia): Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Gregory Beaver, Larry Stout, Lem Tuggle, Ronald Hoke: Gregory Beaver was executed as scheduled on 3 December 1996.

Keywords: Death sentence / execution /

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Al Index: AMR 51/100/96 Network: EXTRA-180/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 December 1996

Title: USA (Missouri): Further information on death penalty: Richard S Zeitvogel

Abstract: Richard & Zgitvoggl was executed as scheduled in Missouri on 11 December 1996.

Keywords: execution /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/101/96 Network: CXTRA-183/96

Pages: 1

Patg: 13 December 1996

Title: USA (Virginia): Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Larry Stout and Lem Tuggle were executed as scheduled in Virginia on 10 and 12 December 1996 respectively.

Keywords: execution /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/102/96 **Network:** EXTRA-183/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 17 December 1996

Title: USA (Viginia): Further information on death penalty: Ronald Hoke

Abstract: Amnesty International regrets that Ronald floke was executed as scheduled on 16 December.

Keywords: EXECUTION /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/103/96 Network: EXTRA-182/96

Pages: 1

Patg: 19 December 1996

Title: USA (Virginia): Further information on death penalty: Joseph O'Dell

Abstract: Joseph O'Dell has received a stay of execution to allow for the examination of new DNA evidence that easts doubt on his murder conviction.

Keywords: Death sentence / Stay of execution /

PIEP TEPS-HTDOE

Al Index: ASA 03/07/96 Network: UA-288/96

Pages: 1
Pate: 11 December 1996

Title: Cambodia Wietnam: Refoulement /possible prisoners of conscience

Mbstract: Nguyen Thi Viet Nhan alias Ngoc Anh, Vuong Thi Vieng alias Xuyen, (Chiem) Kiem Dung alias Hoa, Tran Thi Loan alias Nhat Lang, Le Van Tinh alias Huynh Van Chinh, Nguyen Bao Giang alias Lam Son, Ly Hoang Thanh Hung alias La Tam, Le Dong Phuong alias Le Hoang Dung, Nguyen Huu Tri, Nguyen Cong Cam, Nguyen Van Trai alias Thanh Trung, Tran Cong Minh alias Quoe Nam, Nguyen Minh Tri alias Minh Chi, Nguyen Van Vien alias Seng Thi, Ha Phuoe Hoa alias Chui Hoa, Lam Kien alias Son Hol, Dinh Van Lu, Nguyen Van Thoi, Thach Duoe alias Thach Wot: On 5 December 1996, the above-named 19 people of Vietnamese deseent were foreibly removed from Cambodia to Viet Nam, where they could face long prison terms, possibly as prisoners of conscience, or even the death penalty, despite appeals from UN agencies. They are currently in detention in Ho Chi Minh City, and there are fears that they may be charged under national security legislation for their membership of an organization opposing the Vietnamese Government.

Keywords: Cambodia / ethnic groups / political activists / possible poc / refoulement / refugees / unticr / viet nam /

MYANMAR

Al Index: ASA 16/52/96 Network: CXTRA-185/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 3 December 1996

Title:Myanmar: Prisoners of conscience /fear of ill-treatment: Members of NLD Youth

Abstract: Zaw Win (m), Tin flla (m), Kyaw Soe (m), Thi Thi Aung (f), Than Than Su Win (f): The five young people named above were arrested on 3 December 1996 in Yangon after they left Saw Aung San Suu Kyi's compound. They are members of the Youth wing of the National League for Democracy and are believed to be held at the Military Intelligence 12 fleadquarters for interrogation. Amnesty International considers them to be prisoners of conscience, detained solely for exercising their right to freedom of association.

Keywords: Banning / opposition politicians / prisoners of conscience / students / women

MYANMAR

Al Index: ASA 16/53/96 Network: EXTRA-185/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 5 December 1996

Title: Myanmar: Further information on prisoners of conscience /fear of ill-treatment

Abstract: Zaw Win (m), Tin tila (m), Kyaw Sog (m), Thi Thi Aung (f), Than Than Su Win (f): Than Than Su Win has been released but the other four NLD youth members named above remain in detention.

