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BURUNDI

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Date: 17 June 1996

Title: Burundi: Fear for safety /prisoner of conscience: Gervais Sindatuma

**Abstract:** The above, a former Hutu officer in the Burundi army, is in detention in Bururi barracks. He believes he is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely on account of his ethnic origin, and fears that he is at risk of torture, "disappearance" and extrajudicial execution. He was set to become the first Hutu army officer before the 1993 coup attempt and was forced to leave the academy because of threats from Tutsi colleagues. Despite a ruling by the martial court, he was dismissed from the army and was arrested without warrant on 14 May 1996.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / ETHNIC GROUPS / HARASSMENT / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

CAMEROON

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Pages: 2

Date: 17 June 1996

Title: Cameroon: Several hundred students

**Abstract:** Christophe Ebanga Omgeng, Maurice Tabo, Celestin Kamge Kaptue: He fears that students arrested during weeks of unrest at the University of Yaounde in the capital of Cameroon may be tortured or ill-treated while held in the custody of the police and gendarmerie. The students have been striking since early May 1996 and dozens of them were reported to have been arrested following demonstrations on the university campus.

**Keywords:** CIVIL UNREST / DEMONSTRATIONS / MASS ARREST / STRIKES / STUDENTS /

ETHIOPIA

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Pages: 1

Date: 11 June 1996

Title: Ethiopia: Prisoner of conscience /fear of ill-treatment: Zegeye Asfaw

**Abstract:** The above, a lawyer, agronomist, former government minister and a prominent member of the Oromo ethnic group, was arrested in Chanecho on 9 June 1996. He had travelled there from Addis Ababa for a reforestation project workshop run by Hundee ("Root"), a NGO which he founded and heads. He has not been charged or taken to court. It is believed that the local Oromia authorities have accused him of involvement with the armed opposition Oromo Liberation Front which he denies. He believes that Zegeye Asfaw is a prisoner of conscience.

**Keywords:** DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / ETHNIC GROUPS / FORMER GOVERNMENTS / LAWYERS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

ETHIOPIA

AI Index: AFR 25/06/96

Network: UA-111/96

Pages: 1

Date: 12 June 1996

**Title:** Ethiopia: Further information on: "disappearance" /fear of torture: Hailu Tarfassa Tasse

**Abstract:** The above, an employee of the Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Church and prominent Oromo elder, who had been kidnapped by unidentified persons on 17 April 1996 has now been located and is no longer at risk of torture.

**Keywords:** COMMUNITY LEADERS / ETHNIC GROUPS / RE-APPEARANCE / RELIGIOUS WORKERS /

ETHIOPIA

AI Index: AFR 25/07/96

Network: UA-141/96

Pages: 1

Date: 13 June 1996

**Title:** Ethiopia: Further information on: Prisoner of conscience /fear of ill-treatment: Zegzeye Asfaw

**Abstract:** Zegzeye Asfaw has been released without charge.

**Keywords:** ENVIRONMENTALISTS / ETHNIC GROUPS / LAWYERS / RELEASE /

KENYA

AI Index: AFR 32/07/96

Network: EXTRA-85/96

Pages: 2

Date: 7 June 1996

**Title:** Kenya: Prisoner of conscience /health concern: Njehu Gatabaki

**Abstract:** The above, an editor and opposition member of parliament, currently on bail and in hiding, is due to appear in court in Nairobi on 10 June 1996. The police are likely to rearrest him and he may face imprisonment. If this happens, AI would consider him to be a prisoner of conscience, detained for his non-violent criticism of the government. Moreover, given his poor state of health, his life would be put at risk by the appalling conditions in Kenyan prisons.

**Keywords:** EDITORS / ILL-HEALTH / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES /

KENYA

AI Index: AFR 32/08/96

Network: EXTRA-85/96

Pages: 1

Date: 13 June 1996

**Title:** Kenya: Further information on: prisoner of conscience /health concern: Njehu Gatabaki

**Abstract:**The above, an editor and opposition member of parliament, was admitted to Nairobi Hospital on 9 June suffering from severe hypertension. He did not attend Nairobi Magistrates Court on 10 June as expected. His lawyers applied for an adjournment which was granted. He remains concerned that the police may attempt to arrest Njehu Gatabaki when he next attends court.

**Keywords:**EDITORS / ILL-HEALTH / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES /

## NIGERIA

**AI Index:** AFR 44/09/96

**Network:** UA-138/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 7 June 1996

**Title:**Nigeria: Fear of extrajudicial executions /prisoner of conscience

**Abstract:**Alhaja Kudirat Abiola (f), aged 44, businesswoman, Moshood Abiola, aged 58, winner of 1993 presidential elections: On 4 June 1996, Alhaja Kudirat Abiola, senior wife of prisoner of conscience Moshood Abiola, was shot by unidentified assailants and died later in hospital. He fears that her assassination may have been carried out by government agents acting with or without the knowledge of the central authorities. The police have announced an inquiry. Opposition leaders have accused the government of involvement in her death.

**Keywords:**BUSINESS PEOPLE / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / WOMEN /

## NIGERIA

**AI Index:** AFR 44/11/96

**Network:** UA-145/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 13 June 1996

**Title:**Nigeria: Fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoner of conscience: Nnimmo Bassy

**Abstract:**The above, a 37-year-old architect, journalist, writer, environmental and human rights campaigner, was detained on 5 June 1996 as he was leaving the country to attend a conference in Ghana organized by Friends of the Earth. He has not been charged with any offence and it is not clear whether he is being held incommunicado. He fears that he may be facing ill-treatment in detention.

**Keywords:**ARCHITECTS / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / ENVIRONMENTALISTS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / JOURNALISTS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / WRITERS /

## SUDAN

**AI Index:** AFR 54/10/96

**Network:** UA-134/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 31 May 1996

**Title:**Sudan: Death penalty /crucifixion /judicial amputation: Nineteen men, names unknown, variously sentenced to death, death and crucifixion and judicial amputation

**Abstract:**According to a report on 30 May 1996 in the official Sudan news agency SUNA, between 15 and 25 May a court in North Darfur sentenced six men to hang, three men to be hanged until dead and their bodies then publicly crucified and 10 men to "cross-limb" amputation. They were convicted of armed robbery.

**Keywords:**AMPUTATION / DEATH SENTENCE /

## SUDAN

**File Index:** AFR 54/11/96

**Network:** UA-140/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 11 June 1996

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

**Abstract:**Mahjoub al-Zubair, former president of Sudanese Workers Trade Union Federation (SWTUF), Yahya Ali Abdallah, former SWTUF secretary general, Nasur Ali Nasur, former SWTUF treasurer, Awad al-Karim Mohamed Ahmed, trade unionist, engineer, Minallah Abdelwahab Eissa, former SWTUF press officer, Yahya Saleh Mukwar, medical doctor and former Doctors Union official: These six trade unionists, who have all been active in clandestine opposition since independent trade unions were banned in Sudan, were arrested in Khartoum on 4 June 1996. They have not been brought to court or charged and are believed to be held by the security authorities in secret detention centres known as "ghost houses", where torture of political detainees is common.

**Keywords:**BANNING / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POSSIBLE POC / TRADE UNIONISTS /

## BOLIVIA

**File Index:** AMR 18/08/96

**Network:** UA-99/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 4 June 1996

**Title:**Bolivia: Further information on medical concern /legal concern

**Abstract:**Mario Andrade Penaloza, 23 student, Adrian Monzon Jimenez, 30 driver and 76 other detainees: All understands that all those detained following demonstrations in La Paz on 12 April 1996 have now been released without charge.

**Keywords:**DEMONSTRATIONS / DRIVERS / RELEASE / STUDENTS / TRADE UNIONISTS /

## COLOMBIA

**File Index:** AMR 23/32/96

**Network:** UA-137/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 6 June 1996

**Title:**Colombia: Fear for safety /possible extrajudicial executions

**Abstract:**Manuel Beltran, Alejandro Teheran, Dagoberto Santero, Julio Santero, Carlos Solano, Milceio de la Cruz, Saul Baltazar, Guillermo Carmona, Rosember Clemente and other Zenu Indian leaders: AI is concerned for the safety of the Zenu Indian community in San Andres de Sotavento, Cordoba department, following death threats against its leadership. In the past three weeks, five of the community's leaders have been killed by unidentified armed men.

