

CENTRAL AFRICA**AI Index:** AFR 02/11/97**Network:** EXTRA-03/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 3 February 1997

**Title:**Burundi/Tanzania: Further information on refoulement /extrajudicial executions /fear of refoulement /fear for safety: Burundi refugees in Tanzania

**Abstract:**Following a recent mission to Tanzania, Amnesty International has obtained further information regarding 126 Burundi refugees who were forcibly returned to Burundi on 10 January 1997. Of the 126, 122 were extrajudicially executed, the other four are missing. The Tanzanian authorities are reportedly investigating the matter. A further 31 refugees are reported to have been detained by the Tanzanian authorities for allegedly being involved in factional fighting.

**Keywords:**BURUNDI / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / MISSIONS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / TANZANIA /

CENTRAL AFRICA**AI Index:** AFR 02/12/97**Network:** EXTRA-15/97**Pages:** 2**Date:** 5 February 1997

**Title:**Rwanda/Burundi: Fear of refoulement /fear for safety: thousands of Burundi refugees in Rwanda

**Abstract:**On 25 January 1996 a high level delegation of Burundi and Rwanda government authorities visited Kigeme camp in Gikongoro prefecture, and Musange transit centre in Butare prefecture. During these visits the refugees were told that they were expected to leave Rwanda by 5 February 1997. There is concern that thousands of Burundi refugees in Rwanda face forcible return, despite the fact that they face the risk of grave human rights violations in Burundi.

**Keywords:**BURUNDI / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RWANDA /

CONGO**AI Index:** AFR 22/02/97**Network:** UA-226/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 February 1997

**Title:**Congo: Further information on fear of torture /health concern: Pierre Otto Mbongo

**Abstract:**The above, a businessman arrested by the security forces on 11 September 1996, who suffers from hypertension and diabetes, was moved from his place of detention to a hospital in Brazzaville on 12 December 1996 at the request of his doctor. His health had reportedly significantly deteriorated and he was believed to be suffering from heart pains. In January 1997 he was flown to South Africa for further medical treatment. It is not clear whether he will be returned to detention or brought to trial in Congo.

**Keywords:**BUSINESS PEOPLE / ILL-HEALTH / MEDICAL TREATMENT /

CONGO**AI Index:** AFR 22/03/97**Network:** UA-152/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 February 1997**Title:** Congo: Further information on medical concern /possible prisoner of conscience**Abstract:** Colonel Buissa Matoko; and new name: Gabriel Longombe: Colonel Matoko was released on 21 January 1997 after a Brazzaville court of appeal reduced his sentence from two years' imprisonment (with one year suspended) to a 12-month suspended sentence. Gabriel Longombe, who was convicted with him, was also released from detention on 21 January.**Keywords:** MILITARY AS VICTIMS / POSSIBLE POC / REDUCTION OF SENTENCE / RELEASE /ETHIOPIA**AI Index:** AFR 25/03/97**Network:** UA-49/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 11 February 1997**Title:** Ethiopia: Medical concern /torture: Mahmoud Ali Said**Abstract:** Mahmoud Ali Said (known as "Saïdo"), aged 45, is seriously ill in prison in Dire Dawa town after being denied medical treatment for injuries sustained as a result of torture. He is a farmer and owner of a tea-shop in Burka Tirtira. He "disappeared" in May 1995 after being abducted in Burka Tirtira by unidentified security agents. In January 1997 he was finally transferred to the central prison in Dire Diwa. He has not been taken to court or charged with any offence. He is said to suffer from hepatitis and gastritis and wounds from torture inflicted in secret detention. He is said to be unable to stand or walk. He was detained on suspicion of having links with the armed opposition group Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) which he has reportedly denied.**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / ETHNIC GROUPS / FARMERS / ILL-HEALTH / SHOP-KEEPERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /KENYA**AI Index:** AFR 32/07/97**Network:** UA-31/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 28 January 1997**Title:** Kenya: Harassment /fear for safety**Abstract:** Wafule Buke, Thiong'o Kagicha and other members of the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC): There is concern at the harassment of members of the KHRC, a local non-governmental human rights organization. On 25 January 1997 the KHRC were hindered in their attempts to hold a meeting to launch their campaign against police killings. The venue for the launch had to be changed after police cordoned off the original venue; Wafule Buke was arrested while distributing leaflets and Thiong'o Kagicha was beaten by a senior police officer whilst protesting against Wafule Buke's arrest. Amnesty International is concerned that for the duration of the KHRC campaign its members will continue to be targeted by police.**Keywords:** BANNING / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

**MAURITANIA****AI Index:** AFR 38/02/97**Network:** UA-26/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 February 1997**Title:** Mauritania: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** Messoud Ould Boulkheir, Mohammed H Ould Ismael, Abdallahi Ould Iyahi, Hamoud Ould Abdi, El Kory Ould Hmeity (all released); and new names: Abderrahmen Ould El-Ghadi, university professor, Ahmed Ould Tolba, secondary school teacher, Mohammed Salim Ould Dah, newspaper director, Mohammed Ould Hafed Ismael, professor, member of political opposition party and six other members of political opposition: The first five people named above were released on 29 January. Ten other people, also arrested on 22 January, remain in incommunicado detention and there are fears that they may be ill-treated. They have been accused of having unauthorized political links with the government of Libya. Amnesty International is concerned that they may be held solely because of their advocacy for an end to the institution and practices of slavery in Mauritania.

**Keywords:** ACADEMICS / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICIANS / POSSIBLE POC / PUBLISHERS / RELEASE / TEACHERS / TRADE UNIONISTS /

**NIGER****AI Index:** AFR 43/02/97**Network:** UA-19/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 January 1997**Title:** Niger: Further information on legal concern /fear of ill-treatment / probable prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** At least 100 members and supporters of the Front pour la restauration et la defense de la democratie (FRDD), Front for the Restoration and Defence of Democracy, a coalition of eight opposition parties, including: Mahamane Ousmane, former President, leader of the CDS party, Mahamadou Issoufou, former President of the National Assembly, leader of the PNDS party, Mamadou Tandja, leader of the MNSD party; and new names: Mahamadou Lamine Yamien, member of the CDS, Sala Habi, former member of parliament and member of the MNSD: Amnesty International has learned that all but one of the detainees arrested on or around 11 January 1997 were released without charge on 23 January 1997. Mahamadou Lamine Yamien remains detained without charge, but has reportedly been allowed access to his family and the CDS. Another political leader, Sala Habi, whose arrest was announced on 25 January, also remains in detention without charge.

**Keywords:** DEMONSTRATIONS / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICIANS / POSSIBLE POC / RELEASE /

NIGERIA**AI Index:** AFR 44/03/97**Network:** UA-35/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 31 January 1997**Title:** Nigeria: Fear of torture or ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** Gbenga Adebusuyi, Bankole Akinrinade, Femi Akinrinade, Philip Arogheo, Peter Ogunyamoju: There is concern for the safety of the above five men who have been detained, following reports that one of them, Gbenga Adebusuyi, has been tortured at the Directorate of Military Intelligence headquarters in Apapa, Lagos. There is also concern that they may be prisoners of conscience, detained solely because they are relatives or friends, or relatives of friends, of retired Lieutenant-General Alani Akinrinade, a leading member of the National Democratic Coalition (NADECO) in exile. He has been publicly accused by the authorities of responsibility for bombings in Nigeria in 1996. The detainees are being held incommunicado and without charge.

**Keywords:** BOMB ATTACKS / BUSINESS PEOPLE / CIVIL SERVANTS / DRIVERS / FAMILIES / FARMERS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POSSIBLE POC / PRINTERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

NIGERIA**AI Index:** AFR 44/04/97**Network:** UA-299/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 4 February 1997**Title:** Nigeria: Further information on 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; Dr Frederick Fasheun, medical doctor and Acting Chairman of the Campaign for Democracy: Ayodele Anselm Akele was released without charge on 26 December 1996. According to reports he was assaulted by armed security police during his arrest on 16 December 1996. Dr Frederick Fasheun remains in incommunicado detention without charge or trial.

**Keywords:** DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / DOCTORS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POSSIBLE POC / REARREST / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

RWANDA**AI Index:** AFR 47/09/97**Network:** UA-47/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 10 February 1997**Title:** Rwanda: "Disappearance" /fear for safety: Diogene Nyombayire

**Abstract:** There are grave concerns for the safety of Diogene Nyombayire, a 34-year-old peasant, who was arrested at the end of January or early February 1997 after being forcibly returned from Tanzania. His current whereabouts are unknown. He is a witness to and one of the few survivors of a massacre of more than 100 Rwandese asylum-seekers carried out by Tutsi civilians with the alleged collusion of Burundi security forces and RPF members at Mamfu, near Kiri transit centre, in Kirundo province, at the Burundi-Rwanda border. A few days after his return he was threatened by local Rwandese officials, some of whom

allegedly played a part in the massacre, and about one month later he was arrested.