Kaywords:Banning/political activists/prisoners of conscience/release/students/women/

MYANMAR

Al Index: ASA 16/54/96 Network: EXTRA-185/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 9 December 1996

Title: Myanmar: Further information on prisoners of conscience / sear of ill-treatment

Abstract: Zaw Win (m), Tin tha (m), Kyaw Soe (m), Thi Thi Aung (f) - released; new names: Nyi Nyi Naing (m), Tin Aye (m), Aung Aung thay (m), Kyi Kyi Win (f), Ma Cho (f), Khin Mar Yee (f), Ma Thida Myint (f) - members of the NLD Youth: Thi Thi Aung has been released but seven more members of the Youth wing of the National League for Democracy have been arrested. Amnesty International fears that they may be ill-treated in detention.

Keywords: Banning / opposition politicans / political activists / prisoners of conscience / release/students/women/

MYANMAR

Al Index: ASA 16/55/96 Network: CXTRA-185/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 10 December 1996

Title: Myanmar: Further information on prisoners of conscience /fear of ill-treatment

Abstract: Zaw Win (m), Tin flla (m), Kyaw Sog (m), Thi Thi Aung (f), Nyi Nyi Naing (m), Tin Ayg (m), Aung Aung fltay (m), Kyi Kyi Win (f), Ma Cho (f), Khin Mar Yeg (f), Ma Thida Myint (f) - members of the NLP Youth; and new names: U Khing Ko Oo (m), U Maung Maung (m), Ko Kyaw Zeya (m) student, Ko Tin Maung Gyi (m), Ko Mya Shwe (m), Myat Sate Mog (f), U Kyaw (m), Ko Khin Maung Oo (m) student, U Zeya (m), Pr flla Myint (m); U Than Oo (m), Chit Khaing (m), U Maung Maung Lay (m) members of the NLP organization committee, Yangon; Pr Thaung Win (m) member of parliament: Amnesty International has learned the names of more NLP members and supporters arrested in connection with recent student demonstrations. Furthermore the organization has been informed that Thi Thi Aung was not released as earlier reported.

Keywords: BANNING / DEMONSTRATIONS / MASS ARREST / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / STUDENTS / WOMEN /

MYANMAR

Al Index: ASA 16/56/96 Network: CXTRA-185/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 20 December 1996

Title:Myanmar: Further information on prisoners of conscience /fear of ill-treatment

Abstract: U Maung Maung; U Than Oo, Chit Khaing, U Maung Maung Lay (members of NLD organizing committee, Yangon); Dr Thaung Win (NLD member of parliament elect): Amnesty International has learned that that above men have been released. The other 22 individuals named in the previous update are believed to remain in detention.

Keywords: Banning / opposition politicians / prisoners of conscience / release / students / women /

INDIA Al Index: 1

Al Index: ASA 20/54/96 Network: UA-39/96 Pages: 1

Patg: 13 December 1996

Title:India: Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Gantela Vijayavardhana Rao, aged 25, Satuluri Chalapathi Rao, aged 24: The above are to be judicially executed on 18 December 1996, despite the fact that no decision has yet been taken on the mercy petition pending before the President of India. Both men are dalits (members of a socially and economically disadvantaged group determined by easte hierarchies) and there is concern that their trial may not have conformed to the standards set by the Indian courts, or by international human rights law.

Keywords: Death sentence / Trials /

MPIM

Al Index: ASA 20/56/96 Network: UA-39/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 17 December 1996

Title:India: Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Gantela Vijayavardhana Rao, aged 25, Satuluri Chalapathi Rao, aged 24: On 17 December the Supreme Court of India granted a stay of execution to the above two men on the basis that at no point when arrested, or committed for trial by the magistrate in Guntur, were the two accused offered legal aid or told of their rights. Their appeal hearing is set for 20 January 1997.

Keywords: Death sentence / Stay of execution / Trials /

MOONESIA

ฟี Index: ฟิลิป 21/80/96 Network: ปัฬ-275/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 26 November 1996

Title:Indonesia /Cast Timor: Fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience: Two youths (names unknown)

Abstract: Two unidentified East Timorese have been arrested following a peaceful pro-independence demonstration in Dili, East Timor, on 25 November 1996. Amnesty International fears that the two, whom it believes may have been arrested solely for the peaceful expression of their views, are at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / DEMONSTRATIONS / JUVENILES / POSSIBLE POC/

Meshodhi

ମା Index: ମିଚିମ 21/81/96 Network: ଧମ-262/96 Pages: ୀ

Pate: 28 November 1996

Title:Indonesia/Cast Timor: Further information on fear of torture /health concern /legal concern

Abstract: Azito Freitas and new names: Evaristo Ximenes, Aniecto Ximenes, Armindo do Rosario, Manuel and Quintino Imanuel de Cristo: While Amnesty International has received no further information about Azito Freitas, the organization has received the names of five other people arrested in relation to the killing of Sergeant-Major Juliao Fraga, an East Timorese military commander in the Indonesian Armed Forces. All five are being held in police custody and two are reported to have been tortured.