**Keywords:**COMMUNITY LEADERS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / LAND PROBLEMS /

## COLOMBIA

**AI Index:** AMR 23/33/96

**Network:** UA-241/95

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 17 June 1996

**Title:**Colombia: Further information on fear for safety /apparent extrajudicial executions /possible "disappearance": Civilian population of Segovia and Remedios, Antioquia

**Abstract:**AI has received further information concerning the killing of 15 people and injuring of a further 15 people in Segovia on 22 April 1996 by a paramilitary group with the support of the security forces. An army captain belonging to the Bombona Battalion and a chauffeur who drove one of the vehicles used by the paramilitary group have been arrested. There is no news on Emilsen Palacio (f) and Walter Serna Palacio who remain "disappeared".

**Keywords:**DISAPPEARANCES / DRIVERS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / PARAMILITARIES / WOMEN /

## COLOMBIA

**AI Index:** AMR 23/34/96

**Network:** UA-148/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 17 June 1996

**Title:**Colombia: Apparent extrajudicial executions /Fear for safety

**Abstract:**Guillermo Leon Barrera Hznao, Francisco Javier Taborda Taborda, Alvaro Vasquez: AI is concerned for the safety of the inhabitants of El Carmen del Trato, department of Choco, following the killing, in circumstances suggesting extrajudicial execution, of the three men named above on 13 June 1996. Reportedly, a paramilitary group forced the inhabitants of El Carmen to assemble and called out the names of the two first men from a "black list". Shortly after having killed these two men, they killed Alvaro Vasquez as he refused to transport the paramilitary group.

**Keywords:**DRIVERS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANTS /

## COLOMBIA

**AI Index:** AMR 23/35/96

**Network:** UA-148/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 19 June 1996

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

**Abstract:** Guillermo Leon Barrera Henao, Francisco Javier Taborda Taborda, Alvaro Vasquez and new name: Elsa Maria Rueda (f), nun, human rights activist: All remains seriously concerned for the safety of inhabitants of the municipality of El Carmen del Atrato, department of Chocó after the apparent extrajudicial execution of the three men named above. There is particular concern for Sister Elsa Maria Rueda, a nun and member of the Human Rights Committee of El Carmen del Atrato, who has reportedly been threatened by members of the army and paramilitary groups.

**Keywords:** HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANTS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / WOMEN /

CUBA

**All Index:** AMR 25/27/96  
**Network:** EXTRA-83/96  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 31 May 1996

**Title:** Cuba: Death penalty

**Abstract:** Manuel Ramirez Larduet, Nelson Doufourneau Sollet: All fears that the above, arrested in separate cases in 1994, may be facing imminent execution. Their sentences have been ratified by the People's Supreme Court.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE /

CUBA

**All Index:** AMR 25/28/96  
**Network:** UTA-135/96  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 31 May 1996

**Title:** Cuba: Death penalty: Humberto Cos de Bauza

**Abstract:** The above, sentenced to death in late 1995 by the People's Provincial Court for the city of Santiago de Cuba, is now awaiting the decision of the People's Supreme Court on his sentence and may face imminent execution if it is ratified.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE /

EL SALVADOR

AI Index: AMR 29/07/96

Network: UA-06/96

Pages: 1

Date: 3 June 1996

Title: El Salvador: Further information on: death threats / fear for safety

**Abstract:** Adrian Esquino Liseo and his family, Maximiliano Bran Garcia, Antonio Armando Perez Arias, Rafael Arturo Perez Arias, relatives of Margarito Esquino, relatives of Maria Coralía Santos Mendez (f); new name: Mario Cruz Crespin Esquino: On 27 May 1996, 11 armed men tried to ambush Mario Cruz Crespin Esquino, son of Adrian Esquino Liseo, near his home community of San Ramon. He was warned by some neighbours and was able to escape the attack. Reports indicate that at least two witnesses recognized the armed men as belonging to the paramilitary group "Jaguar Battalion". Mario Crespin Esquino has taken refuge in the offices of the Salvadoran National Indigenous Association (ANIS).

**Keywords:** ATTACKS / COMMUNITY LEADERS / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / PARAMILITARIES /

GUYANA

AI Index: AMR 35/08/96

Network: EXTRA-20/96

Pages: 1

Date: 6 June 1996

Title: Guyana: Further information on death penalty: Rockliffe Ross

**Abstract:** The above was executed on 4 June, despite the fact that he had an application pending before the United Nations Human Rights Committee. This is the second execution to have taken place this year in Guyana since hangings were resumed after a break of more than five years.

**Keywords:** EXECUTION / UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE /

MEXICO

AI Index: AMR 41/24/96

Network: UA-95/96

Pages: 1

Date: 30 May 1996

Title: Mexico: Further information on: fear for safety and new concern: possible extrajudicial execution

**Abstract:** Sonia Lara (f), Jose Luis Robledo, Yolanda Tello (f), Francisco Saucedo, and new names: Verónica Tello Ordoz (f), aged 24, Hector Luis Romo Garduno, bodyguard: Fears for the safety of the community activists named above and members of their families have been heightened by continued threats and the killing of Hector Luis Romo Garduno, Francisco Saucedo's bodyguard, on 17 May 1996.

**Keywords:** COMMUNITY WORKERS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / JOURNALISTS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS AS VICTIMS / WOMEN

MEXICO

AI Index: AMR 41/25/96



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**Network:** UA-139/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 10 June 1996

**Title:** Mexico: Fear for safety /possible extrajudicial execution: PRD members and supporters in Cuadrilla Nueva, Guerrero state: Jesus Nuriostegui Gaona

**Abstract:** He is concerned for the safety of members and supporters of the opposition PRD, Democratic Revolution Party, in Cuadrilla Nueva, municipality of Cutzamala de Pinzon. Tension and fear in the community have grown since the recent killing of the above, a 50-year-old peasant activist and PRD member, in the latest attack against those whose names are said to appear on a "death list". It is feared that more people named on the list, allegedly compiled by a local "cacique" (rancher), may be targeted.

**Keywords:** EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / PEASANT LEADERS / PEASANTS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS /

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## MEXICO

**AI Index:** AMR 41/26/96

**Network:** EXTRA-91/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 11 June 1996

**Title:** Mexico: Ill-treatment /fear for safety

**Abstract:** Higinio Torres Lueña, Bertoldo Martinez Cruz (Leaders of the 6 March Movement), Carmelo Juanico Reyes, Leonel Palma Bailon, Gilberto Hernandez Palma, Pedro Reduencindo Palma, Teofilo Pacheco, Rodrigo Palma Cisneros, Regulo Palma, Lino Palma, Rodolfo Suastegui Sanchez, aged 14, Maria Sabino Perez (f), aged 25, Matilde Cruz Nieves (f), Agapita Reduencindo Palma (f), Maria de Jesus Molina (f): During the eviction on 31 May 1996 of scores of supporters of the 6 March Movement, a peasant organization, from the municipal offices of the town of San Marcos, there is concern at reports that several peasants were ill-treated and shot. On 3 June supporters again occupied the town hall, where they remain. There is concern for their safety and that of the first ten people named above who have had arrest warrants issued against them.

**Keywords:** CHILDREN / DEMONSTRATIONS / PEASANT LEADERS / PEASANTS / POLICE / WOMEN /

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## MEXICO

**AI Index:** AMR 41/27/96

**Network:** UA-144/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 13 June 1996

**Title:** Mexico: Fear for safety: Marco Vinicio Gallardo Enriquez

**Abstract:** The above, son of Brigadier General Jose Francisco Gallardo Rodriguez, was assaulted and robbed on 8 June by two unidentified armed men, inside the military housing estate where he lives. Local human rights organizations believe that the motive of this attack was not robbery, as most of his belongings were recovered intact. They believe that it may be related to recent military court proceedings against his father, who is in detention and has been accused of "dishonouring the army" for a dissertation in which he called for the establishment of a military human rights ombudsman's office in Mexico.

