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Title: Burundi: Fear of "disappearance" / fear of extrajudicial execution

Abstract: Marcel Bigirimana, 15 years, Ponatien Bizimana, 16 years, Maco Nahimana, 14 years, Gaspard Myugi, 16 years, Said Misago, 13 years, Birinda, 15 years, Anicet Nyabenda, 15 years, Marius, 13 years, Selemani, 14 years, Joseph Manirambona, 16 years, Sinzinkayo, 14 years, Simon Ngirente, 15 years, John Hakizamana, 16 years, Kubwimana, 14 years, Karibuhuri, 14, and other children: At least sixteen children, all of them from the majority Hutu ethnic group, were arrested, without warrant, on 19 June 1996, in Butgrerg suburb of Bujumbura by soldigrs. The children were first arrested along with a number of adult peasants. The adults were subsequently released. However, efforts made by the Cibitoke zone chief and relatives to see the children still detained have failed. Military authorities in the Ngagara Barracks reportedly claim that there are no children in their cells. Al believes that these children are at risk of "disappearance" and extrajudicial execution.

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Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / ARMED CONFLICT / CHILDREN / ETHNIC GROUPS / JUVENILES / MILITARY / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

CAMEROON

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Pate: 26 June 1996

Title: Cameroon: Further information on fear of torture /legal concern: More than 40 members of the Social Democratic Front (SDF)

Abstract: Lawrence Chimasa, Charles Nkwankyuo and others: Al has received reports that members of the Social Democratic Front (SDF), one of the main opposition political parties in Cameroon, arrested in March and April 1996, have been released. The arrests were carried out following demonstrations in protest against the government's appointment of its representatives to head some local government authorities in place of elected mayors following local government elections in January 1996.

Keywords: Demonstrations / elections / opposition politicians / release /

CHAD

Al Index: AFR 20/02/96 Network: EXTR-105/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 9 July 1996

Title: Chad: Fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoner of conscience: Ngarlegy Yorongar 1g Moiban

Abstract: The above, a leader of the opposition party Action Front for the Republic-Federation, was arrested in Bebedjia, southern Chad, on 3 July 1996. Under Chadian law, he may be held without charge for 48 hours, renewable once for a further 48-hour period. This limit has now expired, and he has not been charged, although he has reportedly been accused of hiding firearms. All is concerned that the real reason for his detention may be his non-violent political activities and fears that he may be at risk of ill-treatment in custody.

Keywords: ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POSSIBLE POC / REARREST / UNLAWFUL DETENTION /

 CHAD
 Al Index: AFR 20/04/96

 Network: CXTRA-105/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 19 July 1996

Title: Chad: Further information on: fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoner of conscience: Ngarlegy Yorongar le Moiban

Abstract: The above, leader of opposition party Action Front for the Republic-Federation who was arrested on 3 July 1996, was released uncharged on 16 July. No official reason has been given for his arrest although he was reportedly accused of campaigning past the deadline for the end of campaigning for the presidential elections, of visiting a voting statation without authorization, and of inciting rebellion and hiding firearms. All believes that the real reason may have been his non-violent political activities.

Keywords: elections / incommunicado detention / opposition politicians / possible poc/release /

 CONGO
 Al Index: AFR 22/02/96

 Network: UA-152/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 25 June 1996

Title:Congo: Medical concern /possible prisoner of conscience: Colonel Buissa Matoko

Abstract: The above, who suffers from diabetes and hypertension, has reportedly been denied access to doctors since his arrest on 9 May 1996, raising serious concern for his health. He is also reported to have been denied access to a lawyer. Colonel Buissa Matoko, a former close associate of the former Congolese President, has not been officially charged with any offence. All is concerned that his detention may be connected to his relationship with the former president.

Keywords: Detention without tripl/ill-Health/incommunicado Detention/military as victims/possible poc/

KCNYA Al Index: AFR 32/09/96
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Pages: 1

Pate: 5 July 1996

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

Abstract: The above, an editor and opposition member of parliament, aged in his 50s, did not attend court on 24 June 1996 as had been scheduled because he did not leave hospital until 29 June. He is now due to appear in court for the mention in the sedition case against him on 10 July.