Keywords: STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

Meshoghi

Al Index: ASA 21/82/96 Network: UA-279/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 28 November 1996

Title:Indonesia: Fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience: Agustino Ximenes and four other youths (names unknown)

Abstract: Five Cast Timorese youths were arrested by the security forces on 6 November 1996 in Viqueque. The organization fears that they may be facing ill-treatment or torture in detention. This fear is increased because their whereabouts remain unknown.

Keywords: INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JUVENILES / POSSIBLE POC/

Indonesia

Al Index: ASA 21/84/96 Network: UA-291/96

Pages: 1
Pate: 13 December 1996

Title: Cast Timor: Arbitrary arrest /fear of torture

Abstract: Rodolfo Sarmento (26), Anselmo do Carmo (33), Bernardino Fonsea (24), Tomas dos Santos (33), Julio da Costa (21), Americo da Costa (25): Rodolfo Sarmento is reported to have been arrested and beaten on 15 November 1996 by the military in the village of Ililae, Lautem district. Five other people are also reported to have been arrested in Lautem district that day. There are fears that they may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / MILITARY / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

ndonesia

Al Index: ASA 21/85/96 **Network:** UA-262/96 **Pages:** 1

Pate: 18 December 1996

Title:Indonesia/Cast Timor: Further information on fear of torture /health concern /legal concern /torture

Abstract: Azito Freitas, Evaristo Ximenes, Aniecto Ximenes, Armindo do Rosario, Manuel, Quintino Imanuel de Cristo and new names: Augusto, Marcelino, Cosme: Amnesty International has received the names of three more East Timorese men arrested in relation to the killing of Sergeant-Major Juliao Fraga, an East Timorese military commander in the Indonesian Armed Forces. It is not known where the men are being held, or whether they have been charged or granted access to independent legal advice. There is concern for their safety, however, following earlier reports that two had been tortured.

Keywords: INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

Meshodhi

Al Index: ASA 21/86/96 Network: UA-291/96

Pages: 1
Pate: 19 December 1996

Title: Cast Timor: Further information on arbitrary arrest /fear of torture

Abstract: Rodolfo Sarmento (26), Anselmo do Carmo (33), Bernardino Fonsea (24), Tomas dos Santos (33), Julio da Costa (21), Americo da Costa (25); and new names: Antonio dos Santos (24), Joao Bosco (23): Amnesty International has learned that Rodolfo Sarmento and five other men arrested with him were released on 17 November. Two other men, who were arrested on 13 November, were also released on 17 November.

Keywords: Release / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

IAPAN

ମା Index: ମିଚିମ 22/04/96 Network: ଧମ-297/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 20 December 1996

Title:Japan: Peath penalty

Abstract: Hirata Mitsunari (59), Imai Yoshito (55), Noguchi Satoru (48): It has been reported on 20 December that these three prisoners have been executed in secret in the Tokyo Detention Centre. They had all spent many years on death row, and there is concern that further executions may take place at any time.

Keywords: execution / Long-term imprisonment /

Malaysia

Al Index: ASA 28/15/96 Network: CXTRA-195/96

Pages: 2

Patz: 19 December 1996

Title: Malaysia: Threat of arrest: Participants in planned forum on alleged police abuses

Abstract: The Malaysian government has threatened to use the Internal Security Act (ISA) to detain without charge members of 10 local non-governmental organizations who plan to hold a forum on 12 January 1997 to discuss eases of alleged abuses of police power. Amnesty International would consider anyone arrested in this context to be a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords: DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / LEGISLATION /

TURKEY

Al Index: EUR 44/179/96 Network: EXTRA-162/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 27 November 1996

Title: Turkey: Further information on prisoner of conscience /health concern: Osman Murat Ulke

Abstract:On 22 November Osman Murat Ulke was sent to his military unit from where he was transferred on 26 November to the military prison in Eskisehir for

insubordination. Reportedly, he will also be tried for desertion, because he did not respond to his eall-up for more than one year.