**Keywords:** CENSORSHIP / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / MILITARY TRIBUNALS /

USA

**All Index:** AMR 51/44/96  
**Network:** EXTR-81/96  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 29 May 1996

**Title:** USA (Maryland): Death penalty: Flint Gregory Hunt

**Abstract:** The above, a black man, is scheduled to be executed in Maryland sometime between 10 and 14 June 1996. He was sentenced to death in July 1986 for the murder of a police officer.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / MINORITIES /

USA

**All Index:** AMR 51/46/96  
**Network:** EXTR-81/96  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 7 June 1996

**Title:** USA (Maryland): Further information on: death penalty: Flint Gregory Hunt

**Abstract:** The above, who was scheduled to be executed in Maryland during the week beginning 10-14 June has been granted a stay of execution. If the execution had taken place, Flint Hunt would have been the first black non-consensual person to be executed in the state in 35 years. Hunt's case has highlighted a current debate in the state focusing on racial disparities in carrying out capital punishment in Maryland.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / RACIAL DISCRIMINATION / STAY OF EXECUTION /

USA

**All Index:** AMR 51/47/96  
**Network:** EXTR-87/96  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 10 June 1996

**Title:** USA (Nebraska): Death penalty: John Joubert

**Abstract:** The above, a white man, is scheduled to be executed in Nebraska on 28 June. He was sentenced to death in 1984 convicted of murder. Joubert has been previously scheduled for execution in 1988, 1990 and 1991: all three dates were stayed by appeal courts. The present Attorney General, Don Stenberg, said during a recent press conference that justice had been long delayed in this case and that it would be done soon. All believes that these comments indicate that he has already decided against granting clemency before the petition has been presented by Joubert's attorneys.

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

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/49/96

Network: EXTR-79/96

Pages: 1

Date: 17 June 1996

**Title:**USA (Indiana): Further information on: death penalty: Tommie J. Smith (also known as Zion Yisrah)

**Abstract:**The above, a black man scheduled to be executed in Indiana on 14 June, has received a stay of execution from the US Supreme Court. The stay is based on the case of Wayne Felker who is challenging the constitutionality of the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act recently signed into law by President Clinton. The Act seeks to severely limit the opportunities for death row inmates to appeal.

**Keywords:**DEATH PENALTY / LEGISLATION / MINORITIES / STAY OF EXECUTION /

VENEZUELA

AI Index: AMR 53/04/96

Network: EXTR-93/96

Pages: 1

Date: 19 June 1996

**Title:**Venezuela: Torture /fear of torture.

**Abstract:**Jesus Salvador Arrieta, aged 58, Jonathan Sojo, Miguel Del Duca, Jose Saavedra, Rafael Gonzalez: Four of the above five people are reported to have been tortured in detention, after being rounded up in the aftermath of protests at new economic measures announced by the government. There is concern that they may now face reprisals at the hands of those they denounced as having carried out the torture. Jose Saavedra is reportedly being held incommunicado. Jesus Salvador Arrieta was arrested at his home when members of the Cuerpo Tecnico de la Policia Judicial (CPTJ) could not locate his son Franklin Arrieta.

**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / CIVIL UNREST / FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

BANGLADESH

AI Index: AS-13/06/96

Network: U-48/96

Pages: 1

Date: 4 June 1996

**Title:**Bangladesh: further information on: legal concern /fear of ill-treatment

**Abstract:**Begum Motia Chowdhury, Mohammed Nasim, Moudud Ahmed, Tofael Ahmed, Abdul Kader Mollah and dozens of other opposition activists: AI believes that the majority of those detained following a three-day strike in late February, including those named above, have now been released. The organization has received no reports of ill-treatment of the detainees.

**Keywords:**AI AND GOVERNMENTS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / RELEASE / STRIKES /

MUANGMAI

AI Index: AS-16/22/96

Network: EXTR-73/96

**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 May 1996**Title:** Myanmar: Further information on: Fear of torture / legal concern

**Abstract:** U Win Htein; new names: U Hla Kji, Dr Sit Tin, U Ngunt Win, U Than Win, U Tin, Mahn Johnny, U Hla Mgint, Dr Hla Win, U Saw Lwin; released: U Hla Pe, Ni Ni Wag (f), NLD Rangoon Division Youth: Ten National League for Democracy (NLD) activists, arrested in last week's nationwide sweep of the NLD, have been charged under the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act, which provides for a long term of imprisonment for anyone who "causes or intends to disrupt the morality or the behaviour of a group of people or the general public, or to disrupt the security or the reconstruction of stability of the Union". AI believes that this provision is frequently used by Myanmar's military authorities to criminalize peaceful political activities and also believes that the 10 are prisoners of conscience and calls on the authorities to release them immediately and unconditionally.

**Keywords:** EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE / WOMEN /

**MYANMAR****AI Index:** AIS/16/26/96**Network:** EXTR/1-73/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 7 June 1996

**Title:** Myanmar: Further information on: fear of torture / legal concern: Release of 154 detainees confirmed, at least 27 still detained.

**Abstract:** New names: Nan Khin Htwe Mgint (f), Ko Saw Nay Win, NLD youth; U Nay Oo; U Han Than Mgint; U Thein Tin; Maung Myo Ngunt; Ko Myo Khin; Ko Tin Htut; Ko Soe Mgint Htein; Ko Tin Maung Oo; Ko Zaw Win; Ko Nay Win; U Kyaw Min; U Moe Thu; U Soe Thein, U Khin Maung Win: AI welcomes the releases of 14 people among the 297 National League for Democracy (NLD) members who had been arrested in a massive sweep of the opposition beginning on 20 May 1996. Although there are believed to have been more releases, AI has obtained the names of 27 people who are believed to remain in custody and cannot confirm how many of the remaining 116 people have been freed. Nevertheless, AI is concerned at reports that the State Law and Order Restoration Council has banned the weekend public gatherings at the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / BANNING / DEMONSTRATIONS / MASS ARREST / RELEASE / WOMEN /

**MYANMAR****AI Index:** AIS/16/28/96**Network:** EXTR/1-73/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 18 June 1996

**Title:** Myanmar: Further information on: fear of torture / legal concern: 156 detainees released, at least 35 detained.

**Abstract:** New arrests: U Khin Maung Thaung, a Mandalay Division NLD leader, U Kji Aung, engineer from Sagaing town, U Tin Maung Aye, merchant from Mandalay, U Kyaw Htway, engineer and teacher, U Kyaw Thaung, NLD division leader from Sagaing, U Pwar, engineer from Mandalay, U Aung Kji, engineer from Mandalay, Maung

San Hlaing, also known as Tin Hlaing and Eva: As the crackdown against political opposition in Myanmar continues, AI has learned of the arrests of eight more people, apparently for their peaceful opposition activities. The organization fears for their safety in detention as ill-treatment is commonplace in Myanmar. The first four detainees mentioned above were taken to a court hearing on 5 June but they have not yet been charged. Their dates of arrest and places of detention are unknown. According to unofficial sources, they were arrested for possessing a critique of the National Convention by the Burma Lawyers' Council, which is an expatriate opposition group.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / BANNING / CENSORSHIP / EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / ENGINEERS / MASS ARREST / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / RELEASE / TEACHERS / TRADERS /

## INDIA

**AI Index:** AISI 20/25/96

**Network:** EXTRA-75/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 29 May 1996

**Title:** India: Further information on fear for safety and new concern: House arrest of political leaders: Civilians in Jammu and Kashmir

**Abstract:** Leaders of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (an umbrella organization of over 30 opposition groups in Jammu and Kashmir) have been placed under house arrest in Srinagar, a day before elections take place in the Srinagar and Udhampur districts. Omar Farooq, Shabir Shah, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Abdul Gani Bhat and others have been prevented from leaving their homes by security forces. The homes of several other leaders including Abdul Gani Lone, Yasin Malik and Javed Mir have also been cordoned off by security forces.