Keywords: editors / ILL-Health / opposition Mps / prisoners of conscience /

Kenya

Al Index: AFR 32/11/96 Network: EXTRA-113/96

Pages: 2 **Pate:** 23 July 1996

Title: Kenya: Prisoners of conscience /health concern

Abstract: Tirop Kitur, RPP Chairperson, Munga Gathogo, RPP Secretary, Josephine Nyawira Ngengi (f), Kanenne Karari, Wahinya Boore, Munyua Njenga, Munyua Njuki, Mungai Mbuthi, Maina Waititu, Wafula Buke, John Britaii, Kibuku Kahura, Wanjiru Kahiga (f), Muriithi Kanotho, Virginia Wanjiru (f), Mwangi Kiragu, Ndungi Githuju, Pitau Wanguthi, Njaroge Wanguthi, Muriu Katiuki, Muriithi Nduthu: Twenty-one members of the non-violent pressure group, Release Political Prisoners (RPP), arrested on 19 July 1996 in Kibera, are being held in appalling conditions in prison. There is serious concern for their health, particularly that of Josephine Nyawira Ngengi, a former prisoner of conscience, who recently underwent surgery following torture in police custody. All 21 have been on hunger-strike since 20 July in protest at their detention and are only drinking water. All considers them to be prisoners of conscience.

Keywords: Banning / Hunger-strike / ILL-Health / police / prison conditions / prisoners of conscience / torture/ILL-treatment / women /

Kenya

Al Index: AFR 32/12/96 Network: EXTRA-85/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 30 July 1996

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

Abstract: The above, an opposition member of parliament and editor in his 50s, appeared in court on 10 July without any further problems. His passport is being returned to him this week in order for him to leave the country for medical treatment. The sedition case against him is still pending. In a letter to an Al member, Njehu Gatabaki said: "... the letters you wrote... have had a dramatic effect. The police have quietly and reluctantly withdrawn the murder charges...".

Keywords: editors / ILL-HEALTH / MEDICAL TREATMENT / OPPOSITION MPS / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES / WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES /

NIGERIA

Al Index: AFR 44/17/96 Network: UA-145/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 22 July 1996

Title:Nigeria: Further information on: fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoner of conscience: Nnimmo Bassey

Abstract: The above, a 37-year-old architect, journalist, writer, environmental and human rights eampaigner, was released without charge on 18 July 1996. He is reported to have said that he was not ill-treated in detention.

Keywords: ARCHITECTS / ENVIRONMENTALISTS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / JOURNALISTS / RELEASE / WRITERS /

RWANDA

Al Index: AFR 47/09/96 Network: UA-91/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 1 July 1996

Title:Rwanda: Further information on: fear for safety /fear of ill-treatment: Joseph Ruyenzi

Abstract: Jean-Paul Bizimana, Rwandese Minister of Information has stated, in a letter to Al, that Joseph Ruyenzi's arrest was not connected with his work as a journalist or his ethnic background, but that he was arrested on suspicion of acts of rape and mutilation he allegedly committed during the genocide of 1994. All delegates visited Joseph Ruyenzi in Kigali Prison in May 1996 and he reported that he was not being ill-treated and he appeared to be in good health.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS / JOURNALISTS / MISSIONS /

RWANDA

Al Index: AFR 47/10/96 Network: UA-117/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 9 July 1996

Title: Rwanda: Further information on: fear for safety / fear of ill-treatment

Abstract: Celestin Kayibanda, prosecutor of Butare, Fidele Makombe, prosecutor of Kibuye: Celestin Kayibanda, who was arrested on charges of genocide and murder, has not yet been formally charged. He was reportedly transferred to Nyanza prison and Al has not received any reports that he is being ill-treated. Fidele Makombe was suspended from his functions as prosecutor shortly after giving an interview to a French radio journalist in which he talked about his being beaten by a soldier. His suspension may also be connected with the fact that he had refused to carry out arrests on the basis of unsubstantiated allegations.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / LAWYERS / MILITARY / MISSIONS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

RWANDA

Al Index: AFR 47/11/96 Network: UA-180/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 18 July 1996

Title:Rwanda: "Disappearance" /fear of extrajudicial execution: Clie Dusabumuremyi

Abstract: All is concerned for the safety of the above, a teacher and bourgmestre (mayor) of Nyabikenke, in the prefecture of Gitarama and a member of the flutu ethnic group, who was reportedly abducted on 11 July 1996 and has not been seen since. People in the area at the time of the abduction heard him calling for help and later found blood stains. Local residents who attempted to rush to the seene were stopped by gunfire. They reported seeing two lorries carrying soldiers whom they believe were responsible for the shooting.