Keywords: Conscientious objectors / peace activists / photographs / prisoners of conscience / trials /

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/180/96 Network: CXTRA-166/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 29 November 1996

Title: Turkey: Further information on fear of "disappearance" / fear of torture

Abstract: Fatma Turune (f), mother of three, Kanber Turune, husband of Fatma, aged 40+: On 4 November 1996 Fatme Turune was taken to court, together with other people detained in Gaziantep between 25 and 28 October, and formally arrested. She is now held in prison awaiting trial. Kanber Turune is being held at Diyarbakir C-Type Prison awaiting trial apparently on charges of support for the PKK.

Keywords: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DETENTION / MINORITIES / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/181/96 Network: UA-30/96

Pages: 2

Pate: 2 December 1996

Title:Turkey: Further information on death threats /fear for safety: Abdurrahman Mustak

Abdurraham Mustak, headman of Yesilyurt village and other villagers from Yesilyurt village. Abdurraham Mustak was subjected to death threats while in detention on 6 February 1996 and it is believed that the threats relate to a personal petition to the European Court of Human Rights against the Turkish government. Villagers of Yesilyurt have also been repeatedly arrested and put under pressure to join the government's militia system against the Kurdish Worker's Party.

Keywords: COMMUNITY LEADERS / HARASSMENT / PHOTOGRAPHS /

TURKEY

Al Index: EUR 44/182/96 Network: EXTRA-188/96

Pages: 1

Al Index: CUR 46/53/96

Pate: 6 December 1996

Title: Turkey: Fear of "disappearance" / fear of torture

Abstract: Ramazan Yazici, Kurd, aged 36 and Hakki Kaya, Kurd, aged 30, truck driver: Amnesty International fears for the safety of the above two men from Diyarbakir, who have been held in unacknowledged detention at an undisclosed location, presumably the Anti-Terror Branch of Diyarbakir Police Headquarters.

Keywords: DRIVERS / MINORITIES / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Network: UA-33/96
Pages: 1

Patz: 16 December 1996

Title:Russian Federation: Further information on possible prisoner of conscience /fear of death penalty /health concern /prisoner of conscience: Alexander Nikitin

Abstract: Alexandr Nikitin was released from detention on 14 December 1996 pending trial, although no trial date has yet been set. Amnesty International continues to urge that all charges against him be dropped.

Keywords: Censorship / Conditional Release / Environmentalists / Espionage / Military as victims / prisoners of Conscience / Retired people /

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Al Index: CUR 46/54/96 Network: UA-294/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 17 December 1996

Title: Russian Federation: Prisoner of conscience / health concern: Yury Shadrin

Abstract: Yury Shadrin, a human rights advocate, was arrested on 29 November in the Siberian eity of Omsk on the order of the Regional Procurator and he was later charged under three articles of the Russian Criminal Code relating to charges brought against him between 1992 and 1996. It is believed that these charges are without foundation and that he was arrested to prevent him from participating in the Congress of the Russian judges on 5 December. After his arrest Yury Shadrin declared a hunger-strike and his health is reported to be deteriorating. Amnesty International considers him to be a prisoner of conscience and his calling for his immediate and unconditional release.

Keywords: HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / HUNGER-STRIKE / ILL-HEALTH / LAWYERS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

UKRAINE

Al Index: CUR 50/15/96 Network: UA-280/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 2 December 1996

Title: Ukraine: Death penalty /legal concern: Sergey Vysochansky

Abstract: Sergey Vysochansky may be facing imminent execution after his appeal against his death sentence is believed to have been turned down by the Supreme Court of Ukraine on 4 August 1996. All is gravely concerned especially in the light of claims that there is evidence which suggests that he may be innocent.