**Keywords:**DISAPPEARANCES / MASS KILLING / PEASANTS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / WITNESSES

**SUDAN**

**AI Index:** AFR 54/06/97

**Network:** UA-29/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 28 January 1997

**Title:**Sudan: Prisoner of conscience /fear of torture: Samira Hassan Ali Karrar

**Abstract:**Samira Hassan Ali Karrar, a prominent human rights activist arrested on 25 January 1997, is being detained without charge in Omdurman Women's Prison. She is a prisoner of conscience and there are fears she may be at risk of torture and ill-treatment. It is thought she may have been detained in an attempt to prevent a demonstration on the anniversary of the execution of 28 army officers.

**Keywords:**DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / WOMEN /

**SUDAN**

**AI Index:** AFR 54/07/97

**Network:** UA-29/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 30 January 1997

**Title:**Sudan: Further information on prisoner of conscience /fear of torture: Samira Hassan Ali Karrar

**Abstract:**Samira Hassan Ali Karrar, a prominent human rights activist arrested on 25 January 1997, was released on 28 January without charge, apparently after a petition was delivered to the Ministry of Justice by women friends and relatives.

**Keywords:**HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE / WOMEN /

**SUDAN**

**AI Index:** AFR 54/08/97

**Network:** UA-40/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 4 February 1997

**Title:**Sudan: Fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience /health concern

**Abstract:**Abdel Moneim Ahmad al-Haj, member of the Communist Party; Osman Idris Abu Ras, Mohammed Dia, Ishaq Ibrahim, al-Tijani Hussein Daffala al-Sid, poet (all members of the Ba'ath Arab Socialist Party): There are fears for the safety of the above-named men who are among scores of alleged government opponents arbitrarily arrested in Khartoum during January 1997. They are being detained without charge or trial and there is concern that they may be prisoners of conscience at risk of torture or ill-treatment. Abdel Moneim Ahmad al-Haj, who was arrested on 19 January, is a member of the Communist Party and General Secretary of the banned Bank Employees' Union. He suffers from a gastric ulcer and there is concern he may be being denied access to medical treatment.

**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / BANNING / ILL-HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / TRADE UNIONISTS / WRITERS /

SUDAN**AI Index:** AFR 54/09/97**Network:** UA-29/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 7 February 1997**Title:** Sudan: Further information on prisoner of conscience /fear of torture

**Abstract:** Samira Hassan Ali Karrar (f), human rights activist; Widaat Hassan Ali Karrar, her sister: Samira Hassan Ali Karrar was rearrested on 5 February 1997. Her sister, Widaat Hassan Ali Karrar, was arrested on the morning of 6 February 1997. It is believed that they were arrested to prevent a suspected public demonstration from taking place on 6 February 1997. Amnesty International regards both women as prisoners of conscience and is calling for their immediate and unconditional release.

**Keywords:** HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / REARREST / WOMEN /SUDAN**AI Index:** AFR 54/10/97**Network:** UA-43/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 7 February 1997**Title:** Sudan: Possible prisoners of conscience /fear of torture

**Abstract:** Ezekiel Kodi, former regional minister; Joshua Dau Diu, former civil servant; Kwai Malak, teacher: Amnesty International has received reports that the three men named above were arrested in early February 1997 and are being detained without charge or trial in Khartoum. They are friends and political allies of Abel Alier, a former Vice-President of Sudan, who sent a memorandum of protest about political conditions on 2 February to the President and the Speaker of the National Assembly. Amnesty International fears that they may be prisoners of conscience at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

**Keywords:** CIVIL SERVANTS / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / POLITICIANS / POSSIBLE POC / TEACHERSSUDAN**AI Index:** AFR 54/11/97**Network:** UA-29/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 13 February 1997**Title:** Sudan: Further information on prisoner of conscience /fear of torture

**Abstract:** Samira Hassan Ali Karrar (f), human rights activist, Widaat Hassan Ali Karrar, her sister: Amnesty International has learned that the above women have been released.

**Keywords:** HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE / WOMEN /SWAZILAND**AI Index:** AFR 55/01/97**Network:** UA-41/97**Pages:** 2**Date:** 5 February 1997**Title:** Swaziland: Fear for safety /legal concern /prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** Simon Noge, Secretary of Human Rights Association of Swaziland (HUMARAS) and Chair of Swaziland Democratic Alliance (SDA); Jan Sithole, Secretary General of the Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions (SFTU); Jabulani Nxumalo, SFTU Deputy Secretary General; Richard Nxumalo, SFTU President; Themba Msibi, SFTU Vice-President; and other SFTU officials and members: There is concern for the safety of Simon Noge, who was arbitrarily detained by police on 5 January 1997. It is believed that he has been arrested solely on account of his work representing victims of police abuses and as a leading government opponent. On 31 January the four other men named above were arrested by police. They are not known to have been ill-treated and they have access to their lawyers, but the charges against them are believed to be spurious. Amnesty International is calling for the release of all five men as prisoners of conscience.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / STRIKES / TRADE UNIONISTS /

## SWAZILAND

**AI Index:** AFR 55/02/97

**Network:** UA-41/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 10 February 1997

**Title:** Swaziland: Further information on fear for safety /legal concern / prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** Simon Noge, Secretary of Human Rights Association of Swaziland (HUMARAS) and Chair of Swaziland Democratic Alliance (SDA); Jan Sithole, Secretary General of the Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions (SFTU); Jabulani Nxumalo, SFTU Deputy Secretary General; Richard Nxumalo, SFTU President; Themba Msibi, SFTU Vice-President; and other SFTU officials and members: Simon Noge was released from police custody on 6 February without charge. Jan Sithole and his three colleagues remain in prison awaiting trial.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE / STRIKES / TRADE UNIONISTS /



ZAIRE

**AI Index:** AFR 62/03/97  
**Network:** EXTRA-11/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 29 January 1997

**Title:**Zaire: Death penalty: Dr Joseph Kanku Pinganay

**Abstract:**Dr Joseph Kanku Pinganay was sentenced to death on 28 January 1997 by a court martial sitting in the northern Zairian town of Kisangani, after being found guilty of espionage. He was charged with revealing government forces positions to members of the armed opposition, Alliance des forces democratiques pour la liberation du Congo-Zaire (AFDL). He is a doctor and the leader of a political party known as the Mouvement pour le redressement national et la radiation du chomage (MRNRC). He has been given 24 hours to lodge an appeal, and is reported to have been represented by legal counsel during the trial.

**Keywords:**ARMED CONFLICT / DEATH SENTENCE / DOCTORS / ESPIONAGE / MILITARY TRIBUNALS / POLITICIANS /

ZAIRE

**AI Index:** AFR 62/04/97  
**Network:** EXTRA-13/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 3 February 1997

**Title:**Zaire: Ill-treatment /fear of torture /medical concern

**Abstract:**Gabriel Kyamusoke, civil servant, trade unionist; Blaise Banzwa Kabo, civil servant, trade unionist: On 27 January 1997 the above men, leaders of the trade union Solidarite, were severely beaten when eight men in plain clothes, believed to be members of the security forces, arrested Gabriel Kyamusoke in his office in Kinshasa. Gabriel Kamusoke then allegedly suffered further ill-treatment and beatings at the Civil Guard's premises in Ngaliema district. Both men are now believed to be detained at the Civil Guard's Headquarters in Gombe district. The reasons for their arrest and continuing detention are not known, but there are fears they may be subject to further beatings.

**Keywords:**CIVIL SERVANTS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRADE UNIONISTS /

ZAIRE

**AI Index:** AFR 62/05/97  
**Network:** EXTRA-18/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 13 February 1997

**Title:**Zaire: Death penalty

**Abstract:**Sergeant Eboka Makusa, Corporal Mozoi Ramazani: On 7 February 1997 a court martial in Kisangani sentenced the above men to death for murder. It is not known what appeals they have lodged against their sentence.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / MILITARY TRIBUNALS /

**ARGENTINA****AI Index:** AMR 13/01/97**Network:** UA-50/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 13 February 1997**Title:**Argentina: Fear for safety: Santo Biasatti

**Abstract:**There is grave concern for the safety of Santo Biasatti, a well-known radio and TV journalist, who has received anonymous death threats against himself and members of his family. The threats contained a reference to Jose Luis Cabezas, a press photographer, who was killed in Pinamar, Buenos Aires Province, on 25 January 1997.