Keywords: COMMUNAL VIOLENCE / DISAPPEARANCES / ETHNIC GROUPS / LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES / MILITARY / TEACHERS /

RWANDA

Al Index: AFR 47/12/96 Network: UA-189/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 29 July 1996

Title: Rwanda: Arbitrary arrest /incommunicado detention / fear of torture: Alex Hakuziyaremye

Abstract: The above, a 25-year-old worker at Radio Rwanda, was arbitrarily arrested in Kigali on 11 July 1996. Two soldiers and one civilian took him from his home and led him to an unknown destination. Later, he was reportedly seen at the Directorate of Military Intelligence. He appeared to have been beaten all over and was described as being in a poor physical condition. Security officials have accused him of being a member of the former Rwandese government army, which was responsible for the massacre of many people in 1994. According to his relatives, however, this accusation is false.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / BROADCASTERS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/

SUPAN

Al Index: AFR 54/12/96 Network: UA-157/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 28 June 1996

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

Abstract: Taha Mohamed Taha, al-Haj Osman, Abdallah Abdel Aziz, Kamal Abdel Karim Mirghani, Abdel Karim Karouma, Abdallah Malik, Omar Abdallah Jadallah, Phali Rahmtalla, Mohamed Suleiman, Ali Issailat, Kamil Abdel Rahman al-Siq, Mohamed Mahjoub, Taha Souraj, al-Ustaz al-Bushra, Mohamed al-Hafiz: The men named above are reported to have been arrested between 18 and 24 June 1996 on suspicion of being political opponents of the Sudan Government. They have not been brought to court or charged and are currently in detention in a Sudan Security-run section of Kober Prison in Khartoum North. There are reports that some of the detainers have been beaten. All is concerned that they are possible prisoners of conscience and that they are at risk of ill-treatment.

Keywords: Banning / Detention without trial / political activists / possible poc/

SUDAN

Al Index: AFR 54/13/96 Network: UA-170/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 5 July 1996

Title:Sudan: Fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience / health concern

Abstract: Galal Hamid, former director of the Gezira (agriculture) Scheme, Taj al-Sir Ahmad Abdallahi, president of Ahli Football Club, al-Kheir Ali Arbab, doctor, Abdeen Miheisi, architect and engineer, Osman Abdelgader, trade unionist, Mohamed Abdelghafar, businessman, Mubarak Mohamed al-Hassan and 23 other men (names unknown): The above have reportedly been arrested on or around 23 June 1996 in Wad Medani, Sudan's second city. They have not been brought to court or charged and are currently reported to be undergoing intensive interrogation. Ali is concerned that the men are possible prisoners of conscience and that they are at risk of ill-treatment. The arrests are part of a round-up of suspected opponents of the government following a public statement by supporters of the banned National Democratic Alliance.

Keywords: ARCHITECTS / BANNING / BUSINESS PEOPLE / POCTORS / ENGINEERS / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / TRADE UNIONISTS /

SUDAN

Al Index: AFR 54/14/96 Network: UA-157/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 24 July 1996

Title: Sudan: Further information on: fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoners of eonscience

Abstract: Taha Mohamed Taha, al-Haj Osman, Abdallah Abdel Aziz, Kamal Abdel Karim Mirghani, Abdel Karim Karouma, Abdallah Malik, Omar Abdallah Jadallah, Dhali Rahmtalla, Mohamed Sulciman, Ali Issailat, Kamil Abdel Rahman al-Siq, Mohamed Mahjoub, Taha Souraj, al-Ustaz al-Bushra, Mohamed al-Hafiz: Al has learned that Abdallah Malik, one of 15 men arrested between 18 and 24 June 1996 in a clampdown on alleged supporters of the banned National Democratic Alliance, was released on 11 July 1996.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / BANNING / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POSSIBLE POC / RELEASE /

SUDAH

Al Index: AFR 54/15/96 Network: UA-170/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 24 July 1996

Title: Sudan: Further information on: fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience /health concern

Abstract: Galal Hamid, former Director of the Gezira (agriculture) Scheme, Taj al-Sir Ahmad Abdallahi, President of Ahli Football Club, al-Kehir Ali Arbab, doctor, Abdeen Miheisi, architect and engineer, Osman Abdelgader, trade unionist, Mohamed Abdelghafar, businessman, Mubarak Mohamed al-Hassan and 22 other men. New name: Adam Abdel Kabir, engineer: Al-Kheir Ali Arbab, Abdeen Miheisi and Adam Abdel Kabir are reported to have been transferred from the security headquarters in Wad Medani to an unknown place of detention in Khartoum. Al is concerned

that the transfer of these detainess could expose them to renewed risk of ill-treatment and that the presumed continued incommunicado detention of the other prisoners means that they too remain vulnerable. All regards all of them as possible prisoners of conscience.

