

ANGOLA**AI Index:** AFR 12/06/97**Network:** EXTRA-65/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 9 May 1997**Title:**Angola: Fear of refoulement /fear for safety: Rwandese refugees on Zaire/Angola border**Abstract:**There are fears that Rwandese refugees, including women and children, are being prevented from crossing into and seeking asylum in Angola. There is further concern that others who have entered Angola may not have had an adequate opportunity to seek asylum, and that some may have been returned to Zaire, where they are at risk of serious human rights abuses.**Keywords:**REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES /**ANGOLA****AI Index:** AFR 12/07/97**Network:** EXTRA-65/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 May 1997**Title:**Angola: Further information on fear of refoulement /fear for safety: Rwandese refugees on Zaire/Angola border**Abstract:**Fears continue for the safety of Rwandese refugees attempting to cross into Angola or who have been forcibly returned to Zaire. The authorities are continuing to deny the UN High Commissioner for Refugees access to the area.**Keywords:**REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES /**BURUNDI****AI Index:** AFR 16/15/97**Network:** UA-73/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 21 May 1997**Title:**Burundi: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /torture / medical concern**Abstract:**Commandant Ndabacekure, army officer, Captain Nziyimana, army officer, Isaac Nitereka, member of the executive board of PARENA and PARENA representative for urban Bujumbura, Alexis Simbavimbere, PARENA member, Laurent Bimenyumuremyi, PARENA deputy provincial representative in Gitega, Emmanuel Manzi, a Rwandese national, Paul Mugambage, ex-member of the Rwandese Patriotic Army, Isidore Rufyikiri, senior PARENA official, Army Lt-Col (retd.) Pascal Ntako, senior PARENA official; Jean Paul Bizimana, Leonidas Ntakaye, member of the executive board of PARENA: Amnesty International has learned that Lt-Colonel (retd) Pascal Ntako died in detention in Muyinga prison on or around 11 May 1997, apparently as a result of being denied essential medical care. Amnesty International is calling for an immediate investigation into his death and for the authorities to take steps to guarantee the safety of the other detainees named above.

Keywords:DEATH IN CUSTODY / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / FOREIGN NATIONALS / ILL-HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

BURUNDI

AI Index: AFR 16/16/97
Network: EXTRA-76/97
Pages: 2
Date: 23 May 1997

Title:Burundi: Torture /fear of torture

Abstract:Djamali Nsabimana, Djamali Nzeyimana, footballers; Joseph Kamwenubusa, farmer from Gitega; Roger (family name unknown), civil servant; younger brother of Roger, name and age unknown, pupil at primary school; Arthur Nyankawindemera, civil servant; Haruna, younger brother of Arthur Nyankawindemera, pupil at ecole primaire, age unknown; Leonard (family name unknown); Hamisi Ramazani, works in a butcher's shop; Faidi Vyankandondera, shop keeper; Yahya Hamisi, footballer; Haruna Hamadi, civil servant; Buyoya (first name unknown); Saido Habonimana, aged 16, student: There is concern at reports that Djamali Nsabimana, Faidi Vyankandondera, Roger and his younger brother are being tortured in incommunicado detention. These reports have raised fears for the safety of all the detainees named above.

Keywords:ARMED CONFLICT / CHILDREN / CIVIL SERVANTS / FARMERS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JUVENILES / SHOP-KEEPERS / SPORTS PERSONALITIES / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

CAMEROON

AI Index: AFR 17/06/97
Network: UA-260/96
Pages: 2
Date: 1 May 1997

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

Abstract:Roger Alexis Wamba, Jules Armand Mbe, Blaise Ngoune Temgouma and two other students who were arrested and beaten by members of a vigilante group, auto-defense, are next due to appear in court on 23 May 1997, charged with inciting revolt against the government and the institutions of the Republic. The charges relate to violent confrontations between students and the security forces in May and June 1996 on the campus of the University of Yaounde 1. Amnesty International has since received a critical letter from the Rector of the University about the incident. There remains concern that there has been no investigation into the reports of their torture, and that they are not known to have been accused of individual responsibility for any act of violence.

Keywords:ARMED CIVILIANS / CIVIL UNREST / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / STRIKES / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

CAMEROON**AI Index:** AFR 17/09/97**Network:** UA-105/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 14 May 1997

Title:Cameroon: Further information on torture and ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience and new concern: medical concern /death in custody: reports of torture amid large-scale arrests

Abstract:There remains serious concern about the health and safety of an estimated 200 people or more, who have been arrested since violent incidents occurred in North-West Province in late March 1997. Most are held incommunicado and many are reported to have been tortured and ill-treated at the time of their arrest and during detention. One person, Samuel Tita, is reported to have died in detention on about 1 May 1997 as a result of torture. Others reportedly detained sustained serious injuries at the time of their arrest, including bullet and bayonet wounds, and there is concern that they are being denied access to medical treatment. Most of those arrested are members or supporters of the opposition Social Democratic Front (SDF) and they are currently detained without charge or trial.

Keywords:ARMED CONFLICT / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MASS ARREST / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

KENYA**AI Index:** AFR 32/20/97**Network:** UA-134/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 6 May 1997

Title:Kenya: Ill-treatment /fear for safety: pro-democracy activists

Abstract:On 3 May 1997 Kenyan police and security forces violently prevented a peaceful pro-democracy rally from taking place in Nairobi. There are fears for the safety of those preparing and participating in further pro-democracy activities in a pre-election campaign for legal and constitutional change.

Keywords:BANNING / DEMONSTRATIONS / ELECTIONS / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

NIGERIA**AI Index:** AFR 44/09/97**Network:** UA-96/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 13 May 1997

Title:Nigeria: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoner of conscience: Ladi Olorunyomi (f)

Abstract:Ladi Olorunyomi, a 35-year-old journalist and wife of exiled journalist Dapo Olorunyomi, was released on 6 May 1997, after being detained without charge or trial since 20 March. As a condition of her release, she has to report twice weekly to the Directorate of Military Intelligence Headquarters in Apapa, Lagos.