**Keywords:**BROADCASTERS / HARASSMENT / JOURNALISTS /**ARGENTINA****AI Index:** AMR 13/03/97**Network:** UA-55/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 February 1997**Title:**Argentina: Fear for safety: Daniel Straga

**Abstract:**There are fears for the safety of Daniel Straga, a human rights lawyer and journalist, after he received a telephoned death threat on 14 February 1997. He works for the non-governmental organization Coordinadora contra la Represion Policial e Institucional (CORREPI) and is the legal representative for a number of families of victims of police violence. He has been subjected to death threats and intimidation in the past on account of his work.

**Keywords:**HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / JOURNALISTS / LAWYERS /**BOLIVIA****AI Index:** AMR 18/02/97**Network:** UA-27/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 28 January 1997**Title:**Bolivia: Fear for safety: Dr Waldo Albarracin

**Abstract:**There is grave concern at reports that Dr Waldo Albarracin was abducted and tortured in La Paz by eight policemen on 25 January 1997. He is now recovering in hospital. Dr Waldo Albarracin is President of the Asamblea Permanente de Derechos Humanos, a non-governmental human rights organization, and there is concern that this attack was related to his human rights work, and that he is at risk of further attacks.

**Keywords:**ATTACKS / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /**BOLIVIA****AI Index:** AMR 18/04/97**Network:** UA-27/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 21 February 1997**Title:**Bolivia: Further information on fear for safety

**Abstract:**Dr Waldo Albarracin, human rights defender and his family; and new name: Dr Juan del Granado, lawyer, human rights defender: During February 1997 Dr Waldo Albarracin has received anonymous telephone death threats against himself and his family, and they have been subjected to surveillance by unidentified individuals. Similar threats have reportedly been made against Dr Juan del Granado, lawyer and president of the Human Rights Commission of the Chamber of Deputies. It is believed the recent threats against him may be linked to his public condemnation of the abduction and torture of Waldo Albarracin. According to reports, he has received reassurances from members of the government regarding his safety, and an investigation has been initiated into the attack on Waldo Albarracin by the Commission of Constitution, Justice and Judicial Police of the Chamber of Deputies. There remains, however, concern for their safety.

**Keywords:**HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / LAWYERS / NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION / POLICE / SURVEILLANCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

## COLOMBIA

**AI Index:** AMR 23/07/97

**Network:** UA-74/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 7 February 1997

**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:**Concerns for the safety of peasant farmer families forcibly displaced from the Bellacruz Ranch in February and March 1996, have increased following reports of further death threats in recent days by paramilitary groups. Amnesty International is urging the authorities to take immediate steps to protect the lives of displaced peasant farmers and their representatives, and to bring to justice paramilitary members responsible for death threats and other human rights violations.

**Keywords:**DISPLACED PEOPLE / FORCED EVICTION / HARASSMENT / LAND PROBLEMS / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANT LEADERS / PEASANTS /

## COLOMBIA

**AI Index:** AMR 23/08/97

**Network:** UA-05/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 11 February 1997

**Title:**Colombia: Further information on fear for safety /fear of extrajudicial execution and new concern: possible "disappearance"

**Abstract:**Peasant farmers from the municipalities of Remedios, Yondo and Cantagallo; new names: Alicia Canas (f), tradesperson, Reinaldo de Jesus Rios, Norberto Galeano Cuadros, Jesus Antonio Cabal: Between 29 January and 3 February 1997 a paramilitary group reportedly entered several villages in Yondo and interrogated villagers. At least one person was allegedly tortured. On 3 February peasant farmers Reinaldo de Jesus Rios, Norberto Galeano Cuadros and Jesus Antonio Cabal were found dead on the road between San Francisco de Yonda and Barrancabermeja, department of Santander. Their bodies showed signs of torture. Between 21 and 30 December 1996 the paramilitaries had raided the

communities of Puerto Nuevo Ite and Congoja, reportedly killing at least nine people and "disappearing" a tenth, Alicia Canas. The paramilitaries reportedly have a list of names of people they intend to kill.

**Keywords:**COMMUNITY LEADERS / DISAPPEARANCES / HARASSMENT / IMPUNITY / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANTS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRADERS / WOMEN /

## COLOMBIA

**AI Index:** AMR 23/09/97

**Network:** UA-148/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 18 February 1997

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

**Abstract:**Civilian population of the municipality of El Carment del Atrato, department of Choco; and new names: Gustavo Taborda, Libia Vera (f), an elderly man (name unknown), Marleny Calle (f), Eleazar Munoz Calle, Marcos Jimenez and his family: There continues to be serious concern for the safety of the civilian population of El Carmen del Atrato. On 14 December two men wearing military uniforms reportedly forced Gustavo Taborda from his home and killed him. On 23 January members of a paramilitary group killed Libia Vera in a restaurant. On 3 February Marcos Jimenez and his family were forced to abandon their home after receiving death threats from paramilitaries. Paramilitaries were also said to be looking for Marleny Calle and her son Eleazar Munoz Calle. An elderly man is also reported to have been killed by the paramilitaries and his body thrown into the River Playa. Recently members of the indigenous community of Sabaleta have also been threatened. Amnesty International is continuing to call on the authorities to take decisive action against the paramilitaries.

**Keywords:**AGED / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / HOUSE DESTRUCTION / IMPUNITY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANTS / WOMEN /

## COSTA RICA

**AI Index:** AMR 24/01/97

**Network:** UA-216/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 19 February 1997

**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): On 11 February Reina Xiomara Zelaya Gonzalez and her daughters arrived in Sweden, where they have been granted permanent residency. Those responsible for the campaign of threats and intimidation, believed to be members of the Honduran security forces, have still not been brought to account by the Costa Rican government.

**Keywords:**ASYLUM / CHILDREN / FAMILIES / GOOD NEWS TESTIMONIES / HARASSMENT / HONDURAS / REFUGEES / SURVEILLANCE / WOMEN /

## CUBA

**AI Index:** AMR 25/05/97

**Network:** UA-85/96

**Pages:** 1**Date:** 10 February 1997**Title:**Cuba: Further information on medical concern /prisoner of conscience

**Abstract:**Roberto Lopez Montanes, member of Concilio Cubano; Juan Francisco Monzon Oviedo, member of the National Coordinating Council of Concilio Cubano: Amnesty International has learned that prisoner of conscience Roberto Lopez Montanes was recently released, about three months before his sentence was due to expire. Juan Francisco Monzon Oviedo was detained on 26 January 1997 and released later the same day.

**Keywords:**PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /**GUATEMALA****AI Index:** AMR 34/01/97**Network:** UA-32/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 30 January 1997**Title:**Guatemala: Fear for safety: Peasant farmers from the El Sauce community

**Abstract:**Rosa Pec Chub (f), Juan Rax Chub, her son: There is serious concern for the safety of 15 families from the El Sauce community, El Estor, department of Izabal, following a violent attack against them on 24 January 1997 by about 100 heavily armed individuals, led by a local landowner. In the attack Rosa Pec Chub was killed and her son, Juan Rax Chub, was wounded. The assailants also destroyed homes, crops and the community chapel. Amnesty International is urging the authorities to fully investigate the incident, and bring those responsible to justice.

**Keywords:**ARMED CIVILIANS / ATTACKS / ATTEMPTED KILLING / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HOUSE DESTRUCTION / IMPUNITY / LAND PROBLEMS / PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS / WOMEN /**MEXICO****AI Index:** AMR 41/03/97**Network:** UA-30/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 28 January 1997**Title:**Mexico: Fear of torture/ill-treatment: Benigno Guzman Martinez

**Abstract:**Benigno Guzman Martinez, a peasant activist in the state of Guerrero, was detained by members of the Federal District Attorney General's Office on 27 January 1997, accused of being a senior leader of the Revolutionary Popular Army (EPR), an armed opposition group. The Interior Ministry have stated that his detention was made possible by testimonies of alleged members of the EPR who are in detention, and who were reportedly tortured by the security forces. There is concern that he also may face torture or ill-treatment in detention.

**Keywords:**ARMED CONFLICT / HARASSMENT / PEASANTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /**MEXICO****AI Index:** AMR 41/04/97**Network:** UA-122/96**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 31 January 1997

**Title:**Mexico: Further information on fear for safety

**Abstract:**Father Camilo Daniel, Catholic priest and human rights activist, Mary Perez de Soto (f), parish secretary of the above and her children Camilo Soto Perez and Anita Soto Perez (f): Mary Perez Soto and her two children have gone into hiding after receiving further death threats. No action has been taken by the authorities to investigate the threats and ensure their safety.

**Keywords:**CHILDREN / CLERICAL WORKERS / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / HUNGER-STRIKE / LAND PROBLEMS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / WOMEN /

**MEXICO**

**AI Index:** AMR 41/05/97

**Network:** UA-265/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 31 January 1997

**Title:**Mexico: Further information on fear for safety: Ruth Yudit Ortega Orozco (f)

**Abstract:**Ruth Yudit Ortega Orozco, a 21-year-old student activist, continues to be harassed by anonymous telephone threats, and fears for her safety have increased. The authorities have yet to offer her any protection.