Keywords: Death sentence/

UKRAINE

Al Index: CUR 50/17/96 Network: CXTRA-107/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 3 December 1996

Title:Ukraine: Further information on execution despite moratorium /fear of imminent executions

Abstract: Sasha Markitan, aged 21, Vitaly Alkhimov, aged 23, Sergey Skarabagatov, aged 24, Aleksey Vedmedenko, aged 20: Amnesty International has learned that Aleksey Vedmedenko was executed on 5 August 1996. Ukraine, by joining the Council of Europe had committed i tself to imposing an immediate moratorium on executions and abolishing the death penalty.

Keywords: COUNCIL OF EUROPE / DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION /

UKRAINE

Al Index: CUR 50/18/96 Network: CXTRA-124/95

Pages: 1

Patg: 4 December 1996

Title: Ukraine: Further information on death penalty: Maksim Artsyuk

Abstract: Amnesty International fears that the above may have been executed in August 1996, despite the fact that his family has not been officially informed of his fate. He was transferred to Dnipropetrovsk prison on 27 August and it is believed that death row prisoners are usually executed only one or two days after their transferral to this prison.

Keywords: COUNCIL OF EUROPE / DEATH SENTENCE /

UKRAINE

Al Index: CUR 50/20/96 Network: CXTRA-197/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 23 December 1996

Title: Ukraine: Fear of imminent execution: Andrey Yevtemy

Abstract: Amnesty International is concerned that Andrey Yevtemy, aged 21, may be facing imminent execution after his appeal against his death sentence was turned down by the Supreme Court on 16 May 1996. Amnesty International is appalled that executions are continuing in Ukraine, a year after it joined the Council of Europe and committed itself to imposing an immediate moratorium on executions.

Keywords: COUNCIL OF EUROPE / DEATH SENTENCE /

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Al Index: CUR 70/35/96 Network: UA-281/96

Pages: 2

Pate: 3 December 1996

Title: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Possible prisoners of conscience / legal concern

Abstract: Darko Pajko, Oliver Pajko, Sasa Petrovic, Ivan Urosevic and Branko Opacic and others (names unknown): The above, students aged between 21 and 23, were reportedly arrested on 30 November 1996 after taking part in demonstrations in protest at the government's annulment of local election results. The same day they were sentenced to several days' imprisonment and were sent to prison.

Keywords: DEMONSTRATIONS / POSSIBLE POC / STUDENTS /

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Al Index: CUR 70/37/96 Network: UA-281/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 9 December 1996

Title: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Further information on possible prisoners of conscience /legal concern and new concerns: ill-treatment /health concern /prisoner of conscience

Abstract: Darko Pajko, Oliver Pajko, Sasa Petrovie, Ivan Urosevie and Branko Opacie and others (names unknown); new name: Dejan Bulatovie: Darko Pajko, Oliver Pajko and Sasa Petrovie were released on 7 December after serving their seven-day prison sentences after having been found guilty of throwing some eggs and yoghurt at the offices of the pro-government media in Belgrade. Another demonstrator, Dejan Bulatovie, was reportedly beaten by police in Belgrade following his arrest on 6 December 1996 after he had taken part in demonstrations in protest against the annulment of local election results.

Keywords: Demonstrations / elections / police / possible poc / students / torture/ill-treatment /

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Al Index: CUR 70/38/96 Network: UA-281/96

Pages: 1

Patg: 12 December 1996

Title:Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Further information on possible prisoners of conscience /legal concern /ill-treatament /health concern /prisoner of conscience

Abstract: Dejan Bulatovie; and new names: Gojko Baletie, actor, Lambros Hutelidis: Dejan Bulatovie saw his lawyers on 10 December and reportedly told them that he was beaten by police on his arrest. His lawyers reportedly noticed bruises and injuries to his face and neek and two broken teeth, although the Justice Ministry denied that he had been ill-treated by police. At his trial he was sentenced to 25 days' imprisonment and his request to be defended by a lawyer was allegedly refused by the magistrate. On 11 December Gojko Baletic, a Belgrade actor, was arrested and beaten in the street by police. On 30 November Lambros Hutelidis was reportedly arrested and sentenced to 25 days' imprisonment.

Keywords: ACTORS / BANNING / DEMONSTRATIONS / POLICE / POSSIBLE POC / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRIALS /

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Al Index: CUR 70/39/96 Network: UA-292/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 16 December 1996

Title:Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Death after custody /fear of ill-treatment: Feriz Blakcori

Abstract:On 10 December 1996, Feriz Blakeori, an ethnic Albanian primary school teacher and political activist from Kosovo province, died in Pristina hospital, reportedly after being arrested and ill-treated by police.