Keywords:CONDITIONAL RELEASE / FAMILIES / JOURNALISTS / WOMEN /

NIGERIA**AI Index:** AFR 44/10/97

Network: UA-04/97

Pages: 1

Date: 13 May 1997

Title: Nigeria: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoner of conscience: Godwin Agbroko

Abstract: Godwin Agbroko, aged about 40, editor of The Week news magazine and former prisoner of conscience, was released on 6 May 1997. He had been detained without charge or trial since 18 December 1996 and was reportedly chained throughout.

Keywords: DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / EDITORS / RELEASE / RESTRAINTS /

RWANDA

AI Index: AFR 47/15/97

Network: UA-199/96

Pages: 2

Date: 30 April 1997

Title: Rwanda: Further information on fear for safety /fear of ill-treatment /arbitrary arrest and new concern: possible extrajudicial execution

Abstract: Appolos Hakizimana, Amiel Nkuriza, journalists: There is grave concern at the killing on 27 April 1997 of journalist Appolos Hakizimana by unidentified gunmen in the Nyamirambo suburb of Kigali. He had reportedly received death threats since his release in August 1996. There is also concern for the life of another journalist, Amiel Nkuriza, who had previously worked with him.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / HARASSMENT / JOURNALISTS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION

RWANDA

AI Index: AFR 47/16/97

Network: UA-199/96

Pages: 1

Date: 16 May 1997

Title: Rwanda: Further information on fear for safety /fear of ill-treatment /arbitrary arrest / possible extrajudicial execution and new concern: possible prisoner of conscience

Abstract: Amiel Nkuriza, director of Intego and editor-in chief of the Le Partisan was arrested on 13 May 1997 in Kigali and is currently detained at the civilian prison at Kimironko. There is concern that he may have been arrested because of the perception of his newspaper as critical of the government and that he may be a prisoner of conscience. He has been arrested and subsequently released on at least three previous occasions in 1996 and 1997.

Keywords: EDITORS / POSSIBLE POC /

RWANDA

AI Index: AFR 47/17/97
Network: EXTRA-71/97
Pages: 1
Date: 19 May 1997

Title: Rwanda: Death penalty /unfair trial: Leonidas Ndikumwami

Abstract: Leonidas Ndikumwami, who was sentenced to death after a grossly unfair trial on 20 January 1997 will have his case come before the Court of Appeal on 22 May. There is concern that his sentence may be confirmed.

Keywords: BUSINESS PEOPLE / CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY / DEATH SENTENCE / TRIALS /

TANZANIA

AI Index: AFR 56/02/97
Network: EXTRA-68/97
Pages: 1
Date: 13 May 1997

Title: Tanzania: Fear of refolement /fear for safety

Abstract: Sanganira Lugi, Katembo Amri Kisasa and about 100 other Zairian nationals in Tanzania: There is concern that the regional authorities in Kigoma, western Tanzania, have ordered some 100 Zairian nationals to return to Zaire. Among them are prominent members of the Popular Movement of the Revolution and other political opponents or critics of the AFDL and there is concern that many of them may face serious human rights violations if returned to Zaire.

Keywords: POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / ZAIRE /

BRAZIL

AI Index: AMR 19/09/97
Network: UA-133/97
Pages: 1
Date: 6 May 1997

Title: Brazil: Fear for safety: three witnesses to the Nova Natal massacre

Abstract: There is grave concern for the safety of three witnesses (names withheld) to the Nova Natal massacre, Natal, Rio Grande do Norte state, who are due to testify on 8 May 1997 against four civil policemen. They have reportedly received regular intimidatory "visits" to their homes by the defendants and other members of the police. The policemen on trial are alleged to belong to a "death squad" known as the Meninos de Ouro ("Golden Boys").

Keywords: HARASSMENT / MASS KILLING / PARAMILITARIES / POLICE / WITNESSES /

BRAZIL

AI Index: AMR 19/10/97
Network: UA-09/97
Pages: 1
Date: 15 May 1997

Title: Brazil: Further information on fear for safety

Abstract: There is concern for the safety of some 200 Guiarani-Kaiowa Indians following a judicial decision to evict them from land that they have occupied in Sucuriy, Maracaji municipality, Mato Grosso do Sul state.

Keywords:INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / LAND PROBLEMS /

COLOMBIA

AI Index: AMR 23/31/97

Network: UA-146/97

Pages: 1

Date: 20 May 1997

Title:Colombia: Extrajudicial executions /fear for safety

Abstract:Carlos Mario Calderon, aged 42, human rights defender, ex-Jesuit priest, and university professor; Elsa Constanza Alvarado (f), aged 36, human rights worker and university professor; Carlos Alvarado Pantoja, aged 76, all killed; Elvira Chacon de Alvarado (f), aged 60, injured; and other members of CINEP human rights organization: On 19 May 1997 Carlos Mario Calderon, Elsa Constanza Alvarado, members of the Centre for Research and Popular Education (CINEP) and Elsa's father, Carlos Alvarado Pantoja were killed at their home in Bogota. Elsa's mother, Elvira Chacon de Alvarado, was seriously wounded in the attack by a group of masked gunmen who reportedly identified themselves as members of the Attorney General's Office.

Keywords:ACADEMICS / AGED / ATTEMPTED KILLING / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / WOMEN /

CUBA

AI Index: AMR 25/08/97

Network: EXTRA-73/97

Pages: 2

Date: 22 May 1997

Title:Cuba: Arbitrary arrest /legal concern /prisoner of conscience / possible POCs

Abstract:Ana Maria Agramonte Crespo (f), Alberto Perera Martinez, Jesus Perez Gomez, of the Committee of Peace, Progress and Liberty; Lorenzo Pescoso Leon, of the Party for Human Rights in Cuba; Aguilero Cancio Chong, of the Nationalist Action Party, all members of Concilio Cubano: According to reports Ana Maria Agramonte Crespo, President of the Nationalist Action Movement, was unfairly tried on 16 May 1997 at the Municipal Tribunal of the 10th of October district, Havana, on charges of "disrespect" and "resisting authority" and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. Amnesty International is calling for her immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience. There is also concern at the arbitrary arrest of the four men named above in Havana on 1 May 1997. Amnesty International is calling on the authorities to clarify the reasons for their detention and to guarantee that they be granted access to lawyers of their choice.