**Keywords:**HARASSMENT / STUDENTS / WOMEN /

**MEXICO**

**AI Index:** AMR 41/06/97

**Network:** EXTRA-91/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 7 February 1997

**Title:**Mexico: Further information on ill-treatment /fear for safety /fear of torture: Bertoldo Martinez Cruz

**Abstract:**The above, a peasant activist and leader of the 6 March Movement, was rearrested by police in Acapulco, Guerrero. There are fears that he may be tortured or ill-treated in custody, and that the charges he faces are without foundation. Bertoldo Martinez Cruz is also the secretary of the Human Rights Committee of the opposition Partido de la Revolucion Democratica (PRD) and a member of the Union de Organizaciones de la Sierra del Sur (UOSS).

**Keywords:**DEMONSTRATIONS / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / PEASANT LEADERS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / REARREST /

MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/07/97**Network:** UA-45/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 7 February 1997**Title:** Mexico: Fear for safety: Doctor Maria Luisa Mussot (f), social rights activist**Abstract:** Doctor Maria Luisa Mussot, a representative of the Coordinating Committee of Women in Defence of Social Security, and member of the Front for the Defence of Social Security, received an anonymous threatening phone call on 25 January 1997. This is the latest and most direct incident in a campaign of intimidation against her, and there is grave concern for her safety. She has worked with unions and other civic organizations to campaign in defence of workers' social rights which are being adversely affected by recent legislation. Other colleagues involved in the campaign have also suffered similar phone calls.**Keywords:** COMMUNITY WORKERS / DOCTORS / HARASSMENT / LEGISLATION / WOMEN /MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/08/97**Network:** UA-255/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 13 February 1997**Title:** Mexico: Further information on fear for safety /death threats / possible "disappearances" /ill-treatment: Members of CONPAZ, human rights organization**Abstract:** On 9 January 1997 an attack took place on the offices of the Coordinacion de Organismos No Gubernamentales por la Paz (CONPAZ) in San Cristobal del las Casas, Chiapas, when unidentified individuals broke in and tried to set the offices on fire. This is the latest in a series of threats and attacks against CONPAZ since November 1996. Concern for the safety of CONPAZ members is heightened by the government's failure to bring the perpetrators to justice.**Keywords:** ATTACKS / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / IMPUNITY / PARAMILITARIES / PEACE ACTIVISTS /USA**AI Index:** AMR 51/05/97**Network:** EXTRA-154/95**Pages:** 1**Date:** 6 February 1997**Title:** USA (Virginia): Further information on: death penalty /legal concern: Coleman Gray (includes correction)**Abstract:** Coleamn Gray, black, is scheduled to be executed in Virginia on 26 February 1997.**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / MINORITIES /

USA

**AI Index:** AMR 51/08/97  
**Network:** EXTRA-23/97  
**Pages:** 2  
**Date:** 19 February 1997

**Title:**USA (Missouri): Death penalty: Roosevelt Pollard

**Abstract:**Roosevelt Pollard, black, is scheduled to be executed in Missouri on 5 March 1997. He was sentenced to death for murder on 27 January 1996. There is concern that he may be executed despite the fact that he suffers from serious mental health problems. There is also concern that important evidence about his mental health was not presented to the sentencing jury.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE / MENTAL HEALTH / MINORITIES /

CHINA

**AI Index:** ASA 17/07/97  
**Network:** UA-42/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 6 February 1997

**Title:**People's Republic of China: Death penalty

**Abstract:**Zhang Zhengmao, Shi Yuansheng, Shi Yuanzhang: There is concern that the above men have been sentenced to death on 6 February 1997 on charges relating to economic offences. Zhang Zhengmao and Shi Yuansheng, manager and deputy director of two real-estate development firms in Jishou city, Hunan province, were charged with embezzlement and accepting bribes. A third defendant, Shi Yuanzhang, a former Communist Party Secretary of Jishou city, was given the death sentence with a two-year reprieve.

**Keywords:**BUSINESS PEOPLE / DEATH SENTENCE / STAY OF EXECUTION /

INDIA

**AI Index:** ASA 20/03/97  
**Network:** UA-39/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 4 February 1997

**Title:**India (Jammu and Kashmir): Fear of torture: Syed Zahoorul Haq

**Abstract:**Syed Zahoorul Haq, a 40-year-old businessman, has been detained incommunicado and without charge by members of the Border Security Force (BSF) since 22 January 1997 and there are grave concerns for his safety. His father-in-law, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, a senior executive member of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) has in the past been subjected to repeated arrest and harassment including attacks on his house.

**Keywords:**BUSINESS PEOPLE / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO  
 DETENTION / MILITARY / UNLAWFUL DETENTION /

INDIA

**AI Index:** ASA 20/06/97  
**Network:** UA-52/97  
**Pages:** 2  
**Date:** 17 February 1997

**Title:**India: Fear for safety: Residents of Agartala and Khowai sub-divisions



**Abstract:**There is concern for the safety of civilian residents of Agartala and Khowai sub-divisions, north-eastern state of Tripura, after the government invoked the Disturbed Areas Act in six police station areas, in response to deliberate and arbitrary killings by the armed opposition group, the All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF). According to reports the ATTF began armed attacks on 13 February against ethnic Bengalis in villages and refugee camps in the west of the state. On 16 February at least 31 civilians were killed and over 200 houses were set alight. Despite the existence of police posts nearby, police personnel apparently failed to intervene. The invocation of the Disturbed Areas Act means that the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act is enforced in the Agartala and Khowai sub-divisions. This Act grants sweeping powers to the police to shoot to kill and allows for arrest without warrant.

**Keywords:**ATTACKS / COMMUNAL VIOLENCE / EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / ETHNIC GROUPS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HOUSE DESTRUCTION / IMPUNITY / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES /

## INDONESIA

**AI Index:** ASA 21/04/97

**Network:** UA-06/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 12 February 1997

**Title:**Indonesia: Further information on fear of torture

**Abstract:**Baltasar SH Belo, Jose Maria Geronimo, Joao Budiono C Moraes, Gregorio Sequira Bento, Luis Afonso, Abel Fernandes, Armando C Soares, Bobby Xavier; and new names: Felciano Maria Martins, Oracio Viegas, Celestino Soares (alias Antino), Claudino Guterres (alias Alau), Jose do Rosario, Constancio Soares: The Indonesian authorities have stated that 16 people have been detained in relation to the disturbances in Dili, East Timor, on 24 December 1996.

**Keywords:**CIVIL UNREST / JUVENILES /

## INDONESIA

**AI Index:** ASA 21/05/97

**Network:** EXTRA-20/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 13 February 1997

**Title:**Indonesia/East Timor: Fear of torture /medical concern

**Abstract:**Tomas Caiware (35), Fransisco Ximenes (28), Celestino Jerronimo, Armindo Soares (30), Gaspar Pinto (19), Agostinho Orlandor (19), Evangel Menezes (22), Fransisco Jesus (18), Armando (25), Paulo (28), Paulo Soares (27), Adelino (27), Agustinho da Silva (19), Gaspar (18), Acacio (20), Napoleon Amaral (27), Luis (27), Luis (20), Domingos Pinto (22), Eduardo Amaral (20), Alberto (16), Luis Pinto (16), Agostinho (19), Raimundo (23), Mau-Meta (15), Luis Gama (20), Paulo (20), Egas (20), Paulo Alves (28), Gaspar (18), Mateus (23), Moises (19), Luis (26), Fransisco Rangal (23): At least 33 East Timorese have been arrested in the Viqueque district in the past week and are now being held in military custody where they are at serious risk of torture and ill-treatment. Up to four people are also reported to have been shot by the military, one of whom, Fransisco Rangal, is reported to have died of his injuries.