**Keywords:** ELECTIONS / HOUSE/TOWN ARREST / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS /

## INDIA

**AI Index:** AISI 20/26/96

**Network:** EXTRA-75/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 31 May 1996

**Title:** India: Further information on fear for safety: Civilians in Jammu and Kashmir

**Abstract:** New names: Javed Ahmed Mir, Shakrel Bakshi, Mohammad Shaban, Ghulam Nabi Shah: During the final day of elections on 30 May, several demonstrations were broken up by police and a number of civilians, including journalists and photographers, were injured. Javed Ahmed Mir of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front was arrested during a demonstration. Shakrel Bakshi, also of the JKLF, was arrested too. The house arrest placed on other political leaders has now been lifted. In a separate incident on the same day, members of the Border Security Forces reportedly fired at civilians in Srinagar, following an attack on their security post by an armed opposition group. Mohammad Shaban was killed and his son, Ghulam Nabi Shah, critically injured.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / ARMED CONFLICT / DEMONSTRATIONS / ELECTIONS / JOURNALISTS / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

INDIA

AI Index: AISI 20/30/96

Network: EXTRAI-43/96

Pages: 1

Date: 20 June 1996

**Title:**India: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /arbitrary arrest/medical concern: 188 Bhutanese people from refugee camps in eastern Nepal. New incident: Over 100 Bhutanese people beaten during funeral procession.

**Abstract:**Over 100 Bhutanese people taking part in the funeral procession of Baburam Shengden were injured after having been beaten with lathis (weighted bamboo canes) by police officers of the West Bengal Police. The following five people were reported seriously injured and were admitted to hospital for treatment: Ram Bahadur Rai, Gyanu Kumari Koirala (f), Tek Bir Chhetri, Ram Bhandari and Chandra Bahadur Chuwan. Baburam Shengden was a 50-year-old refugee who died in Behrampur Central Jail, West Bengal on 13 June.

**Keywords:**BHUTAN / FUNERALS / ILL-HEALTH / NEPAL / POLICE / REFUGEES / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISI 21/31/96

Network: UII-133/96

Pages: 1

Date: 31 May 1996

**Title:**Indonesia: Fear of ill-treatment: 269 Vietnamese asylum-seekers

**Abstract:**All fears that 269 Vietnamese asylum-seekers, detained by the Indonesian authorities in the state prison in Tanjung Pinang, on the island of Bintan, are at risk of ill-treatment. The 269 people had their asylum claims rejected and are due to be repatriated to Viet Nam within the next two months. This group has been isolated from the main group of more than 4,000 Vietnamese because they have actively opposed the repatriation process.

**Keywords:**REFUGEMENT / REFUGEES / VIETNAM /

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISI 21/32/96

Network: EXTRAI-84/96

Pages: 1

Date: 6 June 1996

**Title:**Indonesia: Health concern /possible prisoner of conscience: Amin Baharuddin

**Abstract:**All is concerned for the health of the above, a student activist, who was badly wounded during a demonstration held in Jakarta on 4 June in protest at the use of excessive force by the security forces during student riots in Ujung Pandang on the island of Sulawesi in April 1996. He is currently being detained at Police Resort, Central Jakarta, where he is reported to be in need of medical attention. All is further concerned that the real reason for his detention may be his peaceful political activities.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / DEMONSTRATIONS / ILL-HEALTH / POSSIBLE POC / STUDENTS /

INDONESIA

**AI Index:** AISI 21/33/96

**Network:** UN-136/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 6 June 1996

**Title:** Indonesia: Fear of torture: Two men (names unknown)

**Abstract:** AI is concerned for the safety of two men, thought to be members of the Free Papua Movement (OMP), arrested by the Indonesian Armed Forces during a military operation to free 11 hostages held for three months by the OMP in the Indonesian province of Irian Jaya. The names of the two were not given and there has been no information on their whereabouts since their arrest. AI fears that they may be subjected to torture during interrogation.

**Keywords:** HOSTAGE TAKING / MILITARY / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AS VICTIMS / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

INDONESIA

**AI Index:** AISI 21/34/96

**Network:** EXTRA-90/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 11 June 1996

**Title:** Indonesia / East Timor: East Timorese detained after riots

**Abstract:** At least 13 and possibly more than 50 East Timorese have been arrested following disturbances, at times violent, in Baucau. The identities and whereabouts of the detainees remain unknown, heightening concern for their safety. The exact causes of the disturbances are not clear but are reported to be related to religious tensions between local Roman Catholics and Muslim immigrants.

**Keywords:** CIVIL UNREST / COMMUNAL VIOLENCE / MASS ARREST /

INDONESIA

**AI Index:** AISI 21/35/96

**Network:** EXTRA-90/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 17 June 1996

**Title:** Indonesia: Further information on Fear of torture: East Timorese detained after riots in Baucau

**Abstract:** Martinho (or Marselho) da Lopes, Martinho Oliveira: At least 150 East Timorese are now believed to have been arrested following disturbances in Baucau on 10 June 1996 which are said to have been sparked by East Timorese anger about an insult to the Virgin Mary. To AI's knowledge the authorities have not yet provided the names of those detained or details of the charges against them. In addition, the two above mentioned, who were injured when the security forces opened fire on the demonstrators, are believed to have been taken to the military hospital in Dili.

**Keywords:** CIVIL UNREST / COMMUNAL VIOLENCE / DEMONSTRATIONS / ILL-HEALTH / MASS ARREST / MEDICAL TREATMENT /

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISI 21/36/96

Network: EXTRAI-95/96

Pages: 1

Date: 20 June 1996

**Title:**Indonesia: Use of excessive force /fear for safety: Indonesian Democratic Party demonstrators in Jakarta.

**Abstract:**Dozens of people are reported to have been injured when security forces charged on demonstrators during a march by members of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) in Jakarta on 20 June 1996. One unconfirmed report said that a demonstrator had been killed. Further rallies by the PDI are planned for the next few days, raising serious fears for the safety of demonstrators. The march was organized by PDI members loyal to the party chairwoman Megawati Sukarnoputri in protest against a three-day congress of dissident party members being held in Medan, North Sumatra.

**Keywords:**DEMONSTRATIONS / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TORTURE/ILLEGAL TREATMENT /

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISI 21/37/96

Network: EXTRAI-95/96

Pages: 1

Date: 21 June 1996

**Title:**Indonesia: Further information on: use of excessive force /fear for safety and new concern: fear of ill-treatment: Indonesian Democratic Party demonstrators in Jakarta.

**Abstract:**There are reports that between 40 and 70 people involved in the march on 20 June by members of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party have been arrested. One official source quoted by Reuters said that "at least 54 people had been detained". According to some reports demonstrators were transferred from the headquarters of Kostrad to Polda (Jakarta's main police station). To Amnesty International's knowledge the authorities have not provided the names of those being held. AI is concerned for the safety of those involved in PDI demonstrations during the Medan congress.

**Keywords:**DEMONSTRATIONS / MASS ARREST / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TORTURE/ILLEGAL TREATMENT /

SRI LANKA

AI Index: AISI 37/11/96

Network: UI-143/96

Pages: 2

Date: 13 June 1996

**Title:**Sri Lanka: Deliberate and arbitrary killings /fear of further killings

**Abstract:**Vinoris Silva, Benedict Perera, Renuka Dhamaganthi (f), Ranil Krishantha (aged 10), Warnakulasuriyage Dinsh, Tennakoon Arachige Marie Teresa (f), Liyanage Lalith Chaminda, Liyanage Lalith Manchula (aged 3), Tennakoon Arachige Nicolas Appuhamy, Jayakody Arachige Marie Josephine (f), Gamage Sandya Malkanthi Perera (aged 15), Gamage Tilini Perera (f) (aged 13) and two others (unnamed):



Members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are reported to have deliberately killed 14 Sinhalese civilians, including five women and four children, in the early hours of 11 June at Aruvakaly, north of Puttalam town. According to survivors, approximately 30 members of the LTTE armed with guns and machetes attacked the village. The villagers sought help at a police post in a nearby village but the police did not intervene. It is concerned that Sinhalese civilians appear to have been deliberately and arbitrarily killed solely on the basis of their ethnicity.