Keywords:ARBITRARY ARREST / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / NATIONAL HOLIDAYS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIALS / WOMEN /

GUATEMALA

AI Index: AMR 34/19/97

Network: UA-137/97

Pages: 1

Date: 8 May 1997

Title:Guatemala: Fear for safety: Maria Francisca Ventura Sican (f)

Abstract: Maria Francisca Ventura Sican and her family have in the last few days been subjected to acts of intimidation by individuals believed to be linked to the security forces and there is grave concern for their safety. It is believed she is being targeted because she gave testimony to an Amnesty International delegation in April 1997.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / MISSIONS / WOMEN /

GUATEMALA

AI Index: AMR 34/20/97

Network: UA-143/97

Pages: 1

Date: 15 May 1997

Title: Guatemala: Fear for safety: Alberto Godinez

Abstract: Amnesty International is concerned at reports of an axe attack on Alberto Godinez, a former member of the Guatemala National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) and local leader of the Committee of Peasant Unity, by former members of the now disbanded Voluntary Civil Defence Committees. The attack occurred at 1am on 11 May 1997 when the men forced him out of his home in the hamlet of El Chorro, near Colotenango, department of Huehuetenango, and beat him with an axe and with sticks. There remains serious concern for his safety, as the night before the attack he had been threatened with death, and three of his assailants are still at large.

Keywords: ARMED CIVILIANS / ATTACKS / COMMUNITY LEADERS / HARASSMENT /

JAMAICA

AI Index: AMR 38/03/97

Network: EXTRA-70/97

Pages: 1

Date: 16 May 1997

Title: Jamaica: Death penalty

Abstract: Samuel Lindsay, Henry McKoy, Lansford James: According to reports the above three prisoners on death row at St Catherine District Prison have been moved to the condemned cell, and may face imminent execution. If carried out, these will be the first executions in Jamaica since 1988.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE /

JAMAICA

AI Index: AMR 38/04/97

Network: EXTRA-70/97

Pages: 1

Date: 23 May 1997

Title: Jamaica: Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Samuel Lindsay, Henry McKoy, Lansford James: Amnesty International has learned that Henry McKoy and Lansford James are scheduled to be executed on 27 May and 29 May 1997 respectively in what would be the first executions in Jamaica since 1988. Samuel Lindsay has been granted a stay of execution.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / STAY OF EXECUTION /

MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/30/97**Network:** UA-255/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 8 May 1997

Title:Mexico: Further information on fear for safety /death threats / possible "disappearances" /ill-treatment: Members of CONPAZ, human rights organization

Abstract:Dr Gerardo Gonzalez Figueroa and his family: On 7 May 1997 Dr Gerardo Gonzalez Figueroa, chairperson of the Coordinacion de Organismos No Gubernamentales por la Paz (CONPAZ), based in San Cristobal de las Casas, state of Chiapas, received a series of anonymous phoned death threats against himself and his family. There is concern for their safety.

Keywords:HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS /

MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/32/97**Network:** UA-140/97**Pages:** 2**Date:** 13 May 1997

Title:Mexico: Fear for safety

Abstract:Members of PRODH, human rights organization, David Fernandez Davalos, Jesuit priest, Rafael Alvarez, Alfredo Castillo, Victor Brenes, Aldo Rabiela: Since 5 May 1997 the offices of the Centro de Derechos Humanos Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez, A.C. (PRODH), have been under surveillance by unidentified armed men. Government authorities have denied ordering the surveillance and the identity of the men, presumed to be members of the security forces, remains unknown. There is concern for their safety, as members of PRODH have been the target of death threats and intimidation in the past.

Keywords:HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / SURVEILLANCE /

MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/33/97**Network:** UA-140/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 May 1997

Title:Mexico: Further information on fear for safety

Abstract:Members of PRODH, human rights organization, David Fernandez Davalos, Jesuit priest, Rafael Alvarez, Alfredo Castillo, Victor Brenes, Aldo Rabiela: The Human Rights Centre Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez (PRODH) has reported the end of the surveillance of their offices by unidentified armed men. The authorities have provided their offices with a security guard and an investigation into the surveillance operation is reportedly underway.

Keywords:HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / SURVEILLANCE /

PANAMA**AI Index:** AMR 44/05/97**Network:** EXTRA-50/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 8 May 1997**Title:** Panama: Further information on fear of refoulement /fear for safety:
Refugee peasant farmers from the Uraba region of Colombia**Abstract:** Rosaira Velez Domico (f), Amalia Borgas Velez (f), Maria Dellanira Borgas Velez (f), Maria Margarita Borgas Velez (f), Maria Cladibel Guizao (child), Hildardo Antonio Guizao (child), Deisy Luz Guizao (child), Davinson Jose Muentes Vargas (child), Jose Muentes Fuentes, Euclides Osorio Fuentes, Luis Gomez, Luis Manoles: There is concern that the 12 refugee peasant farmers named above who fled from the Uraba region of Colombia and were detained by Panamanian police in April 1997 may be forcibly returned to Colombia where their physical safety would be at risk.**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / CHILDREN / PEASANTS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / WOMEN /**PERU****AI Index:** AMR 46/20/97**Network:** UA-121/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 April 1997**Title:** Peru: Arbitrary detention /fear of torture**Abstract:** Susana Roque Castro (f), aged 34, Rosa Cardenas R (f), aged 46: The above women were reportedly arbitrarily detained on the night of 25 April 1997 and there are fears that they may be at risk of torture while in the custody of the DINCOTE, the anti-terrorism branch of the national police. They were arrested after paying condolences to the family of Rolly Rojas, a member of the MRTA killed during the operation to end the hostage crisis at the Japanese Ambassador's residence. Susana Roque and Rosa Cardenas are the sister and wife respectively of two MRTA prisoners.**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / ARMED CONFLICT / FAMILIES / POLICE / WOMEN /**PERU****AI Index:** AMR 46/21/97**Network:** UA-121/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 1 May 1997**Title:** Peru: Further information on arbitrary detention /fear of torture and new concerns: ill-treatment /death threats**Abstract:** Susana Roque Castro (f), aged 34, Rosa Cardenas R (f), aged 46: There is concern at reports that the above women were ill-treated and threatened with being killed when they were arbitrarily detained on 25 April 1997. According to reports the taxi they were travelling in was intercepted by two armed men dressed as civilians. The women were forced out of the taxi and into the other car and there they were ill-treated and threatened. They were then driven to Condevilla Police Station where they remained for several hours, before being transferred to the DINCOTE.**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / ARMED CONFLICT / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