**Keywords:**CIVIL UNREST / JUVENILES / MILITARY /

**INDONESIA****AI Index:** ASA 21/06/97**Network:** EXTRA-20/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 14 February 1997**Title:**Indonesia/East Timor: Further information on fear of torture /medical concern**Abstract:**Tomas Caiware (35), Fransisco Ximenes (28), Celestino Jerronimo, Armindo Soares (30), Gaspar Pinto (19), Agostinho Orlandor (19), Evangel Menezes (22), Fransisco Jesus (18), Armando (25), Paulo (28), Paulo Soares (27), Adelino (27), Agustinho da Silva (19), Gaspar (18), Acacio (20), Napoleon Amaral (27), Luis (27), Luis (20), Domingos Pinto (22), Eduardo Amaral (20), Alberto (16), Luis Pinto (16), Agostinho (19), Raimundo (23), Mau-Meta (15), Luis Gama (20), Paulo (20), Egas (20), Paulo Alves (28), Gaspar (18), Mateus (23), Moises (19), Luis (26), Fransisco Rangal (23): Amnesty International has learned that 109 people are reported to have been arrested in the Viqueque district of East Timor following disturbances between 7 and 11 February 1997. There remains concern for the safety of all those in military custody.**Keywords:**CIVIL UNREST / JUVENILES / MASS ARREST / MILITARY /**INDONESIA****AI Index:** ASA 21/07/97**Network:** EXTRA-20/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 February 1997**Title:**Indonesia/East Timor: Further information on fear of torture /medical concern**Abstract:**Of those arrested in the Viqueque district of East Timor in relation to disturbances between 7 and 11 February, 105 have now been released, leaving at least four people (names unknown) in detention. According to reports, many of those that have been released were tortured or ill-treated while in custody. There is serious concern for the safety of those still in detention.**Keywords:**CIVIL UNREST / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /**MALDIVES****AI Index:** ASA 29/01/97**Network:** UA-36/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 31 January 1997**Title:**Republic of Maldives: Fear of torture /prisoner of conscience: Mohamed Shaheeb**Abstract:**Mohamed Shaheeb, a journalist writing for the newspaper Haveeru, was arrested on 20 January 1997, reportedly in connection with a fictional short story he had written about the treatment of a young woman detained by police. He is currently being held in Dhoonidhoo detention centre. Amnesty International considers him to be a prisoner of conscience and is concerned for his safety while in police custody.**Keywords:**CENSORSHIP / JOURNALISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA****AI Index:** ASA 34/02/97**Network:** UA-48/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 10 February 1997**Title:** Papua New Guinea: Death penalty

**Abstract:** Steven Loke, Greg Kavoa, Charles Kaona: On 10 February 1997 the above men were sentenced to death on conviction of murder after a trial at the Kimbe National Court in West New Britain. This is only the second time that the death penalty has been handed since 1991 when the punishment was reintroduced in PNG for the crime of wilful murder.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE /**PHILIPPINES****AI Index:** ASA 35/01/97**Network:** UA-44/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 7 February 1997**Title:** Philippines: Threats /fear for safety

**Abstract:** Senator Raul Roco, Justice Francis Garchitorena, Justice Jose Balajadia; and human rights lawyers: Jose Manuel Diokno, Efren Moncupa, Arno Sanidad, Alexander Padilla, Theodore Te, Lorenzo Tanada, Wigberto Tanada, Francis Pangilinan: On 31 January 1997 Senator Raul Roco, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Human Rights and Social Justice, received a death threat letter. Copies of the letter were also sent to two judges, and threatened several lawyers, mainly from the human rights NGO Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG). The tone, contents and choice of recipients strongly suggests that the authors were members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) seeking to threaten those involved in the continuing prosecution of 27 PNP officers involved in alleged extrajudicial executions.

**Keywords:** HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / JUDGES / LAWYERS / PARLIAMENTARIANS / POLICE /**SINGAPORE****AI Index:** ASA 36/01/97**Network:** EXTRA-21/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 17 February 1997**Title:** Singapore: Death penalty: Lee Teck Yeong

**Abstract:** Lee Teck Yeong, a 28-year-old heroin addict, was sentenced to death on 25 October 1996 for trafficking. According to a report in the Straits Times, he has decided not to appeal against his sentence, despite denying the charges. There is concern that he may soon be executed.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / DRUG TRAFFICKING / MANUAL WORKERS /

**COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES****AI Index:** EUR 04/02/97**Network:** EXTRA-24/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 24 February 1997**Title:** Russia/Uzbekistan: Fear of forcible repatriation /possible prisoner of conscience: Albert Kayumovich Musin**Abstract:** Albert Musin, a journalist and monitor of human rights developments in Central Asia, living in political exile in Russia, is reported to be at risk of imminent and forcible repatriation to Uzbekistan. There he would be at risk of imprisonment on an apparently politically motivated charge and may become a prisoner of conscience.**Keywords:** HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / JOURNALISTS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RUSSIAN FEDERATION / UKRAINE /**ALBANIA****AI Index:** EUR 11/02/97**Network:** EXTRA-16/97**Pages:** 2**Date:** 6 February 1997**Title:** Albania: Fear of ill-treatment /prisoners of conscience /possible POCs**Abstract:** Vladimir Goxhi, Arben Gega, Stavri Shkembj, Gjergji Meta, Ermir Caci, B Memushi; Roland Beqiraj, journalist: Mass demonstrations are continuing in the town of Vlora, part of a wave of protests throughout Albania by people demanding the return of money invested in fraudulent pyramid investment schemes. There is concern that the current unrest may lead to further human rights violations, as occurred during similar protests in January, including police violence against non-violent demonstrators, the ill-treatment of detained demonstrators and the detention of prisoners of conscience and possible prisoners of conscience. The men named above are among those who were subject to arrest and beatings. Roland Beqiraj, a journalist, was arrested and beaten by police the day after he reported on demonstrations in Korca on 28 January. Amnesty International believes he is a prisoner of conscience and is calling for his release. A number of opposition party leaders have also been arrested and/or charged in connection with the demonstrations.**Keywords:** CIVIL UNREST / DEMONSTRATIONS / JOURNALISTS / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POLICE / POSSIBLE POC / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /**ALBANIA****AI Index:** EUR 11/03/97**Network:** EXTRA-16/97**Pages:** 2**Date:** 11 February 1997**Title:** Albania: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /prisoners of conscience /possible POCs**Abstract:** Vladimir Goxhi, Arben Gega, Stavri Shkembj, Gjergji Meta, Ermir Caci, B Memushi, Roland Beqiraj, journalist; and new names: Benet Koleka, Leon Cika, Spiro Ilo, Hektor Pustina (all journalists), Kastriot Islami, politician: There have been further reports of violent clashes between police and demonstrators in Vlora, in which three people are reported to have died and many others, including police, are reported injured. There is concern, however, at allegations that police beat

non-violent demonstrators and journalists in Tirana and Fier on 8 February. President Berisha has ordered an inquiry into alleged police violence.

**Keywords:**CIVIL UNREST / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / JOURNALISTS / PHOTOGRAPHERS / POLICE / POLITICIANS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

## ALBANIA

**AI Index:** EUR 11/04/97

**Network:** EXTRA-16/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 14 February 1997

**Title:**Albania: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /prisoners of conscience /possible POCs

**Abstract:**Vladimir Goxhi, Arben Gega, Stavri Shkemi, Gjergji Meta, Ermir Caci, B Memushi; Roland Beqiraj, Benet Koleka, Leon Cika, Spiro Ilo, Hektor Pustina (note correct spelling), all journalists; Kastriot Islami, politician: Amnesty International has learned that Roland Beqiraj and another journalist, Muharrem Meko (name not previously mentioned), have been released.

**Keywords:**CIVIL UNREST / DEMONSTRATIONS / JOURNALISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE

## DENMARK

**AI Index:** EUR 18/01/97

**Network:** EXTRA-199/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 30 January 1997

**Title:**Denmark: Further information on fear of imminent refoulement

**Abstract:**Rabah Hamana, Nassima Hamana and child: The above named and their newborn child face imminent and forcible return to Algeria where they would be at risk of serious human rights violations. The family have been summoned to appear at a police station on 31 January 1997, signalling the beginning of the procedure for their deportation. The Board of Refugees is considering reopening their case, but they must leave the country while their case is being reconsidered, and they could be sent back at any time to Algeria.

**Keywords:**ALGERIA / ARMED CONFLICT / CHILDREN / CLERICAL WORKERS / HARASSMENT / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / SECOND GOVERNMENTS / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/08/97

**Network:** EXTRA-12/97

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 30 January 1997

**Title:**Turkey: Fear of refoulement: Jamshid Hashemi

**Abstract:**The Turkish Interior Ministry has decided to forcibly return Jamshid Hashemi, an Iranian asylum-seeker recognized by the UNHCR, to Iran, where it is feared he may face imprisonment or execution. He is currently held in the Foreigners' Bureau of Istanbul Police Headquarters. He was detained on 24 December 1996 at Ataturk Airport in Istanbul on 24 December 1996, while attempting to leave for Madrid on a false passport. Several members of his family are reported to have been executed in Iran, and he himself was being sought by the authorities for

distributing pamphlets produced by the Organization of Iranian People's Fedayan.

**Keywords:**PHOTOGRAPHS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / UNHCR /

**TURKEY**

**AI Index:** EUR 44/09/97

**Network:** EXTRA-162/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 3 February 1997

**Title:**Turkey: Further information on prisoner of conscience: Osman Murat Ulke

**Abstract:**Osman Murat Ulke was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on 28 January 1997 by the Military Court of the General Staff in Ankara for "alienating the public from the institution of military service" by publicly declaring his conscientious objection and burning his call-up papers in September 1995. At the end of the hearing he was redetained and taken to Mamak Military Prison. Amnesty International considers him to be a prisoner of conscience and is calling for his immediate and unconditional release.