**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / CHILDREN / ETHNIC GROUPS / INFANTS / JUVENILES / MASS KILLING / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / WOMEN /

## TAIWAN

**AI Index:** A38/07/96

**Network:** EXTRA-01/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 19 June 1996

**Title:** Taiwan: Further information on: death penalty / legal concern / medical concern: Liu Chi-hsun

**Abstract:** On 18 June 1996, Taiwan's newly-appointed Minister of Justice is reported to have signed the order for Liu Chi-hsun's execution. He may now be executed at any time. The above, a 29-year-old county council member from Yunlin district in central Taiwan who was sentenced to death on charges of murder, claims that he was convicted on the basis of confessions extracted under torture.

**Keywords:** CONFESSIONS / DEATH SENTENCE / LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES /

TAIWAN

AI Index: AISI 38/09/96

Network: EXTRAI-01/96

Pages: 1

Date: 20 June 1996

Title: Taiwan: Further information on: death penalty / legal concern / medical concern: Liu Chi-hsun

**Abstract:** The execution order concerning the above has been suspended. On 20 June, it was reported that, after Minister of Justice Liao Cheng-hao signed the execution order against him, it was discovered that an appeal for retrial was still under consideration by the High Court in the city of Tainan. The Minister on 19 June ordered that the execution be suspended pending the Tainan High Court's decision. Liu Chi-hsun, a county council member who was sentenced to death on charges of murder, claims that he was convicted on the basis of confessions extracted under torture.

**Keywords:** CONFESSIONS / DEATH SENTENCE / LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES / STAY OF EXECUTION /

VIETNAM

AI Index: AISI 41/06/96

Network: UAI-112/96

Pages: 1

Date: 4 June 1996

Title: Viet Nam: Further information on: death penalty and new concern: torture: Duong The Tung

**Abstract:** All fears that the above is likely to be executed in the coming weeks, for the murder of a policeman. The organization has also been informed that he was tortured by police armed with electric batons in an anteroom at the Ha Noi People's Court on 16 April 1996, while awaiting the verdict in his trial.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

ALBANIA

AI Index: EUR 11/13/96

Network: EXTRAI-74/96

Pages: 2

Date: 29 May 1996

Title: Albania: Further information on arbitrary detention / ill-treatment

**Abstract:** Blendi Gonxhe, Arben Imami, Gramoz Pashko, Servet Pellumbi, Namik Dokle, Arta Deda (f), Musa Ulqini, Ali Lelaj, Luan Hajdaraga, Gaco Apostolli, Paskal Milo, Maqo Bakrori, Sphreza Sula (f), Neritan Ceka, Skender Gjinushi and other leaders, activists and supporters of opposition parties and journalists: The above were beaten and some of them detained by police as they participated in a demonstration after reports of irregularities and intimidation during the elections for the Albanian parliament. Although official results of the poll have not yet been issued, the Democratic Party has claimed that it has won an overwhelming victory. A reported statement of the preliminary findings of election monitors of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe confirmed that there had been irregularities in the ballot and intimidation of voters.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / DEMONSTRATIONS / ELECTIONS / HARASSMENT / JOURNALISTS /  
OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / OSCE / POLICE / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/78/96  
**Network:** EXTR1-82/96  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 30 May 1996

**Title:** Turkey: Fear of torture

**Abstract:** A. Kadir Bilen, aged 80, Omer Akbay, aged 75, A. Selim Dagkusu, aged 65: AI is concerned for the safety of the three elderly villagers named above who have been held incommunicado at an unknown location since their detention in Kurueayir village on 29 May 1996. Reportedly, a day before two village guards had been killed in a clash trying to arrest some villagers. The following night soldiers set the village, which consisted of some 60 houses, on fire and detained the above.

**Keywords:** AGED / HOUSE DESTRUCTION / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MINORITIES /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/80/96  
**Network:** EXTR1-69/96  
**Pages:** 1  
**Date:** 3 June 1996

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

**Abstract:** Hanife Ruzgar (f) aged 47, Aycaan Ruzgar (f) aged 27, Hanife's daughter, Fatma Ruzgar (f) aged 30, Hanife's daughter, Medeni Ruzgar, Fatma's husband: AI has been informed that Hanife Ruzgar was released. Reportedly she had been subjected to ill-treatment. Her two daughters and son-in-law are still being held at Batman Police Headquarters and said to be under torture.

**Keywords:** FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PHOTOGRAPHS / RELEASE /  
TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/81/96  
**Network:** EXTR1-63/96  
**Pages:** 2  
**Date:** 3 June 1996

**Title:** Turkey: Further information on: fear of torture / health concern

**Abstract:** Ferzinde Abi, Kurd aged 41 (note correct spelling of name, age), Sirin Abi, wife of Ferzinde Abi, aged 36, mother of seven: Ferzinde Abi issued a statement from Van prison where he and his wife are held awaiting trial. Their youngest child, only a month old, is with its mother in prison. The statement describes the terrible torture and sexual harassment suffered by them during their detention at the Van Security Headquarters Anti-terror branch. It also states that the police had threatened the doctors of the Van State Hospital to prevent them from treating Ferzinde Abi or giving him a medical report.

**Keywords:** DISABLEMENT / ILL-HEALTH / INFANTS / MINORITIES / POLITICIANS / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES / SEXUAL ASSAULT / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/82/96

**Network:** EXTRA-86/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 7 June 1996

**Title:** Turkey: Fear of torture /torture /extrajudicial execution

**Abstract:** Azat Beyter, Sabri Beyter and 16 other male members of their family, Hafiz Cifteci, Cafer Cifteci and 17 other members of their family, Tahir Bal, Huseyin Bal, Sedika Beyter (f), aged 80, Abdulhaluk Beyter: According to press reports some 50 Kurdish villagers from Bay village near Hakkari were detained during a recent operation by the security forces. The detainees are being held at the Hakkari Brigade Command Headquarters where it is feared they are being interrogated under torture. The security forces raided the village and detained 12 people. During a search of the house of Halil Beyter, 80-year-old Sedika Beyter was dragged out of bed and beaten. She died two hours later.

**Keywords:** AGED / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HOUSE/TOWN ARREST / MASS ARREST / MINORITIES / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/83/96

**Network:** EXTRA-88/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 10 June 1996

**Title:** Turkey: Fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** Zeynep Baran (f) (photo), Songul Beydili, board member of the Turkish Health Professionals Union (Tum Saglik Sen), Mahmut Pulgu, member of Tum Saglik Sen, Abdullah Sagmen, Mehdi Perincek, Neriman Berberoglu, Songul Ozkan, Paris Area, Yildiz Icer, Gul Vidan Metin Karabulut and more than 200 other detainees: On 8 June, more than 600 people were reportedly detained in connection with a regular vigil in Istanbul in protest at "disappearances". Police and gendarmes reportedly beat relatives of the "disappeared", lawyers and human rights activists. Among those injured were Hasene Turkoglu, wife of Talat Turkoglu who recently "disappeared", and the lawyer Husnu Ondul, General Secretary of the Turkish Human Rights Association. Among those still held is Zeynep Baran, lawyer and board member of the Istanbul Human Rights Association.

**Keywords:** DEMONSTRATIONS / DISAPPEARANCES / HEALTH WORKERS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / LAWYERS / MASS ARREST / POSSIBLE POC / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRADE UNIONISTS / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/85/96

**Network:** EXTRA-89/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 10 June 1996

**Title:** Turkey: Fear of torture: SETHETTIN ELCI

**Abstract:** The above, aged 19, was detained in Guroymak, province of Bitlis, on 7 June 1996, on his way to Altinova to visit his family. It is not known where he is being held or whether his detention has been duly registered. It is feared that he is being interrogated under torture. It is said that he was in possession of a copy of a Kurdish newspaper and a cassette with Kurdish songs when he was detained. Both of these items are legal.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / CENSORSHIP / MINORITIES / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/86/96

**Network:** EXTRA-69/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 11 June 1996

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

**Abstract:** Aycan Ruzgar (f) aged 27, Fatma Ruzgar (f), Medeni Ruzgar, Fatma's husband: Fatma and Medeni Ruzgar and six other people were taken to court and formally arrested and committed to prison to await trial, according to a report in the Turkish press. There was no mention of Aycan Ruzgar and AI assumes that she has been released.

**Keywords:** ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DETENTION / FAMILIES / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/89/96

**Network:** EXTRA-60/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 17 June 1996

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

**Abstract:** The above, a Kurdish construction worker whose detention had not been acknowledged, was released in early May 1996.