Keywords: Death in Custody / ethnic groups / medical confirmation / photographs / police / political activists / teachers / torture/ill-treatment /

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Al Index: CUR 70/40/96 Network: UA-281/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 16 December 1996

Title: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Further information on possible prisoners of conscience /legal concern /ill-treatment /health concern /prisoner of conscience

Abstract: Dejan Bulatovie, Gojko Baletie, actor, Lambros tlutelidis: Gojko Baletie was reportedly released on 12 December 1996. The tlumanitarian Law Centre, a Belgrade-based human rights organization, has started criminal proceedings against unidentified police officers on charges of ill-treating and physically injuring Dejan Bulatovie, who remains in custody.

Keywords: Actors / Demonstrations / Photographs / Police / Possible Poc / Release / Torture/Ill-treatment/

EGYPT

ที่ Index: MDC 12/27/96 Network: Un-282/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 3 December 1996

Title: Egypt: Death penalty /torture /legal concern

Abstract: Mostafa Mohammad Mahmoud 'Cissa, Al-Numeiry Ramadhan Sayyid Ahmad, 'Adel 'Abd al-Ghani 'Abd al-Rahman, aged 22, Mounir Mostafa 'Abd al-Hafiz (in absentia), 'Abd al-Hamid Abu 'Aqrab (in absentia): On 2 December 1996 the five people named above were sentenced to death, in a case involving 32 members of the banned armed Islamist group al-Gama'a al-Islamiya. The court postponed sentencing on the remaining 27 defendants until 6 January 1997. Defence lawyers during the trial reportedly claimed that the defendants had been tortured.

Keywords: Confessions / Death Sentence / Non-Governmental entities as victims / Religious Groups - Islamic/Torture/Ill-Treatment/Trials/

EGYPT

Al Index: MDC 12/28/96 Network: UA-285/96

Pages: 1

Patz: 5 December 1996

Title: Egypt: Torture / fear of torture / possible prisoner of conscience: Mohammad Wagdi Mohammad Durra

Abstract: The above, a 22-year-old former student at Mansoura University, was reportedly arrested on 10 October 1996. He was allegedly tortured by members of the State Security Investigations Department and may be at risk of further torture. Mohammad Wagdi Mohammad Durra appears to be a prisoner of conscience detained because of his conversion from Islam to Christianity.

Keywords:photographs / possible poc / religious groups / religious intolerance / torture/ill-treatment/

EGYPT

Al Index: MDC 12/29/96 Network: UA-285/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 23 December 1996

Title: Egypt: Further information on torture /fear of torture /possible prisoner of conscience: Mohammad Wagdi Mohammad Durra

Abstract: Mohammad Wagdi Mohammad Durra was released on bail on 15 December 1996. He had converted from Islam to Christianity at the end of 1994, and had been arrested on 10 October 1996 accused of propagating information with the intention of causing insult to religions. Amnesty International is concerned that the charges against him have not been dropped and that he may still be tried solely on account of his conscientiously-held religious beliefs.

Keywords: CONDITIONAL RELEASE / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE /

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Al Index: MDC 13/40/96 Network: UA-269/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 23 December 1996

Title: Iran: Further information on fear for safety /possible prisoner of conscience

Abstract: Faraj Sarkouhi, who had been missing since he went to Teheran airport on 3 November, reappeared at the airport on 20 December 1996.

Keywords: CDITORS /

ISRACL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Al Index: MDC 15/80/96 **Network:** CXTRA-190/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 9 December 1996

Title:Israel: Fear of torture and ill-treatment/legal concern: Muhannad Abu Rumi

Abstract: The above, a 21-year-old engineering student has been under interrogation for nearly three weeks in the Moscobiyyah Police Detention Centre in Jerusalem. He is being held incommunicado, raising fears that he is being tortured or ill-treated.

Keywords: INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / STUDENTS /

ISRACL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Al Index: MPC 15/81/96 Network: CXTRA-190/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 December 1996

Title:Israel: Further information on fear of torture and ill-treatment / legal concern: Muhannad Abu Rumi

Abstract: Muhannad Abu Rumi, a 21-year-old engineering student, remains incommunicado in the Moscobiyyah Police Detention Centre (Russian Compound) in Jerusalem, after the Supreme Court on 10 December refused his lawyers' petition to have access to him.