**Keywords:**CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS / PEACE ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

**TURKEY**

**AI Index:** EUR 44/10/97

**Network:** EXTRA-09/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 7 February 1997

**Title:**Turkey: Further information on fear of torture

**Abstract:**Kadir Satik, Mete Demirkol; and new names: Ayten Filiztekin (f), Harun Yavuz: Kadir Satik and two staff members of Komal Publishing House who were detained on 23 January were released on 31 January. Mete Demirkol was formally arrested and committed to prison. No information is available as yet regarding the charges. It is believed that all four were tortured in police custody.

**Keywords:**MINORITIES / POLICE / PUBLISHERS / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

**TURKEY**

**AI Index:** EUR 44/11/97

**Network:** EXTRA-12/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 13 February 1997

**Title:**Turkey: Further information on fear of refolement: Jamshid Hashemi

**Abstract:**Amnesty International has learned that Jamshid Hashemi has been granted a residence permit which allows him to stay in Turkey for two months while arrangements are made for him to go to a safe country. He is, therefore, no longer at risk of being forcibly returned to Iran.

**Keywords:**REFUGEES /

**TURKEY**

**AI Index:** EUR 44/12/97

**Network:** EXTRA-162/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 20 February 1997**Title:** Turkey: Further information on prisoner of conscience: Osman Murat Ulke

**Abstract:** The trial hearing at the Military Court in Eskisehir on 30 January 1997 was adjourned to 6 March for sentencing. Osman Murat Ulke, who has been transferred to the military prison in Eskisehir, could be sentenced to a maximum of two years' imprisonment. On 18 February 1997 the Military Court of the General Staff in Ankara opened a trial against seven members of the Turkish Human Rights Association and five members, including Osman Murat Ulke, of the banned Izmir War Resisters' Association, on charges of "alienating the public from the institution of military service". This trial was adjourned to 1 April 1997. Amnesty International continues to call for Osman Murat Ulke's immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

**Keywords:** CENSORSHIP / CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PEACE ACTIVISTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

**UK****AI Index:** EUR 45/01/97**Network:** UA-46/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 7 February 1997

**Title:** United Kingdom: Cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment /health concern: Roisin McAliskey (f)

**Abstract:** Amnesty International is concerned that the conditions of detention in which Roisin McAliskey is being held, may amount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. She was detained in Northern Ireland on 20 November 1996 and remanded in custody on an extradition warrant issued by the German authorities in connection with an Irish Republican Army mortar attack on a British Army base in Germany. She is six to seven months pregnant and suffers from various medical ailments including asthma and an eating disorder. There is concern that she is being strip-searched twice a day and is reportedly restricted to taking exercise on the roof of the prison.

**Keywords:** EXTRADITION / ILL-HEALTH / POLITICAL PRISONERS / PREGNANCY / PRISON CONDITIONS / STRIP-SEARCHING / WOMEN /

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION****AI Index:** EUR 46/02/97**Network:** UA-294/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 13 February 1997

**Title:** Russian Federation: Further information on prisoner of conscience / health concern: Yury Shadrin

**Abstract:** Yury Shadrin, a human rights advocate and public defender arrested on 29 November in the Siberian city of Omsk was released on 31 December 1996. However, there is concern that the charges against him remain.

**Keywords:** CONDITIONAL RELEASE / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / LAWYERS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

**UKRAINE****AI Index:** EUR 50/03/97

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**Network:** UA-280/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 30 January 1997

**Title:**Ukraine: Further information on death penalty /legal concern: Sergey Vysochansky

**Abstract:**Amnesty International has received information that the defence lawyers for Sergey Vysochansky are being denied access to information on the case at the Supreme Court. Sergey Vysochansky was sentenced to death for murder at Khmel'nitsky regional court on 14 July 1996. His sentence was upheld by the Supreme Court on 6 August 1996. There continues to be concern that his conviction was unsafe, based on a confession which he later retracted claiming it had been made under duress.

**Keywords:**CONFESSIONS / DEATH SENTENCE / TRIALS /

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**UKRAINE**

**AI Index:** EUR 50/06/97

**Network:** EXTRA-17/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 11 February 1997

**Title:**Ukraine: Death penalty: Ruslan Nikolaevich Doluda, aged 21

**Abstract:**Ruslan Doluda was sentenced to death on 20 September 1996 by Kharkov Regional Court after being found guilty of murder. His sentence was upheld by the Supreme Court on 24 December 1996. A petition for clemency is soon to be considered by the Clemency Commission and the President.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE /

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**UKRAINE**

**AI Index:** EUR 50/07/97

**Network:** UA-271/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 12 February 1997

**Title:**Ukraine: Further information on death penalty /legal concern: Vladimir Yurevich Chernitsa

**Abstract:**Vladimir Chernitsa's petition for clemency has still not been considered by the Clemency Commission or the President. The petition was sent to President Kuchma on 11 September 1996. This is the final possibility for appeal against the death sentence.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE / PHOTOGRAPHS /



**KAZAKSTAN**

**AI Index:** EUR 57/04/97  
**Network:** EXTRA-07/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 5 February 1997

**Title:** Kazakstan: Further information on fear of imminent execution: Oleg Amiranovich Gorozashvili

**Abstract:** It has been reported that Oleg Gorozashvili is still alive in a prison in Almaty. Amnesty International continues to call for his sentence to be commuted.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE /

**KAZAKSTAN**

**AI Index:** EUR 57/05/97  
**Network:** EXTRA-132/96  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 6 February 1997

**Title:** Kazakstan: Further information on fear of imminent execution: Azer Bashirov ogy Bashirov

**Abstract:** According to an official statement in January 1997, Azer Bashirov's death sentence was commuted at the end of 1996.

**Keywords:** COMMUTATION /

**KYRGYZSTAN**

**AI Index:** EUR 58/05/97  
**Network:** UA-34/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 31 January 1997

**Title:** Kyrgyzstan: Death penalty

**Abstract:** Duyshebek Askarovich Medetbekov, Ishenbek Askarovich Medetbekov: There is concern that these two brothers have been sentenced to death in Kyrgyzstan for murder. Their parents have claimed that they retracted their confessions in the first court session, claiming that they had been beaten in pre-trial detention. When the court resumed, the brothers again pleaded guilty, and their parents reported that their sons behaved oddly in court. An appeal against their sentences is now pending with the Supreme Court.

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

**TURKMENISTAN**

**AI Index:** EUR 61/02/97  
**Network:** UA-53/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 19 February 1997

**Title:** Turkmenistan: Fear for safety /possible prisoner of conscience: Gulgeldy Annaniyazov

**Abstract:** There is concern for the safety of Gulgeldy Annaniyazov, who is in the second year of a 15-year prison sentence imposed after he was involved in an anti-government demonstration on 12 July 1995. There are reports that he is being held at the maximum security prison in Ashgabat, alongside violent

criminals, deliberately to put him at risk of physical assault. Amnesty International is also asking for clarification of the charges made against him.

**Keywords:** DEMONSTRATIONS / LONG-TERM IMPRISONMENT / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / POSSIBLE POC / PRISON CONDITIONS /

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA**

**AI Index:** EUR 70/02/97

**Network:** UA-25/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 30 January 1997

**Title:** Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Further information on ill-treatment / possible prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** New names: Dusan Naric, Ljubisa Brkic: There is concern at reports that on 28 January 1997 police reportedly beat demonstrators in the town of Smederevska Palanka, including a parliamentary deputy, Dusan Naric, and local town councillor Ljubisa Brkic. The demonstration was reportedly held after a new town council was convened that day by councillors from the ruling Socialist Party of Serbia. The opposition coalition, Zajedno, believes it won local elections in Smederevska Palanka, a claim supported by the findings of a fact-finding mission from the OSCE.

**Keywords:** DEMONSTRATIONS / ELECTIONS / LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES / PARLIAMENTARIANS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA**

**AI Index:** EUR 70/03/97

**Network:** UA-37/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 3 February 1997

**Title:** Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Fear of further ill-treatment

**Abstract:** Vesna Pesic (f), parliamentary deputy; Ljubivoj (Ljuba) Tadic, actor; Sergei Karazy, cameraman; and others: On the night of 2-3 February 1997 police charged and beat demonstrators at Brankov Bridge in Belgrade. Among those injured were Vesna Pesic, leader of the opposition party Civil Alliance, Ljuba Tadic, an actor, and several journalists and television cameramen, including Sergei Karazy, a cameraman for Reuters news agency. Amnesty International is calling on the authorities to desist from any further violence against peaceful demonstrators and to instigate a thorough investigation into these and other recent reports of ill-treatment by police.