PERU**AI Index:** AMR 46/22/97**Network:** UA-127/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 1 May 1997**Title:** Peru: Fear of ill-treatment: Prisoners belonging to the Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac Amaro (MRTA)**Abstract:** There is concern that MRTA prisoners are being held incommunicado and are at risk of ill-treatment. Access to MRTA prisoners, suspended during the hostage crisis, includes visits by family members, priests, lawyers and representatives of the ICRC.**Keywords:** INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL PRISONERS /PERU**AI Index:** AMR 46/23/97**Network:** UA-121/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 8 May 1997**Title:** Peru: Further information on arbitrary detention /fear of torture ill-treatment /death threats**Abstract:** Susana Roque Castro (f), aged 34, Rosa Cardenas R (f), aged 46: Amnesty International has learned that the above women were released without charge on 6 May 1997.**Keywords:** RELEASE / WOMEN /PERU**AI Index:** AMR 46/24/97**Network:** UA-98/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 15 May 1997**Title:** Peru: Further information on torture /fear for safety /possible death in custody: Leonor La Rosa Bustamante**Abstract:** Leonor La Rosa Bustamante (f), an army intelligence agent: There is concern at reports that there was an apparent attempt to abduct Leonor La Rosa Bustamante from the Military Hospital where she is recovering from the effects of torture she suffered at the hands of members of the Army Intelligence Service (SIE). The people who made this attempt claimed to be attached to the Supreme Council of Military Justice (CSJM). She refused to accompany them, and according to the reports, the CSJM has subsequently issued a statement that there had been no order issued to bring her before an inquiry. There remains grave concern for her safety.**Keywords:** ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION / HARASSMENT / MILITARY / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/21/97
Network: EXTRA-63/97
Pages: 1
Date: 1 May 1997

Title:USA (Arizona): Death penalty /legal concern: Ramon Martinez-Villareal

Abstract:Ramon Martinez-Villareal, of Mexican origin, is scheduled to be executed on 21 May 1997 after being sentenced to death in 1983 for murder. There is concern that he may be executed despite being mentally retarded. It is also not known whether he was provided with adequate translation services during the legal proceedings against him.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / MENTAL HEALTH /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/22/97
Network: EXTRA-64/97
Pages: 1
Date: 2 May 1997

Title:USA (Oregon): Death penalty: Harry Moore

Abstract:Harry Moore, white, is scheduled to be executed on 16 May 1997. He has chosen to abandon his legal appeals. There is concern at reports that he may not meet the legal standard for sanity required.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / MENTAL HEALTH /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/23/97
Network: EXTRA-67/97
Pages: 1
Date: 13 May 1997

Title:USA (Texas): Death penalty /legal concern: Joseph Stanley Faulder

Abstract:Joseph Stanley Faulder, a 59-year-old Canadian national, is scheduled to be executed on 13 June 1997 after being convicted in a retrial of murder in 1981. There is concern at reports that he may not have received proper legal representation.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / FOREIGN NATIONALS / RETRIALS / TRIALS /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/24/97
Network: EXTRA-16/95
Pages: 1
Date: 23 May 1997

Title:USA (Texas): Further information on death penalty: Clarence Lackey

Abstract:Clarence Lackey was executed as scheduled on 20 May 1997.

Keywords:EXECUTION /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/25/97
Network: EXTRA-63/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 23 May 1997**Title:**USA (Arizona): Further information on death penalty /legal concern: Ramon Martinez-Villareal**Abstract:**Ramon Martinez-Villareal, of Mexican origin, who was scheduled to be executed on 21 May 1997, has received a 30-day stay of execution from the US Supreme Court to allow for further legal hearings on his mental competence.**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE / MENTAL HEALTH / STAY OF EXECUTION /**VENEZUELA****AI Index:** AMR 53/04/97**Network:** EXTRA-60/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 8 May 1997**Title:**Venezuela: Further information on fear of torture /fear of further arbitrary arrests**Abstract:**Wilma Rauseo (f), trade unionist, and new names: Graciela Aguirre Garcia (f), Marisela Baoda Medina (f), teacher: Two more members of the Movimiento Bolivariano Revolucionario 200 were arrested on 25 April 1997 and are being held by the Military Intelligence Directorate (DIM) in Boleita Norte, Caracas. There are fears that they may face torture or ill-treatment in military custody.**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TEACHERS / TRADE UNIONISTS / WOMEN /**INDONESIA****AI Index:** ASA 21/31/97**Network:** UA-124/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 April 1997**Title:**East Timor: Fear of torture: several East Timorese, names unknown**Abstract:**Four, or possibly six, East Timorese have been arrested following the killing of a member of the ruling party, Golkar, on 25 April 1997. The lack of information on the identities and whereabouts of the detainees has raised concerns that they may be subjected to ill-treatment or torture in custody.**Keywords:**INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL VIOLENCE /**INDONESIA****AI Index:** ASA 21/32/97**Network:** UA-128/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 2 May 1997**Title:**East Timor: Torture /fear of torture /possible "disappearance"**Abstract:**Moises Lobato Pereira, Sebastiao Pereira, Domingas da Costa (f), Sidonio Ximenes: The whereabouts of the four East Timorese arrested on 4 March 1997 remains unknown, and there are grave fears for their safety. They are already reported to have been severely tortured and there is concern that they may be facing further torture or ill-treatment in custody. The exact circumstances of their arrest are unknown.

Keywords:INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

INDONESIA

AI Index: ASA 21/33/97

Network: UA-129/97

Pages: 1

Date: 2 May 1997

Title:East Timor: Possible "disappearance" /fear for safety

Abstract:Domingos Laranjeira, Marcelino Fransisco dos Santos, Jose Sobral, Fransisco Maria dos Santos (alias Soce Solep): There is concern for the safety of four East Timorese who according to unconfirmed reports were arrested at a security checkpoint on 30 March 1997. They have not been seen since.