**Keywords:** CONSTRUCTION WORKERS / MINORITIES / RELEASE /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/90/96

**Network:** EXTRA-92/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 18 June 1996

**Title:** Turkey: Fear of torture: Gulcin Ozgur

**Abstract:** AI is concerned for the safety of the above, a 15-year-old Kurdish girl, who has been detained for the second time this year after having publicly described the sexual assault and torture she was subjected to during her first detention in February 1996. It is feared that she is being subjected to further torture while being held at the Police Headquarters in Mersin.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JUVENILES / MINORITIES / SEXUAL ASSAULT / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**All Index:** EUR 44/95/96

**Network:** EXTRA-88/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 20 June 1996

**Title:** Turkey: Further information on: Fear of ill-treatment /Possible prisoners of conscience: Zeynep Baran and more than 200 other detainees.

**Abstract:** On 15 June about 200 people were detained at a vigil in Istanbul, which was being held in protest at "disappearances", and taken to the Security Branch of the Istanbul Police Headquarters. All the detainees were released the same evening. This was the second mass detention within a week. The above, a lawyer and board member of the Istanbul Human Rights Association who had been detained on 8 June, has now been released.

**Keywords:** DEMONSTRATIONS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / LAWYERS / MASS ARREST / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRADE UNIONISTS / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**All Index:** EUR 44/96/96

**Network:** EXTRA-96/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 21 June 1996

**Title:** Turkey: Fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience.

**Abstract:** Omer Parlacik, Zehra Aydin (f), Salami Guleryuz, Serdar Karaci, Arif Cakmak, Ramazan Seygidhan, Turan Tanrikulu, Ramazan Kartalmas, Ekir B, Suad Gundogan, Ozkan Coskun, Faruk Yaggin, Aziz Kaya, Nemir Ozmen, Mahsum Bilen, Mehmet Birakei, Adnan Gul, Onder Ozeelik, Yuksel Bulut, H Mehmet Yaguz, Ali Bingol, Siksef Karakus, Mehmet Ali Yagman, Nihat Cagirlayan, Israf Karasik, Emin Dalgic: Since 10 June 1996, dozens of students from the Dicle University in Diyarbakir have been detained. Although some have been released, the 26 persons named above are believed to be still in custody at Diyarbakir Police Headquarters and at the Anti-Riot Branch of Diyarbakir Police. Fears for their safety in custody have been heightened by reports that some were ill-treated while being detained, and that one has since been hospitalized. These detentions are apparently aimed at suppressing public demonstrations in support of political prisoners on hunger-strike in Turkey.

**Keywords:** BANNING / CENSORSHIP / DEMONSTRATIONS / MASS ARREST / POSSIBLE POC / STUDENTS / TEACHERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

GEORGIA

AI Index: EUR 56/03/96

Network: UA-149/96

Pages: 1

Date: 21 June 1996

Title: Georgia: Fear of imminent execution / legal concern: Badri Zarandia

**Abstract:** On 17 June 1996 political prisoner Badri Zarandia was sentenced to death by the Supreme Court. He has no right of appeal, and his only recourse against execution is to petition President Shevardnadze for clemency. Unofficial sources also claim that Badri Zarandia, who had a leg amputated in detention, and his five co-defendants were ill-treated in order to force a confession.

**Keywords:** CONFESSIONS / DEATH SENTENCE / ILL-HEALTH /

BAHRAIN

AI Index: MDE 11/16/96

Network: UA-142/96

Pages: 1

Date: 11 June 1996

Title: Bahrain: Fear of torture / legal concerns

**Abstract:** 'Ali Ahmad Radeem al-Muttaqawi, Jassim Hassan Mansour al-Rhagat, Hussain Ahmad al-Mudhifa, Hussain Yousif Ibrahim, 'Ali Ahmad Kazem 'Abd 'Ali, 'Abbas 'Ali Ahmad Habil and at least 28 others: The six men named above are among a group of at least 34 people who are reported to have "confessed" their involvement in an Iranian-backed plot to overthrow the Bahraini Government. There is concern that the "confessions" may have been extracted under pressure, as a result of torture or ill-treatment. The men are being held incommunicado. There is further concern that their "confessions" were broadcast on television and may prejudice the outcome of a trial.

**Keywords:** CONFESSIONS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICAL PRISONERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRIALS /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/15/96

Network: EXTRA-04/96

Pages: 1

Date: 4 June 1996

Title: Egypt: Further information on death penalty

**Abstract:** Ahmad 'Abd al-'Adhim Ahmad Fawwaz, Haggag Gum'a Mohammad Salim, Hosni al-Saygid Hussain al-Buhairi, Zakariya Mohammad 'Ali Bashir, Salah Sa'd Mohammad 'Awadh, Mostafa 'Abd al-Hamid Mostafa: On 2 June 1996 the six men named above were executed. They had been sentenced to death by the Supreme Military Court in Cairo on 13 January 1996 in a case known as al-'Aidoun min al-Sudan (Returnees from Sudan). All the defendants were allegedly members of the Islamic group al-Gama'a al-Islamiya.

**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / EXECUTION / MILITARY TRIBUNALS / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / TRIALS /

IRAN

AI Index: MDE 15/19/96

Network: UN-138/95

Pages: 1

Date: 10 June 1996

Title: Iran: further information on: death penalty: Ahmed Bakhtari

**Abstract:** AI is dismayed at reports that the above, a 41-year-old agricultural engineer, may be at risk of imminent execution. According to information received by the organization, he was informed in prison that the Pardon Committee had decided that the death sentence should be carried out. Ahmed Bakhtari had been sentenced to death by an Islamic Revolutionary Court in 1994, after conviction of charges including activities for an illegal opposition group, sedition and armed robbery.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / ENGINEERS / RETRIALS / TRIALS /

ISRAEL

AI Index: MDE 15/39/96

Network: EXTR-70/96

Pages: 1

Date: 10 June 1996

Title: Israel /Palestinian Authority: Further information on prisoner of conscience: Dr Iyad al-Sarraj

**Abstract:** The above, a prominent human rights defender, is again in detention in Gaza. He was arrested at midnight on 9/10 June. As of the time of writing, no charges have been brought against him. AI believes that he is a prisoner of conscience. The Attorney General of the Palestinian Authority has reportedly insisted that the arrest is not related to his human rights activities nor to his freedom of expression. The office of the Gaza Community Mental Health Program, of which Dr Iyad al-Sarraj is the director, has been searched and as a result some material has been confiscated.

**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / DOCTORS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

ISRAEL

AI Index: MDE 15/40/96

Network: EXTR-70/96

Pages: 1

Date: 14 June 1996

Title: Israel /Palestinian Authority: Further information on prisoner of conscience; and new concern: ill-treatment: Dr Iyad al-Sarraj

**Abstract:** The above, a human rights defender who was arrested on 10 June, was reportedly beaten in custody and remains in detention on accusations which appear to be fabricated. AI considers Dr Iyad al-Sarraj to be a prisoner of conscience.