**Keywords:** ACTORS / DEMONSTRATIONS / JOURNALISTS / PARLIAMENTARIANS / PHOTOGRAPHERS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA**

**AI Index:** EUR 70/04/97

**Network:** UA-38/97

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 3 February 1997

**Title:** Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo province): Fear of ill-treatment / possible extrajudicial executions

**Abstract:**Ethnic Albanians including: Avni Klinaku, Dulah Sallahu, Bejtullah Sallahu, Emin Sallahu, Shukrije Rexha (f), political activist, Majlinda Sinani (f), school teacher and actress, Sinan Azemi, human rights activist; Zahir Pajaziti, Hakif Zejnullahu (both killed): Since 26 January 1997 some 40 ethnic Albanians have been detained, apparently on suspicion that they are members of the so-called "Liberation Army of Kosovo". Fears for their safety have increased after the release of Naser Dugolli who has alleged that he was severely ill-treated in police custody. On 31 January three ethnic Albanians, Zahir Pajaziti, Hakif Zejnullahu and one other unnamed person were shot dead by police, who claim they were acting in self-defence. While Amnesty International acknowledges the duty of the authorities to bring to justice any person who has committed violent crimes, it is seeking assurances that those detained are not being subjected to torture or ill-treatment and that the incident on 31 January is fully investigated.

**Keywords:**ACTORS / ARMED CONFLICT / ETHNIC GROUPS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / TEACHERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

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**Date:** 6 February 1997

**Title:**Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo province): Further information on fear of ill-treatment /possible extrajudicial executions

**Abstract:**Ethnic Albanians including: Avni Klinaku, Dulah Sallahu, Bejtullah Sallahu, Emin Sallahu, Shukrije Rexha (f), political activist, Majlinda Sinani (f), school teacher and actress, Sinan Azemi, human rights activist; Zahir Pajaziti, Hakif Zejnullahu (both killed); and new names: Edmond Hoxha (killed), Naip Hasani: On 3 February the Yugoslav authorities announced that "66 members of terrorist organizations" had been arrested. An ethnic Albanian lawyer, however, whose clients are among those arrested, has denied that her clients were involved in political violence, and has alleged that many have been tortured or ill-treated by police in incommunicado detention. Among those taken to hospital, after allegedly being severely ill-treated, was Naip Hasani. The name of the third ethnic Albanian who was shot by police on 31 January was reportedly Edmond Hoxha.

**Keywords:**ACTORS / ARMED CONFLICT / ETHNIC GROUPS / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / TEACHERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA**

**AI Index:** EUR 70/06/97

**Network:** UA-38/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 7 February 1997

**Title:**Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo province): Further information on fear of ill-treatment /possible extrajudicial executions

**Abstract:**Ethnic Albanians including: Avni Klinaku, Dulah Sallahu, Emin Sallahu, Shukrije Rexha (f), political activist, Majlinda Sinani (f), school teacher and actress, Nait Hasani (first name possibly Naip/Nahit); Zahir Pajaziti, Hakif Zejnullahu, Edmond Hoxha (all three killed); and new names: Liburn Aliu, Dilber Beka, Agim Kuleta, Fatmir Humolli, Gani Balaj, Muje Pertekupi, Nebih Tahiri, Shaban Beka, Enver

Dugolli, Naser Tahiri, Ragip Berisha; released: Bejtullah Sallahu, Sinan Azemi: On 5 February it is reported that the district court of Pristina ordered an investigation against Avni Klinaku and 15 other ethnic Albanians, regarding charges of seeking to undermine the territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and of terrorism. They remain in detention pending investigation.

**Keywords:**ACTORS / ARMED CONFLICT / ETHNIC GROUPS / MASS ARREST / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / RELEASE / TEACHERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

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**AI Index:** EUR 70/08/97

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**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 24 February 1997

**Title:**Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo province): Further information on fear of ill-treatment /possible extrajudicial executions and new concern: death in custody

**Abstract:**Besnik Restelica (new name), an ethnic Albanian from Podujevo in Kosovo province, who was arrested on 31 January 1997, is reported to have died in custody in Pristina. He was among some 90 ethnic Albanians arrested on charges of having committed or planned terrorist acts against Serbs, mainly police officers. Another 16 ethnic Albanians have been under investigation on similar charges since 5 February. Police reportedly told his family on 23 February that he had committed suicide in his cell. However, ethnic Albanian sources state that his body was marked by severe bruising indicating that he had been tortured in police, and may have died as a result of this ill-treatment. Of those arrested, at least 40 have been released, and many have alleged that they were tortured in police custody.

**Keywords:**ARMED CONFLICT / DEATH IN CUSTODY / ETHNIC GROUPS / MASS ARREST / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

## BAHRAIN

**AI Index:** MDE 11/02/97

**Network:** UA-54/97

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**Date:** 20 February 1997

**Title:**Bahrain: Fear of torture /legal concern: 'Ali Hassan Yusuf

**Abstract:**'Ali Hassan Yusuf, a well-known Shi'a Muslim writer and poet, aged 40, was arrested on 16 February 1997 at his home in Jidd Haf. The exact reasons for his arrest are unknown, but it is believed to be connected with the recent publication of a collection of his poetry. He is currently being detained incommunicado and there is concern that he is at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

**Keywords:**INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / WRITERS /

EGYPT

**AI Index:** MDE 12/08/97  
**Network:** EXTRA-14/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 4 February 1997

**Title:** Egypt: Death penalty

**Abstract:** Abu al-Ma'aty Salah Nasr al-Din, unemployed, and his wife Nabihah al-Sayyid 'Ali have recently been sentenced to death by the Giza criminal court after being found guilty of murder. Their sentences have been confirmed by the Mufti.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE / WOMEN /

IRAN

**AI Index:** MDE 13/06/97  
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**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 29 January 1997

**Title:** Iran: Further information on death penalty /flogging /torture / unfair trial: Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani (f)

**Abstract:** There is concern at unconfirmed reports suggesting that Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani may be executed on 31 January 1997.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / WOMEN /

IRAN

**AI Index:** MDE 13/07/97  
**Network:** UA-33/97  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 30 January 1997

**Title:** Iran: Prisoners of conscience /death penalty

**Abstract:** Dhabihullah Mahrami, Musa Talibi: There is grave concern that these two men may be at risk of imminent execution following reports that the Supreme Court has confirmed their death sentences. They are both Baha'is, a religious minority not recognized in Iran, and have been sentenced to death for apostasy. Both are accused of having converted to Islam in the past and then having reverted to the Baha'i religion. Amnesty International believes that they are prisoners of conscience and is calling for the death sentences against them to be lifted and for them to be released immediately and unconditionally.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - BAHAI' / RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE /

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**AI Index:** MDE 13/08/97  
**Network:** UA-269/96  
**Pages:** 2  
**Date:** 31 January 1997

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

**Abstract:** Faraj Sarkouhi; and new names: Isma'il Sarkouhi, his brother, Parvin Ardalan (f), assistant to Faraj: There continues to be concern for the safety of Faraj Sarkouhi, the editor of Adineh magazine, and now also his brother Isma'il, who

have both been missing since 27 January 1997. His assistant at the magazine, Parvin Ardalan, has been missing since 24 January. There is concern that they may be held as prisoners of conscience in unacknowledged detention. There is also concern at unconfirmed reports that his mother and brother-in-law have also been interrogated, and that other writers in Iran who were among 134 signatories to an open letter calling for an end to censorship, have received threats from Hizbollah.

**Keywords:** ARMED CIVILIANS / EDITORS / HARASSMENT / PHOTOGRAPHS / POSSIBLE POC / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION / WOMEN / WRITERS /

## IRAN

**AI Index:** MDE 13/09/97

**Network:** UA-269/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 6 February 1997

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

**Abstract:**Faraj Sarkouhi, editor; Isma'il Sarkhouhi, brother of Faraj; Parvin Ardalan (f), assistant to Faraj: According to media reports, the Iranian authorities have acknowledged that Faraj Sarkouhi and his brother Isma'il are currently detained. They have reportedly been arrested for trying to leave the country illegally. The exact date of their arrest is unclear and there is concern that the real reason for their arrest may be politically motivated, and that the two men may be prisoners of conscience. There is no further information on the whereabouts of Parvin Ardalan, who has reportedly not been seen since 24 January 1997.

**Keywords:**EDITORS / FAMILIES / POSSIBLE POC / RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT / WOMEN /

## IRAN

**AI Index:** MDE 13/10/97

**Network:** UA-269/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 10 February 1997

**Title:**Iran: Further information on fear for safety /possible prisoner of conscience and new concern: fear of death penalty

**Abstract:**Faraj Sarkouhi, editor; Isma'il Sarkouhi: Isma'il Sarkouhi was released on or around 6 February 1997. His brother, Faraj, is reportedly still detained. There is concern at reports that he may face charges of adultery and espionage, both of which carry the death penalty.