Keywords:POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE /

INDONESIA

AI Index: ASA 21/34/97

Network: UA-131/97

Pages: 1

Date: 2 May 1997

Title:East Timor: Fear for safety /medical concern /possible "disappearance": Edison Marcal Dias Freitas

Abstract:According to an unconfirmed report Edison Marcal Dias Freitas, an East Timorese, was shot and arrested by members of the security forces on 21 April 1997. His family have since then been unable to establish his whereabouts, and there is concern for his safety.

Keywords:CIVIL UNREST / POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

INDONESIA

AI Index: ASA 21/36/97

Network: EXTRA-41/97

Pages: 1

Date: 14 May 1997

Title:East Timor: Further information on fear of torture /ill-treatment / possible prisoners of conscience: 33 youths

Abstract:Amnesty International has learned that thirty-three of those arrested in connection with a demonstration at the Mahkota Hotel in Dili on 23 March 1997 remain in custody and are facing charges for publicly expressing hatred against the government. Their number had previously been believed to be 24. They are currently detained at Dili's Becora Prison. A schedule for the trials has not yet been set, but it is believed that they will begin after the parliamentary elections on 29 May.

Keywords:CIVIL UNREST / DEMONSTRATIONS / MASS ARREST / NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION / POSSIBLE POC /

CAMBODIA

AI Index: ASA 23/11/97

Network: UA-135/97

Pages: 1

Date: 7 May 1997**Title:**Cambodia: Fear for safety: Kong Saran and others

Abstract:There are fears for the safety of Kong Saran, the Director of the Sihanoukville (Kompong Som) Information Service, and those holding similar positions in other provinces, following an attack on the television station in Sihanoukville on 4 May 1997, in which one person was killed. There have also been recent reports of harassment of other individuals in an attempt to intimidate them into broadcasting certain material.

Keywords:ATTACKS / BROADCASTERS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / TECHNICIANS

MALAYSIA**AI Index:** ASA 28/07/97**Network:** UA-139/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 12 May 1997**Title:**Malaysia: Death penalty: Chu Tak Fai

Abstract:Chu Tak Fai, a hairdresser from Hong Kong, is facing imminent execution following the rejection of his appeal on 16 April 1997 by the Court of Appeal in Kuala Lumpur. He was sentenced to death by the Alor Star High Court on 11 October 1994 after being convicted of drug trafficking.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / DRUG TRAFFICKING / FOREIGN NATIONALS /

PAKISTAN**AI Index:** ASA 33/14/97**Network:** UA-125/97**Pages:** 2**Date:** 30 April 1997**Title:**Pakistan: Torture /fear for safety

Abstract:Khalil; members of the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan (RAWA): There is concern for the safety of members of RAWA in Pakistan following the detention and torture of a RAWA sympathizer by individuals reportedly linked to Pakistan's security forces. Following a peaceful demonstration in Islamabad on 28 April 1997 police stopped a car in which four RAWA sympathizers, three boys and two young men were travelling. Police detained the three boys and one of the adults, the other, Khalil, was taken away by two men in plain clothes to an unknown location, blindfolded, and severely beaten. The other four prisoners were released after intense interrogation.

Keywords:ARBITRARY ARREST / CHILDREN / DEMONSTRATIONS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS /

PHILIPPINES**AI Index:** ASA 35/04/97**Network:** UA-138/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 9 May 1997**Title:** Philippines: "Disappearance" /fear of ill-treatment: Romeo Cortez**Abstract:** There is grave concern for the safety of peasant leader Romeo Cortez, who has not been seen since he was abducted on 1 April 1997 in San Roque, Pampanga province by three unidentified armed men.**Keywords:** COMMUNITY LEADERS / DISAPPEARANCES / PEASANTS /SRI LANKA**AI Index:** ASA 37/11/97**Network:** UA-132/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 2 May 1997**Title:** Sri Lanka: "Disappearance"**Abstract:** Kandiah Sivakumar, aged 20, Kanagasabai Ravichandran, aged 20: There is concern for the safety of two firewood sellers from Rukam village, who have reportedly "disappeared" after being detained by soldiers from the Kommadurai army camp in 20 April 1997 in Batticaloa district.**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / DISAPPEARANCES / MILITARY / TRADERS /SRI LANKA**AI Index:** ASA 37/12/97**Network:** UA-82/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 21 May 1997**Title:** Sri Lanka: Further information on rape /fear for safety**Abstract:** Velan Rasamma, aged 34, Velan Vasantha, aged 28: On 22 March 1997 four soldiers from the Mayilampaveli army camp were taken into custody on suspicion of being responsible for the reported rape of the above women on 17 March.**Keywords:** INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / MILITARY / SEXUAL ASSAULT / WOMEN /SRI LANKA**AI Index:** ASA 37/13/97**Network:** UA-147/97**Pages:** 2**Date:** 21 May 1997**Title:** Sri Lanka: Extrajudicial execution /rape: Murugesupillai Koneswary**Abstract:** Murugesupillai Koneswary, a 35-year-old mother of four, was killed at her home in 11th Colony village in a grenade attack on 17 May 1997. Circumstantial evidence suggests that she may have been raped prior to being killed and that the perpetrators may have been one or more police officers attached to the nearby Central Camp police station. Amnesty International is calling for a full investigation into the killing and possible rape, and for those responsible to be brought to justice.

Keywords:ARMED CONFLICT / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / POLICE / SEXUAL ASSAULT / WOMEN /

ALBANIA

AI Index: EUR 11/13/97

Network: EXTRA-161/96

Pages: 1

Date: 20 May 1997

Title:Albania: Further information on legal concern /fear of ill-treatment:
Klement Kolaneci

Abstract:According to a report in the Albanian press of 24 April 1997 the charges against Klement Kolaneci and 25 others detained since 16 October 1996 have been dropped. Those detained had already escaped or been released from prison in March 1997.

Keywords:RELEASE / WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES /

DENMARK

AI Index: EUR 18/03/97

Network: EXTRA-199/96

Pages: 1

Date: 22 May 1997

Title:Denmark: Further information on fear of imminent refoulement

Abstract:Rabah Hamana, Nassima Hamana and child: The Hamana family continue to face imminent and forcible return to Algeria where they would be at risk of serious human rights violations. They have been arrested in Denmark whilst trying to escape to Sweden and according to their lawyer, they are to be sent back to Algeria on 24 May 1997.