Keywords: INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / STUDENTS /

ISRACL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Al Index: MDC 15/83/96 Network: UA-293/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 16 December 1996

Title: Palestinian Authority: Death penalty

Abstract: Khalil al-Sakni (24), flatem Abu Wadi (21): On 15 December 1996 the two men named above were sentenced to death by firing squad by a Military Court. They are reportedly members of the flamas military wing, Izzadin al-Qassem, and were convicted of killing a policeman and a civilian. They have the right to appeal within 15 days. Another defendant, 18-year-old 'Abdullah al-Latif al-Ashkur, had his sentence reduced to 20 years' imprisonment.

Keywords: Death sentence / non-governmental entities as victims /

JORDAN

Al Index: MPC 16/11/96 Network: UA-276/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 26 November 1996

Title: Jordan: Death penalty /torture: Montasser Rajab Abu-Zaid

Abstract:On 23 November 1996 the Jordanian Criminal Court sentenced the above to death following his conviction on murder charges. Montasser Rajab Abu-Zaid alleges that he and his wife were beaten and deprived of sleep while held in preventive detention in the police station in Salt, during which time he made a confession.

Keywords: CONFESSIONS / DEATH SENTENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

Al Index: MDC 16/12/96 Network: CXTRA-192/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 12 December 1996

Title: Jordan: Death penalty

Abstract: Mahmud Muhammad 'Aswan (38), Kabud Hamdan Raslan Sabir (20); 'Umar Ahmad Muhammad Abu Shu'aib (26), Muhammad Na'gl Parwish Majdalawi (22): On 10 December, Mahmud Muhammad 'Aswan and Kabud Hamdan Raslan Sabir, two Egyptian nationals, were sentenced to death. On that day 'Umar Ahmad Muhammad Abu Shu'aib was executed at Swarqa Prison. On 12 December, Muhammad Na'gl Parwish Majdalawi, was executed at Swarqa Prison.

Keywords: Death sentence / execution / Foreign nationals /

JORDAN

Al Index: MDC 16/13/96 Network: CXTRA-124/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 17 December 1996

Title: Jordan: Further information on death penalty: Kayed Ahmad

Abstract: Amnesty International regrets that Kayed Ahmad was executed on 15 December 1996.

Keywords: execution /

JORDAN

Al Index: MDC 16/14/96 Network: UA-295/96

Pages: 1

Patg: 18 December 1996

Title: Jordan: Death penalty

Abstract: Amira Salem (f), aged 25, Eidah Hussein (f), aged 25: These two women were sentenced to death by the Amman Criminal Court in late November 1996, having been convicted of murder.

Keywords: Death sentence / women /

LEBANON

Al Index: MPC 18/06/96 Network: UA-300/96 Pages: 3

Pate: 23 December 1996

Title:Lebanon: Fear of torture: Members of opposition groups

Abstract: There is concern that dozens of people, mostly from Christian opposition groups, have been arrested between 18 and 21 December, following armed attacks on Syrian targets in Lebanon on 18 December. There is concern that some of those arrested were reportedly tortured, that arrests were made without warrants, and that detaineds have not been allowed access to lawyers.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / ARMED CONFLICT / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MASS ARREST / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS' LISTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

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Network: EXTRA-175/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 29 November 1996

Title: Saudi Arabia: Further information on fear of refoulement /fear for safety

Abstract: Khaled Sulayman al-Musrati (Libyan), aged 29, Khalifa Mohammad al-Hajji (Libyan), aged 26: Amnesty International has learned that the two Libyan nationals named above were sent to a third country and were not returned to Libya as had been feared.

Keywords: LIBYA / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC /

SAUDI ARABIA AI Index: MDC 23/14/96

Network: EXTRA-155/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 4 December 1996

Title:Saudi Arabia: Further information on flogging: 24 Filipino workers, names unknown

Abstract:23 of the 24 Filipino workers sentenced to flogging for homosexual behaviour have received the full 200 lashes. Following this, the individuals were transferred to a deportation centre.