**Keywords:**DEATH PENALTY / EDITORS / POSSIBLE POC / RELEASE /

## ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

**AI Index:** MDE 15/05/97

**Network:** UA-96/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 10 February 1997

**Title:**Israel /Palestinian Authority: Further information on torture /legal concern

**Abstract:**Adib Muhammad Ziadeh, student, Mustapha Atari, student of architectural engineering, Muhammad Ba'lushi, student of sociology, Hussain al-Silk, computer worker, Jack Nazzal, medical laboratory worker: Amnesty International

has learned that Muhammad Ba'lushi was released on 3 December 1996. Adib Ziadeh, Mustapha Atari and Hussain al-Silk were all released on 16 January 1997. Jack Nazzal remains detained without charge or trial in Ramallah Central Prison.

**Keywords:**COMPUTER STAFF / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / RELEASE / TECHNICIANS /

### ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

**AI Index:** MDE 15/06/97

**Network:** UA-96/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 12 February 1997

**Title:**Israel /Palestinian Authority: Further information on torture /legal concern

**Abstract:**Jack Nazzal, medical laboratory worker: Amnesty International has learned that Jack Nazzal was released from Ramallah Central Prison on 11 February 1997.

**Keywords:**RELEASE / TECHNICIANS /

### LEBANON

**AI Index:** MDE 18/04/97

**Network:** UA-28/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 28 January 1997

**Title:**Lebanon: "Disappearance" /fear of torture /health concern: Gabi 'Aql Karam

**Abstract:**On 6 January 1997, Gabi 'Aql Karam was reportedly detained by four officers, allegedly from the Lebanese Intelligence forces, and is now being held at an unknown location. Fears that he may face torture are heightened by the fact that he suffers from a back injury and psychological problems, reportedly as a result of torture in Syria in 1994.

**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / ILL-HEALTH / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

### UAE

**AI Index:** MDE 25/04/97

**Network:** EXTRA-178/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 18 February 1997

**Title:**United Arab Emirates: Further information on death penalty: John Aquino

**Abstract:**It now appears that the death sentence against John Aquino, a 33-year-old Filipino worker, was not quashed by the Federal Supreme Court as was reported previously. Recent reports suggest that on 1 February 1997 the Federal Supreme Court in Abu Dhabi decided to uphold his death sentence unless he receives clemency from the victim's family by 8 March 1997. There is concern that he remains at risk of execution.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE / FOREIGN NATIONALS /

### ALGERIA

**AI Index:** MDE 28/02/97

**Network:** UA-51/97

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 17 February 1997**Title:**Algeria: "Disappearance" /fear for safety: Amine Amrouche**Abstract:**Amine Amrouche, aged 22, "disappeared" from his home in Baraki on 30 January 1997. There were no eye-witnesses to his "disappearance", but he is believed to have been abducted. Several other youths are reported to have "disappeared" in Baraki during the same week. There is concern for his safety.**Keywords:**DISAPPEARANCES / UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE /**MOROCCO****AI Index:** MDE 29/01/97**Network:** UA-24/95**Pages:** 1**Date:** 5 February 1997**Title:**Morocco: Further information on death penalty**Abstract:**Stephane Ait Iddir, Radouane Hamadi, French/Algerian nationals; Hamal Marzoug, Algerian national: On 24 December 1996 the death sentences against the above named men were upheld by the Moroccan Supreme Court. Their last resort is a plea for clemency to the King.**Keywords:**ARMED CONFLICT / DEATH SENTENCE / FOREIGN NATIONALS / POLITICAL PRISONERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRIALS /**MOROCCO****AI Index:** MDE 29/02/97**Network:** UA-19/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 13 February 1997**Title:**Morocco/Western Sahara: Death penalty: Hamad Al-Ansari**Abstract:**On 15 January 1997 Hamad Al-Ansari, born 1968, was sentenced to death having been found guilty of murder by a court in Laayoune. He has submitted an appeal to the Supreme Court.**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE /**TUNISIA****AI Index:** MDE 30/08/97**Network:** EXTRA-22/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 18 February 1997**Title:**Tunisia: "Disappearance" /fear of ill-treatment /prisoner of conscience /health concern: Abdelmajid Sahraoui**Abstract:**Abdelmajid Sahraoui, a suspended former member of the executive bureau of the Union generale des travailleurs tunisiens (UGTT) was arrested on 17 February 1997 and has been held in secret detention since then. His arrest is believed to be connected to a letter he and three other former members of the executive bureau had sent to the head of the union. He is known to be in poor health and Amnesty International believes that he is a prisoner of conscience.**Keywords:**FAMILIES / ILL-HEALTH / OIL/PETROLEUM WORKERS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRADE UNIONISTS / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /



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**AI Index:** MDE 30/09/97**Network:** EXTRA-22/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 21 February 1997**Title:** Tunisia: Further information on "disappearance" /fear of ill-treatment /prisoner of conscience /health concern: Abdelmajid Sahraoui**Abstract:** Abdelmajid Sahraoui, arrested on the morning of 17 February 1997 was released late on the night of 18 February. It is not known at present if he has been charged.**Keywords:** OIL/PETROLEUM WORKERS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE / TRADE UNIONISTS /

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	EUR 11/04/97	EUR 44/09/97	EUR 44/12/97	EUR	46/02/97
	MDE 13/07/97	MDE 30/08/97	MDE 30/09/97		

PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS

AMR 34/01/97

PUBLISHERS

AFR 38/02/97 EUR 44/10/97

REARREST

AFR 44/04/97 AFR 54/09/97 AMR 41/06/97

REDUCTION OF SENTENCE

AFR 22/03/97

REFOULEMENT

AFR 02/11/97	AFR 02/12/97	AFR 47/09/97	EUR 04/02/97	EUR	18/01/97
	EUR 44/08/97				

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AFR 02/11/97	AFR 02/12/97	AFR 47/09/97	AMR 24/01/97	EUR	04/02/97
	EUR 18/01/97	EUR 44/08/97	EUR 44/11/97		

RELEASE

AFR 22/03/97	AFR 38/02/97	AFR 43/02/97	AFR 44/04/97	AFR	54/07/97
	AFR 54/11/97	AFR 55/02/97	AMR 25/05/97	AFR	21/07/97
	EUR 11/04/97	EUR 44/10/97	EUR 70/06/97	MDE	13/10/97
	MDE 15/05/97	MDE 15/06/97	MDE 30/09/97		

RELIGIOUS GROUPS - BAHAI

MDE 13/07/97

RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC

MDE 11/02/97

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

MDE 13/07/97

RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC

AMR 41/04/97

RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT

MÐE 13/09/97

SECOND GOVERNMENTS

EUR 18/01/97

SHOP-KEEPERS

AFR 25/03/97

STAY OF EXECUTION

ISA 17/07/97

STRIKES

AFR 55/01/97

AFR 55/02/97

STRIP-SEARCHING

EUR 45/01/97

STUDENTS

AMR 41/05/97

SURVEILLANCE

AMR 18/04/97

AMR 24/01/97

TEACHERS

AFR 58/02/97

AFR 54/10/97

EUR 70/04/97

EUR 70/05/97

EUR 70/06/97

TECHNICIANS

MÐE 15/05/97

MÐE 15/06/97

TORTURE/ILLEGAL TREATMENT

AFR 25/03/97

AFR 52/07/97

AFR 44/03/97

AFR 44/04/97

AFR 62/04/97

AMR 18/02/97

AMR 18/04/97

AMR 25/08/97

AMR 41/05/97

ISA 21/07/97

EUR 11/02/97

EUR 11/03/97

EUR 44/10/97

EUR 58/05/97

EUR 70/02/97

EUR 70/03/97

EUR 70/04/97

EUR 70/05/97

EUR 70/06/97

EUR 70/08/97

MÐE 29/01/97

TRADE UNIONISTS

AFR 58/02/97

AFR 54/08/97

AFR 55/01/97

AFR 55/02/97

AFR 62/04/97

MÐE 30/08/97

MÐE 30/09/97

TRADERS

AMR 23/08/97

TRIALS

EUR 50/03/97

MÐE 29/01/97

UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION

MÐE 13/08/97

MÐE 18/04/97

MÐE 30/08/97

UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE

MÐE 12/08/97

MÐE 28/02/97

UNHCR

EUR 44/08/97

UNLAWFUL DETENTION

ISA 20/03/97

WITNESSES  
AFR 47/09/97

WOMEN

AFR 44/03/97	AFR 54/06/97	AFR 54/07/97	AFR 54/09/97	AFR	54/11/97
	AMR 23/08/97	AMR 23/09/97	AMR 24/01/97	AMR	34/01/97
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	EUR 44/10/97	EUR 45/01/97	EUR 70/03/97	EUR	70/04/97
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