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

MALTA

AI Index: EUR 33/01/97

Network: EXTRA-66/97

Pages: 1

Date: 9 May 1997

Title:Malta: Fear of refoulement: Najib al-Hashemi al-Harari

Abstract:There are fears that Najib al-Hashemi al-Harari, a Libyan political refugee, is at risk of forcible return to Libya where he would face serious human rights violations. He was arrested in Malta on 19 August 1996 and detained for over eight months reportedly on charges that he had entered the country on a forged passport. On his release, having been granted UNHCR refugee status, he was offered asylum in Sweden, however, he was rearrested by Maltese police at the airport and told that the Libyan authorities had officially requested his extradition. The court examining the proceedings for his extradition will announce its verdict on 12 May. Amnesty International is calling on the Maltese authorities to abide by international law and to allow his resettlement in Sweden.

Keywords:EXTRADITION / FAMILIES / LIBYA / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / SECOND GOVERNMENTS / UNHCR /

MALTA

AI Index: EUR 33/02/97
Network: EXTRA-66/97
Pages: 1
Date: 14 May 1997

Title:Malta: Further information on fear of refoulement: Najib al-Hashemi al-Harari

Abstract:On 12 May 1997 a Maltese court turned down a Libyan request for extradition and Najib al-Hashemi al-Harari, a Libyan political refugee, was released from prison and is now in Sweden.

Keywords:ASYLUM / REFUGEES /

PORTUGAL

AI Index: EUR 38/03/97
Network: UA-144/97
Pages: 1
Date: 15 May 1997

Title:Portugal: Legal concern /death penalty: proposed constitutional change could put extradited prisoners at risk of death penalty

Abstract:The Portuguese Parliament is to consider imminently an amendment to the Constitution which would allow the extradition of any person for crimes which carry the death penalty under the law of the requesting state.

Keywords:CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE / DEATH PENALTY / EXTRADITION / LEGISLATION /

TURKEY

AI Index: EUR 44/35/97
Network: EXTRA-69/97
Pages: 1
Date: 14 May 1997

Title:Turkey: Ill-treatment /health concern

Abstract:Akbadak family, Karabas family, Karakas family, Lalealp family, Yiltas family, Varsak family and other families from Tepe village near Lice, Diyarbakir province: There is concern that members of the security forces have for over a month surrounded the hamlet of Tepe (local name: Gir), and are preventing the inhabitants from leaving or entering the village. There is concern that the inhabitants are also being deprived of food and essential medicines and that seventy per cent of the village population, consisting mainly of elderly men, women and children, are now said to require serious medical attention. Amnesty International believes such treatment to be cruel and inhuman and is urging the authorities to give the villagers immediate access to basic provisions and essential medical treatment.

Keywords:ARMED CONFLICT / EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / HOUSE/TOWN ARREST / ILL-HEALTH / MASS ARREST / MILITARY / MINORITIES / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

TURKEY

AI Index: EUR 44/36/97
Network: UA-141/97
Pages: 1
Date: 14 May 1997

Title:Turkey: Prisoner of conscience /health concern: Hasan Dogan

Abstract:Hasan Dogan, a Kurdish lawyer and member of the Turkish Human Rights Association (IHD) has been arbitrarily detained in Malatya, southeast Turkey, since 6 May 1997. He is said to be suffering from a heart complaint and from high blood pressure. He was arrested following an argument with judges at a trial at Malatya DGM when his client retracted a confession made under duress. It appears he has been accused on the basis of testimony given by a "confessor". Amnesty International is calling for his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords:ARBITRARY ARREST / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / ILL-HEALTH / LAWYERS / MINORITIES / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

TURKEY

AI Index: EUR 44/37/97
Network: EXTRA-75/97
Pages: 2
Date: 22 May 1997

Title:Turkey: Fear of torture

Abstract:Mahmut Sakar, lawyer, Vice-President of Human Rights Association (IHD) and President of its Diyarbakir branch; Sinan Tanrikulu, lawyer, board member of IHD and secretary of Diyarbakir branch; Vedat Cetin, board member of IHD Diyarbakir; Pirozhan Dogrul (f), board member of IHD Diyarbakir; Ozlem Cetin (f), board member of IHD Diyarbakir; Nebahat Akkoc (f), board member of IHD Diyarbakir; Haydar Kilicoglu, President of Diyarbakir branch of Egitim-Sen (Teacher's trade union): On 22 May 1997 Mahmut Sakar and Sinan Tanrikulu were detained by police at the State Security Court in Diyarbakir, the other people named above were detained in separate police operations, including a raid on the Diyarbakir IHD office. The reasons for the police operations are unknown and there is concern that those named above may have been detained solely on account of their work as human rights defenders or trade unionists, and that they may be subjected to torture or ill-treatment during interrogation.

Keywords:HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / LAWYERS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / TRADE UNIONISTS /

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

AI Index: EUR 46/11/97
Network: UA-123/97
Pages: 1
Date: 29 April 1997

Title:Russian Federation (Chechen Republic): Execution /fear of further executions: Ibrahim (family name unknown)

Abstract:There is concern at the public execution last week of Ibrahim, an ethnic Chechen from the settlement of Bachi-Yurt. His execution, by having his throat slit by a group of hooded men, was reportedly shown throughout the Chechen Republic on public television. He had earlier been found guilty of the murder of three people. According to newspaper reports this was the first public execution conducted by the Islamic Shari'a court.