Keywords: Corporal punishment / Deportation / Foreign nationals / Homosexuals /

MOROCCO Al Index: MDC 29/13/96 Network: UA-24/95

Pages: 1

Patz: 20 December 1996

Title: Morocco: Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Stephane Ait Iddir, a French/Algerian national, Radouane Hamadi, a French/Algerian national, Hamal Marzoug, an Algerian national: The three men named above, who were sentenced to death in Fes on 28 January 1995, will have their ease examined in cassation by the Supreme Court in Rabat on 24 December 1996. They were tried, with 14 others, in connection with several armed attacks in November 1993 and summer 1994, in which tourists were killed. All has expressed its concern about allegations that some of the defendants were tortured in garde a vue detention and that their trial may not have been fair.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / DEATH SENTENCE / FOREIGN NATIONALS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

Tunisia

ฟ Index: MDC 30/42/96 Network: UA-108/95

Pages: 1

Pate: 9 December 1996

Title:Tunisia: Further information on health concern /prisoner of conscience: Najib El Baccouchi

Abstract: Amnesty International is concerned that prisoner of conscience Najib & Baccouchi, a member of the General Union of Tunisian Students, UG&T, who has been on hunger strike since 13 November 1996, has been beaten and ill-treated in Gafsa prison. In addition, he has been denied access to his family and lawyers.

Keywords: Banning / Hunger-strike / ILL-Health / Incommunicado detention / Politically motivated criminal charges / prisoners of conscience / restraints / solitary confinement/students/trade unionists/

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Al Index: MDC 30/43/96 Network: UA-247/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 10 December 1996

Title:Tunisia: Further information on health concern /prisoner of conscience: Mohamed Hedi Jouini

Abstract: Mohamed tiedi Jouini, a carpenter and prisoner of conscience who has been on unlimited hunger strike since about 24 September 1996, discontinued his hunger strike at the end of November 1996. However the Court of Appeal has upheld his 1996 conviction to 3 and a half years' imprisonment. Amnesty International continues to call for his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords: ARTISANS / BANNING / HUNGER-STRIKE / MEDICAL TREATMENT / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

PIGINUT

Al Index: MDC 30/44/96 Network: UA-270/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 December 1996

Title: Tunisia: Further information on fear of torture /legal concern and new concern: prisoner of conscience

Abstract: Radhia flouididi (f), aged 26, Abdelaziz flouididi, aged 28, her brother: Radhia flouididi has been transferred to a prison in Tunis where she has been visited by members of her family. She has reportedly been charged with possession of a false document. Her brother has been released. There is continued concern that she was held in prolonged incommunicado detention, and that her continued detention is politically motivated. Amnesty International considers her to be a prisoner of conscience and is calling for her immediate and unconditional release.

Keywords: Families / Incommunicado detention / prisoners of conscience / religious groups - islamic/women/

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Al Index: MDC 30/47/96 Network: UA-236/94

Pages: 1

Pate: 17 December 1996

Title:Tunisia: Further information on fear of unfair trial /legal concern / torture /fear of torture /prisoner of conscience: Najib Hosni

Abstract: Najib Hosni, lawyer and human rights defender, was released conditionally by the authorities on 14 December. Amnesty International welcomes his release, but remains concerned that the charges against him have not been dropped.

Keywords: CONDITIONAL RELEASE / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / LAWYERS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

TÜNISIA 96 Network: UA-15/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 17 December 1996

Title:Tunisia: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /health concern /prisoner of conscience: Mohamed Hedi Sassi

Abstract: Mohamed Hedi Sassi, a member of the illegal Parti communiste des ouvriers tunisiens (PCOT) was released conditionally by the authorities on 14 December. While Amnesty International welcomes his release, there remains concern that the charges against him have not been dropped.

Keywords: Banning / Conditional Release / Prisoners of Conscience /

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Network: UA-108/95

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Patg: 17 December 1996

Title:Tunisia: Further information on health concern /prisoner of conscience and ill-treatment: Najib & Baccouchi

Abstract:On 11 December 1996, Najib El Baccouchi, a member of the executive bureau of the Union Generale des Etudiants Tunisiens (UGET), stopped his hunger-strike. During his hunger-strike he was beaten and held incommunicado. He has now been visited by his family. Amnesty International continues to call for his immediate release as a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords: BANNING / HUNGER-STRIKE / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / STUDENTS / TRADE UNIONISTS /

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