**Keywords:** DOCTORS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

ISRAEL

AI Index: MDE 15/41/96

Network: EXTR-93/96



**Pages:** 1**Date:** 18 June 1996**Title:** Israel and the Occupied Territories: Torture /fear of torture: Fu'ad Mahmoud Salim Shamasneh (ID No. 90780482)**Abstract:** The above, currently detained at al-Jelamzih/Rishon Prison, is reported to be suffering torture including sleep deprivation and beatings. Fu'ad Shamasneh, a Palestinian student of engineering at Bir Zeit University, was arrested by the Israeli security forces on 9 April 1996 and immediately served with a six-month administrative detention order.**Keywords:** ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT /**Saudi Arabia Al Index:** MDE 23/04/96**Network:** EXTRA-80/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 28 May 1996**Title:** Saudi Arabia: Risk of execution /legal and torture concerns**Abstract:** Abd al-'Aziz Naser al-Mit'ham, businessman, aged 24, Riyadh Sulayman Is-Haq al-Hajri, aged 24, Muslih Ali 'Aidh al-Shamrani, former state employee, aged 28, Khalid Ahmad Ibrahim al-Sa'id, businessman, aged 24 and possibly others: All fears that the above, and possibly others, are at risk of being sentenced to death and executed following trials which fall far short of international standards for fair trials. They had been held in incommunicado detention before they were shown on television and confessed to having carried out the bombing of the Saudi Arabian National Guard training centre in Riyadh in November 1995.**Keywords:** BUSINESS PEOPLE / CIVIL SERVANTS / CONFESSIONS / DEATH PENALTY / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PHOTOGRAPHS / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / TRIALS /**Saudi Arabia Al Index:** MDE 23/05/96**Network:** UA-152/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 30 May 1996**Title:** Saudi Arabia: Death penalty: Hatem Fawaz al-Zughbi al-Harbi**Abstract:** The above, a Kuwaiti national, has been sentenced to death on murder charges and is reported to be facing execution in Saudi Arabia within the next three months if his family does not pay 2.1 million dollars blood money to relatives of the murder victim.**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / FOREIGN NATIONALS /

SAUDI ARABIAN **Al Index:** MDE 23/06/96

**Network:** EXTR-80/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 31 May 1996

**Title:** Saudi Arabia: Further information on: risk of execution /legal and torture concerns.

**Abstract:** Abd al-'Aziz Naser al-Mitham, businessman, aged 24, Ri'ad Sulayman Is-Haq al-Hajri, aged 24, Muslih Ali 'A'idh al-Shamrani, former state employee, aged 28, Khalid Ahmad Ibrahim al-Sa'id, businessman, aged 24 and possibly others: All is outraged by the execution of the above four men in Riyadh on 31 May 1996. The organization considers their executions to have been summary and arbitrary and a flagrant violation of international human rights standards. They had been shown on television "confessing" to having carried out the bombing of the Saudi Arabian National Guard Centre after having been held in incommunicado detention.

**Keywords:** BUSINESS PEOPLE / CIVIL SERVANTS / CONFESSIONS / EXECUTION / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PHOTOGRAPHS / TRIALS /

SAUDI ARABIAN **Al Index:** MDE 23/07/96

**Network:** EXTR-80/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 21 June 1996

**Title:** Saudi Arabia: Further information on: risk of execution /legal and torture concerns.

**Abstract:** Abd al-'Aziz Naser al-Mitham, businessman, aged 24, Ri'ad Sulayman Is-Haq al-Hajri, aged 24, Muslih Ali 'A'idh al-Shamrani, former state employee, aged 28, Khalid Ahmad Ibrahim al-Sa'id, businessman, aged 24 and possibly others: The Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Britain has responded to Amnesty International's concerns at the execution of the above men, by making a statement reported in Reuters, which questions our credibility.

**Keywords:** ALL AND GOVERNMENTS / BUSINESS PEOPLE / CIVIL SERVANTS / CONFESSIONS / EXECUTION / PHOTOGRAPHS / TRIALS /

TUNISIA

**Al Index:** MDE 30/16/96

**Network:** EXTR-71/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 29 May 1996

**Title:** Tunisia: Further information on: legal concern /probable prisoner of conscience and new health concern: Khemais Chammari

**Abstract:** The above, a prominent human rights activist and a member of the Tunisian parliament, is still in detention. All remains concerned that he may be being held solely because of his non-violent political activities and human rights work, and also fears that his health may be seriously affected by the harsh conditions in which he is reportedly being held. He had gone on hunger-strike on 20 May 1996, but had to discontinue it the next day for health reasons.

**Keywords:** HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / HUNGER-STRIKE / ILL-HEALTH / PARLIAMENTARIANS / POSSIBLE POC / PRISON CONDITIONS /

## TUNISIA

**AI Index:** MDE 30/17/96

**Network:** UA-113/95

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 29 May 1996

**Title:** Tunisia: Further information on: fear of torture /health concern / legal concern / prisoner of conscience: Hafedh Ben Gharbia

**Abstract:** The above, a 31-year-old electrical engineering student, was released on 22 May 1996, approximately two months before the expiry of his prison sentence. Sofiane Mourali, a Tunisian student in Germany who was arrested in similar circumstances has also been released, but both students are still allegedly subjected to administrative control, which means that they have to report at a police station several times a week and cannot leave Tunisia for the next five years.

**Keywords:** CONDITIONAL RELEASE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT / STUDENTS /

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AFR 16/14/96	AMR 53/04/96	NISAI 16/26/96	NISAI 16/28/96	NISAI	20/26/96
	NISAI 21/32/96	EUR 11/13/96	EUR 44/85/96	EUR	44/90/96
	MDE 15/39/96				

ARCHITECTS

AFR 44/11/96

ARMED CONFLICT

NISAI 20/26/96            NISAI 37/11/96            MDE 12/15/96

ATTACKS

AMR 29/07/96

BANNING

AFR 54/11/96            NISAI 16/26/96            NISAI 16/28/96            EUR 44/96/96

BUSINESS PEOPLE

AFR 44/09/96            MDE 23/04/96            MDE 23/06/96            MDE 23/07/96

CENSORSHIP

AMR 41/27/96            NISAI 16/28/96            EUR 44/85/96            EUR 44/96/96

CHILDREN

AMR 41/26/96            NISAI 37/11/96

CIVIL SERVANTS

MDE 23/04/96            MDE 23/06/96            MDE 23/07/96

CIVIL UNREST

AFR 17/02/96            AMR 53/04/96            NISAI 21/34/96            NISAI 21/35/96

COMMUNAL VIOLENCE

NISAI 21/34/96            NISAI 21/35/96

COMMUNITY LEADERS

අඞර 25/06/96      අඞර 23/32/96      අඞර 29/07/96

COMMUNITY WORKERS

අඞර 41/24/96

CONDITIONAL RELEASE

ඞඞඞ 30/17/96

CONFESSIONS

අඞඞ 38/07/96      අඞඞ 38/09/96      ඞඞර 56/03/96      ඞඞඞ 11/16/96      ඞඞඞ      23/04/96  
 ඞඞඞ 23/06/96      ඞඞඞ 23/07/96

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

ඞඞර 44/89/96

DEATH PENALTY

අඞර 51/49/96      ඞඞඞ 23/04/96

DEATH SENTENCE

අඞර 54/10/96      අඞර 25/27/96      අඞර 25/28/96      අඞර 51/44/96      අඞර      51/46/96  
 අඞඞ 51/47/96      අඞඞ 38/07/96      අඞඞ 38/09/96      අඞඞ      41/06/96  
 ඞඞර 56/03/96      ඞඞඞ 13/19/96      ඞඞඞ 23/05/96

DEMONSTRATIONS

අඞර 17/02/96      අඞර 18/08/96      අඞර 41/26/96      අඞඞ 16/26/96      අඞඞ      20/26/96  
 අඞඞ 21/32/96      අඞඞ 21/35/96      අඞඞ 21/36/96      අඞඞ      21/37/96  
 ඞඞර 11/13/96      ඞඞර 44/83/96      ඞඞර 44/95/96      ඞඞර 44/96/96

DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL

අඞර 25/05/96      අඞර 44/11/96      අඞර 54/11/96

DISABLEMENT

ඞඞර 44/81/96

DISAPPEARANCES

අඞර 23/33/96      ඞඞර 44/83/96

DOCTORS

ඞඞඞ 15/39/96      ඞඞඞ 15/40/96

DRIVERS

අඞර 18/08/96      අඞර 23/33/96      අඞර 23/34/96

EDITORS

අඞර 32/07/96      අඞර 32/08/96

ELECTIONS

අඞඞ 20/25/96      අඞඞ 20/26/96      ඞඞර 11/13/96

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

අඞඞ 16/22/96      අඞඞ 16/28/96

ENGINEERS

අඞඞ 16/28/96      ඞඞඞ 13/19/96

ENVIRONMENTALISTS

AFR 25/07/96	AFR 44/11/96				
<u>ETHNIC GROUPS</u>					
AFR 16/14/96	AFR 25/05/96	AFR 25/06/96	AFR 25/07/96	AFR 37/11/96	
<u>EXECUTION</u>					
AMR 35/08/96	MDE 12/15/96	MDE 23/06/96	MDE 23/07/96		
<u>EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION</u>					
AFR 44/09/96	AMR 23/32/96 AMR 41/25/96	AMR 23/33/96 EUR 44/82/96	AMR 23/34/96	AMR	41/24/96
<u>FAMILIES</u>					
AFR 44/09/96	AMR 29/07/96 EUR 44/80/96	AMR 41/24/96 EUR 44/86/96	AMR 41/27/96	AMR	53/04/96
<u>FOREIGN NATIONALS</u>					
MDE 25/05/96					
<u>FORMER GOVERNMENTS</u>					
AFR 25/05/96					
<u>FUNERALS</u>					
AFR 20/30/96					
<u>HARASSMENT</u>					
AFR 16/14/96	AMR 23/32/96 AMR 41/27/96	AMR 23/35/96 EUR 11/13/96	AMR 29/07/96	AMR	41/24/96
<u>HEALTH WORKERS</u>					
EUR 44/83/96					
<u>HOSTAGE TAKING</u>					
AFR 21/33/96					
<u>HOUSE DESTRUCTION</u>					
EUR 44/78/96					
<u>HOUSE/TOWN ARREST</u>					
AFR 20/25/96      EUR 44/82/96					
<u>HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS</u>					
AFR 44/11/96	AMR 23/35/96 MDE 15/39/96	AMR 41/27/96 MDE 15/40/96	EUR 44/83/96 MDE 30/16/96	EUR	44/95/96
<u>HUNGER-STRIKE</u>					
MDE 30/16/96					
<u>ILL-HEALTH</u>					
AFR 32/07/96	AFR 32/08/96 EUR 44/81/96	AFR 20/30/96 EUR 56/03/96	AFR 21/32/96 MDE 30/16/96	AFR	21/35/96
<u>INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION</u>					
AFR 54/11/96	AMR 53/04/96 MDE 11/16/96	EUR 44/78/96 MDE 23/04/96	EUR 44/80/96 MDE 23/06/96	EUR	44/90/96
<u>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES</u>					
AMR 23/32/96      AMR 29/07/96					

INFANTS

අයි 37/11/96                      උර 44/81/96

INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES

අමර 23/33/96

JOURNALISTS

අඞ 44/11/96                      අමර 41/24/96                      අයි 20/26/96                      උර 11/13/96

JUVENILES

අයි 37/11/96	උර 44/90/96
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LAND PROBLEMS

අමර 23/32/96
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LAWYERS

අච 25/05/96	අච 25/07/96	උර 44/83/96	උර 44/95/96
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LEGISLATION

අමර 51/49/96
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

අයි 38/07/96	අයි 38/09/96
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MASS ARREST

අච 17/02/96	අයි 16/26/96	අයි 16/28/96	අයි 21/34/96	අයි	21/35/96
	අයි 21/37/96	උර 44/82/96	උර 44/83/96	උර	44/95/96
	උර 44/96/96				

MASS KILLING

අයි 37/11/96
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MEDICAL TREATMENT

අයි 21/35/96
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MILITARY

අයි 21/33/96
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MILITARY AS VICTIMS

අච 16/14/96	අමර 41/27/96
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MILITARY TRIBUNALS

අමර 41/27/96	ඔප් 12/15/96
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MINORITIES

අමර 51/44/96	අමර 51/49/96	උර 44/78/96	උර 44/81/96	උර	44/82/96
	උර 44/83/96	උර 44/89/96	උර 44/90/96		

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

අයි 37/11/96
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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AS VICTIMS

අයි 21/33/96
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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

අච 25/05/96	අච 44/11/96
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OPPOSITION POLITICIANS

අච 32/07/96	අච 32/08/96	අයි 16/28/96	අයි 20/25/96	අයි	20/26/96
	උර 11/13/96				

OSCE

උර 11/13/96
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PARAMILITARIES

අමර 23/33/96	අමර 23/34/96	අමර 23/35/96	අමර 29/07/96
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PARLIAMENTARIANS  
MDC 30/16/96

PEASANT LEADERS

AMR 41/25/96      AMR 41/26/96

PEASANTS

AMR 23/34/96      AMR 23/35/96      AMR 41/25/96      AMR 41/26/96

PHOTOGRAPHS

AFR 25/05/96      AFR 32/08/96      AS 41/06/96      EUR 44/80/96      EUR      44/95/96  
MDE 11/16/96      MDE 23/04/96      MDE 23/06/96      MDE 23/07/96

POLICE

AMR 41/26/96      AS 20/30/96      AS 21/36/96      AS 21/37/96      AS      41/06/96  
EUR 11/13/96

POLITICAL ACTIVISTS

AMR 41/24/96      AMR 41/25/96      AS 15/06/96      AS 16/22/96      AS      16/28/96  
AS 21/36/96      AS 21/37/96

POLITICAL PRISONERS

MDE 11/16/96

POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES

AFR 32/07/96      AFR 32/08/96      MDE 15/40/96

POLITICIANS

EUR 44/81/96

POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION

AMR 23/35/96      AS 20/26/96

POSSIBLE POC

AFR 34/11/96      AS 21/32/96      EUR 44/83/96      EUR 44/96/96      MDE 30/16/96

PRISON CONDITIONS

MDE 30/16/96

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

AFR 16/14/96      AFR 25/05/96      AFR 44/09/96      AS 16/22/96      MDE      15/39/96  
MDE 15/40/96      MDE 30/17/96

PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES

AFR 32/07/96      EUR 44/81/96      EUR 44/95/96

PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS AS VICTIMS

AMR 41/24/96

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

AMR 51/46/96

REAPPEARANCE

AFR 25/06/96

REFOULEMENT

AS 21/31/96

REFUGEES

AS 20/30/96      AS 21/31/96

RELEASE

අඞු 25/07/96	අඞු 18/08/96	අඞු 15/06/96	අඞු 16/22/96	අඞු 16/26/96
	අඞු 16/28/96	උර 44/80/96	උර 44/89/96	උර 44/95/96

RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC

ඞු 12/15/96

RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC

අඞු 23/35/96

RELIGIOUS WORKERS

අඞු 25/06/96

RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT

ඞු 30/17/96

RETRIALS

ඞු 13/19/96

SEXUAL ASSAULT

උර 44/81/96	උර 44/90/96
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STAY OF EXECUTION

අඞු 51/46/96	අඞු 51/47/96	අඞු 51/49/96	අඞු 38/09/96
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STRIKES

අඞු 17/02/96	අඞු 13/06/96
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STUDENTS

අඞු 17/02/96	අඞු 18/08/96	අඞු 21/32/96	උර 44/96/96	ඞු 15/41/96
	ඞු 30/17/96			

TEACHERS

අඞු 16/28/96	උර 44/96/96
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TORTURE/ILLEGAL TREATMENT

අඞු 53/04/96	අඞු 20/26/96	අඞු 20/30/96	අඞු 21/36/96	අඞු 21/37/96
	අඞු 41/06/96	උර 44/80/96	උර 44/81/96	උර 44/82/96
	උර 44/83/96	උර 44/85/96	උර 44/90/96	උර 44/95/96
	උර 44/96/96	ඞු 11/16/96	ඞු 15/40/96	ඞු 15/41/96
	ඞු 23/04/96			

TRADE UNIONISTS

අඞු 54/11/96	අඞු 18/08/96	උර 44/83/96	උර 44/95/96
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TRADERS

අඞු 16/28/96

TRIALS

ඞු 11/16/96	ඞු 12/15/96	ඞු 13/19/96	ඞු 23/04/96	ඞු 23/06/96
	ඞු 23/07/96			

UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

අඞු 35/08/96

UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION

අඞු 21/33/96	උර 44/85/96
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WOMEN

AFR 44/09/96

AMR 23/33/96

AMR 23/35/96

AMR 41/24/96

AMR 41/26/96

ASR 16/22/96

ASR 16/26/96

ASR 37/11/96

EUR 11/13/96

EUR 44/80/96

EUR 44/81/96

EUR 44/82/96

EUR 44/83/96

EUR 44/86/96

EUR 44/90/96

EUR 44/95/96

EUR 44/96/96

WRITERS

AFR 44/11/96