Keywords:EXECUTION /

BELARUS**AI Index:** EUR 49/03/97**Network:** UA-266/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 7 May 1997**Title:** Belarus: Further information on ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience**Abstract:**Gregory Kishko, Nikolai Statkevich: Amnesty International is concerned at reports of continuing arrests of peaceful demonstrators. On 23 March 1997 between 70 and 150 demonstrators were arrested following a rally against President Lukashenka. Some of those arrested are still in detention. On 1 May Nikolay Statkevich, the leader of the opposition Belorussian Social Democratic Party was arrested and served 10 days in prison for holding unsanctioned meetings. On 23 March Gregory Kiyako, an artist, was arrested and reportedly beaten by police, following a demonstration. Although initially released, he was rearrested on 1 April and is at present in pre-trial detention.**Keywords:**ARTISTS / BANNING / DEMONSTRATIONS / MASS ARREST / POLICE / POLITICIANS / POSSIBLE POC / REARREST / REFERENDA / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /**UKRAINE****AI Index:** EUR 50/09/97**Network:** EXTRA-197/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 April 1997**Title:** Ukraine: Further information on fear of imminent execution: Andrey Yevtemy**Abstract:**Amnesty International has learned that Andrey Yevtemy's death sentence has been repealed, and that he will now serve a 20-year term of imprisonment instead.**Keywords:**COMMUTATION /**UKRAINE****AI Index:** EUR 50/11/97**Network:** UA-280/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 2 May 1997**Title:** Ukraine: Further information on death penalty /legal concern: Sergey Vysochansky**Abstract:**Amnesty International has received information that on 7 March 1997 President Kuchma commuted to 20-years' imprisonment the death sentence of Sergey Vysochansky.**Keywords:**COMMUTATION /**UKRAINE****AI Index:** EUR 50/12/97**Network:** UA-136/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 8 May 1997**Title:** Ukraine: Fear of torture: Sergey Valkovanyish

Abstract:There is concern for the safety of Sergey Valkovanyish who was reportedly arrested on 27 March 1997 and tortured for five days in police custody. His whereabouts are now unknown.

Keywords:INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

KAZAKSTAN

AI Index: EUR 57/10/97

Network: EXTRA-07/97

Pages: 1

Date: 6 May 1997

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

Abstract:Amnesty International has learned that Oleg Gorozashvili was executed in the week beginning 21 April, despite pleas for an examination of allegations of serious investigative and judicial errors in his case.

Keywords:CONFESSIONS / EXECUTION / TRIALS /

CROATIA

AI Index: EUR 64/02/97

Network: EXTRA-72/97

Pages: 2

Date: 19 May 1997

Title:Croatia: Ill-treatment /fear of further ill-treatment

Abstract:D.B., I.N., I.M., Jovanka Relic (f, 61), Milan Veljaca (69), Milka Maljkovic (f, 65), Ljuba Borojevic (f, 60), Jovan Borojevic (71) and other Croatian Serbs: According to reports from the Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights and others, several Croatian Serbs and others were ill-treated by police on 14 May 1997 in Hrvatska Kostajnica. The assaults occurred in the wake of an anti-Serb riot the previous day in which Croatian Serb houses were vandalized and more than 30 people were reportedly brutally beaten by a mob. Local officials failed to condemn the riot and instead blamed the Croatian Serbs for "causing" the violence. There is concern that Croatian Serbs in the area face further attacks.

Keywords:AGED / ARMED CIVILIANS / COMMUNAL VIOLENCE / ETHNIC GROUPS / IMPUNITY / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/19/97

Network: EXTRA-61/97

Pages: 1

Date: 30 April 1997

Title:Egypt: Death penalty: Fathiya Salem (f)

Abstract:Fathiya Salem was sentenced to death by Giza Criminal Court on 27 April 1997 after being found guilty of murder. Her sentence has been passed on to the Mufti for approval.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / WOMEN /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/20/97
Network: EXTRA-62/97
Pages: 1
Date: 30 April 1997

Title:Egypt: Death penalty: Ahmad Hassan 'Ali Isma'il

Abstract:Ahmad Hassan 'Ali Isma'il who had been sentenced to death in absentia in 1996 for murder, was reportedly arrested on 18 April 1997 in Cairo. There are fears that he is at risk of imminent execution.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/21/97
Network: UA-130/97
Pages: 1
Date: 2 May 1997

Title:Egypt: Prisoner of conscience: Dr Ahmad al-Ahwany

Abstract:There is concern at reports that Dr Ahmad al-Ahwany, a professor of Nuclear Energy at Cairo University, was arrested on 24 April 1997. It is believed that he was arrested because he was in possession of a bulletin critical of a new agricultural land law. Amnesty International is calling for his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords:ACADEMICS / CENSORSHIP / LAND PROBLEMS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/22/97
Network: UA-130/97
Pages: 1
Date: 7 May 1997

Title:Egypt: Further information on prisoner of conscience: Dr Ahmad al-Ahwany

Abstract:On 6 May 1997 the Public Prosecutor's Office ordered that Dr Ahmad al-Ahwany remain in detention for a further 15 days pending the outcome of continuing investigations. Amnesty International is continuing to call for his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords:ACADEMICS / CENSORSHIP / LAND PROBLEMS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/24/97
Network: UA-145/97
Pages: 1
Date: 19 May 1997

Title:Egypt: Death penalty

Abstract:Ibrahim 'Abd al-Tawwab Bahgat, 'Abd al-Hakim Ra'id Mohammad, taxi drivers; Gamal Mohammad al-Sayyid, former police officer: There is concern that the above men were sentenced to death by the Cairo Criminal Court on 13 May 1997, after being found guilty of murder. Their sentences have been passed on to the Mufti for approval.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / DRIVERS /

ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

AI Index: MDE 15/24/97

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Pages: 1

Date: 22 May 1997

Title:Palestinian Authority: Fear of death penalty /fear of extrajudicial execution /fear for safety: Minister's statements herald new use of death penalty and may lead to extrajudicial punishments

Abstract:On 5 May 1997 Minister of Justice Freih Abu Middein announced that the Palestinian Authority would begin using a Jordanian law that provides for the death penalty in cases of Arabs selling land to Jews. Since the announcement two land dealers, Farid Bashiti and Harbi Abu Sara, have been killed. Another land dealer, Rashid Salameh, has been reported missing. Palestinian security services denied involvement in the killings, however, the authorities have failed to condemn the killings.

Keywords:DEATH PENALTY / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / LAND PROBLEMS / LEGISLATION /

ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

AI Index: MDE 15/25/97

Network: EXTRA-74/97

Pages: 1

Date: 22 May 1997

Title:Palestinian Authority: Prisoner of conscience /legal concern: Daoud Kuttab

Abstract:Daoud Kuttab, a well-known Palestinian journalist and broadcaster, was arrested by Palestinian police on 20 May and is being held in Ramallah police station. Amnesty International is calling for his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords:BROADCASTERS / JOURNALISTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

JORDAN

AI Index: MDE 16/05/97

Network: EXTRA-192/96

Pages: 1

Date: 1 May 1997

Title:Jordan: Further information on death penalty

Abstract:Mahmud Muhammad 'Aswan (38), Kabud Hamdan Raslan Sabir (20), Egyptian nationals: There are fears that the above men are facing imminent execution after their death sentences for murder were recently ratified by the Court of Cassation.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / FOREIGN NATIONALS /

LEBANON**AI Index:** MDE 18/15/97**Network:** UA-300/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 16 May 1997**Title:**Lebanon: Further information on fear of torture /legal concern and new concern: fear of unfair trial: Pierre 'Attalah**Abstract:**On 14 May 1997 a military magistrate demanded between three and 15 years' imprisonment with hard labour for journalist Pierre 'Attallah. No date has been set for the trial, but it is thought to be imminent. There is concern that he is reportedly being charged in relation to a published interview he conducted in his capacity as a journalist and that if convicted he would be a prisoner of conscience.**Keywords:**CONDITIONAL RELEASE / JOURNALISTS / MILITARY TRIBUNALS /**SAUDI ARABIA** **AI Index:** MDE 23/04/97**Network:** EXTRA-43/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 23 May 1997**Title:**Saudi Arabia: Further information on fear of increase in executions**Abstract:**Sarah Dematera, Filipino, and others on death row: There is concern that in the past 26 days, 21 executions have been carried out, bringing to 41 the total number of executions in the country so far this year. This has raised serious concerns that more prisoners on death row, including Sarah Dematera, are at risk of imminent execution.**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION / FOREIGN NATIONALS / WOMEN /**SYRIA****AI Index:** MDE 24/07/97**Network:** UA-126/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 30 April 1997**Title:**Syria: Fear of torture /medical concern /possible prisoner of conscience: Nuh Rasul Mustafa**Abstract:**Nuh Rasul Mustafa, a disabled Syrian Kurd, was arrested at his home in Qamishli on 14 April 1997 and is being held at an unknown location. He is believed to have been arrested by members of Syrian military intelligence who were reportedly looking for his brother Nasreddin Mustafa. There is concern that Nuh Rasul Mustafa may be a prisoner of conscience, held as a hostage for his brother, and that he may be subjected to torture in incommunicado detention. There is further concern that he may require medical attention.**Keywords:**DISABLED PEOPLE / FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MINORITIES / POSSIBLE POC

SYRIA**AI Index:** MDE 24/08/97**Network:** UA-95/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 1 May 1997**Title:** Syria: Fear of torture /prisoner of conscience /health concern: Munif Mulhim**Abstract:** Amnesty International has learned that long-term prisoner of conscience Munif Mulhim was released around mid-April 1997.**Keywords:** PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /SYRIA**AI Index:** MDE 24/09/97**Network:** UA-126/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 9 May 1997**Title:** Syria: Further information on fear of torture /medical concern / possible prisoner of conscience: Nuh Rasul Mustafa**Abstract:** Nuh Rasul Mustafa, a disabled Syrian Kurd, was released on 8 May 1997. While detained, he was reportedly beaten and tortured and threatened that he would be killed if his brother Nasreddin Mustafa did not report to the security forces.**Keywords:** DISABLED PEOPLE / FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MINORITIES / POSSIBLE POC / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /TUNISIA**AI Index:** MDE 30/23/97**Network:** UA-122/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 April 1997**Title:** Tunisia: Prisoner of conscience /fear of further POCs**Abstract:** Mohamed Mouadda, former leader of opposition party, Mouvement des Democratres Socialistes (MDS), and other conditionally released prisoners of conscience: There is concern that Mohamed Mouadda, former leader of the MDS was placed under house arrest on 14 April 1997. His arrest follows months of official harassment since his conditional release from prison in late 1996. Amnesty International again considers him to be a prisoner of conscience and is calling for his immediate and unconditional release. There is also concern for other conditionally released prisoners of conscience, including Najib Hosni and Mohamed Hedi Sassi.**Keywords:** BANNING / CONDITIONAL RELEASE / HOUSE/TOWN ARREST / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / SURVEILLANCE / TRIALS /TUNISIA**AI Index:** MDE 30/24/97**Network:** UA-119/97**Pages:** 1**Date:** 6 May 1997**Title:** Tunisia: Further information on "disappearance" /fear of torture / prisoners of conscience (corrected title)

Abstract:Ahmed Berramila, Rachid Ennajar, Monji Souab, Jilani Hammami: The four trade unionists named above were brought before an investigating judge in Tunis on 5 May 1997 charged with possession and distribution of leaflets, insulting an official body and spreading false information liable to disturb public order. They are scheduled to appear before the investigating judge again on 7 May. Amnesty International continues to call for their immediate and unconditional release as prisoners of conscience.

Keywords:INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRADE UNIONISTS / UNLAWFUL DETENTION /

TUNISIA

AI Index: MDE 30/26/97

Network: UA-247/96

Pages: 1

Date: 12 May 1996

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

Abstract:Mohamed Hedi Jouini, a carpenter and prisoner of conscience was conditionally released on 6 May 1997. He has to report to the police station in his local town three times a day and once a month to the central district police station. Amnesty International is calling for the administrative control imposed on him to be lifted and his release to be made unconditional.

Keywords:ARTISANS / CONDITIONAL RELEASE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

TUNISIA

AI Index: MDE 30/27/97

Network: UA-119/97

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Date: 14 May 1997

Title:Tunisia: Further information on "disappearance" /fear of torture / prisoners of conscience

Abstract:Ahmed Berramila, Rachid Ennajar, Monji Souab, Jilani Hammami: Ahmed Berramila was released on bail on 12 May 1997. The others remain detained as prisoners of conscience, and Amnesty International continues to call for the unconditional release of all four trade unionists as prisoners of conscience.

Keywords:CONDITIONAL RELEASE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRADE UNIONISTS /

TUNISIA

AI Index: MDE 30/28/97

Network: UA-142/97

Pages: 1

Date: 14 May 1997

Title:Tunisia: Prisoner of conscience /fear of ill-treatment: Abdel Moumen Belanes

Abstract:Amnesty International is concerned at reports that prisoner of conscience Abdel Moumen Belanes has been denied visits by his lawyers since 26 April and by his family since 29 April 1997. There are fears that he may be being subjected to ill-treatment or torture in prison.

Keywords:INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / STUDENTS /

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