Keywords: ARCHITECTS / BANNING / BUSINESS PEOPLE / POCTORS / ENGINEERS / INCOMMUNICADO PETENTION / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POSSIBLE POC / TRADE UNIONISTS /

SUDAN .

Al Index: AFR 54/16/96 Network: UA-185/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 24 July 1996

Title:Sudan: Possible prisoners of conscience /fear of torture

Abstract: Mongim Attia, engineer, Nagib Nejm al-Din, aged 46, medical doctor: Al has received reports that the above were arrested in Khartoum on 8 and 13 July 1996 respectively. Neither man has been brought to a court or charged. The arrests of Nagib Nejm al-Din, who was Secretary General of the Sudan Doctors' Union at the time of the 1989 coup that brought the current government to power, and Moneim Attia, who was previously detained in 1990, appear to be part of a clampdown on persons suspected of supporting the banned National Democratic Alliance. All is concerned that they may be prisoners of conscience and that they are at risk of ill-treatment.

Keywords: BANNING / POCTORS / ENGINEERS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / TRADE UNIONISTS /

ZAIRE

Al Index: AFR 62/06/96 Network: UA-56/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 28 June 1996

Title: Zaire: Further information on: torture /legal concern /medical concern

Abstract: Malira Kabuya, Byamungu Kahima, Ndasimwa Malira, Bonang: Al has been informed that the four people named above were released unconditionally on 3 May 1996. They are said to be recovering slowly from the effects of torture. No action is known to have been taken by the authorities to investigate the severe ill-treatment which the victims were subjected to and to bring those responsible to justice.

Keywords: ILL-HEALTH / IMPUNITY / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

ZAIRE

Al Index: AFR 62/09/96 Network: EXTRA-117/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 26 July 1996

Title:Zaire: Fear of torture /possible prisoner of conscience: Didi Mwati Bulambo, human rights activist

Abstract: The above, a coordinator of the Collective for Action for the Development of Human Rights, was arrested on 25 July 1996 by gendarmes at Kamitunga in South Kivu's Mwenga district (zone), where he is reportedly still held. He is reported to be held in poor prison conditions and may have been subjected to torture or ill-treatment. He was arrested in connection with a newsletter article in which he criticized

alleged corruption among Kamitunga Procuracy officials. Al fears for his safety and is concerned that he appears to be a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords: Censorship / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / PRISON CONDITIONS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/

BAHAMAS

Al Index: AMR 14/08/96 Network: EXTRA-98/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 28 June 1996

Title: Bahamas: Death penalty

Abstract: Stephen Charles Swaby, Richard Woods: The above are scheduled to be executed on 5 July 1996. There is concern that the two men may not have exhausted all their legal appeals.

Keywords: Death Sentence/

Bahamas

Al Index: AMR 14/09/96 Network: EXTRA-98/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 5 July 1996

Title:Bahamas: Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Stephen Charles Swaby, Richard Woods: The above, who were scheduled to be executed on 5 July, have both been granted stays of execution pending the outcome of their petitions for special leave to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London.

Keywords: STAY OF EXECUTION /

CHILE

Al Index: AMR 22/06/96 Network: EXTRA-108/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 17 July 1996

Title: Chile: Death penalty: Cupertino Segundo Andaur Contreras

Abstract: All is concerned at reports that the above, a 46-year-old man, was sentenced to death by the Santiago Appeals Court on 30 May 1996. A final appeal against the sentence, filed before the Supreme Court, will be considered in July 1996 (exact date unknown).

Keywords: Death sentence/

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/36/96 Network: UA-155/96 Pages: 1

Patg: 26 Jung 1996

Title:Colombia: Possible extrajudicial executions /"disappearance" /fear for safety

Abstract: Jorge Alirio Salazar, Jose Toro, Raul Zapata, Raul Toro, Celina Toro (f) teacher, Lucia Martinez (f) teacher and other inhabitants of Cristales village: Al is concerned for the safety of the inhabitants of Cristales village in the municipality of San Roque, Antioquia department, following the killing, in curcumstances suggesting extrajudicial execution, of Alfonso Zuleta, Jaime Puerta, Francisco Castrillon and the "disappearance of Jorge Alirio Salazar. The killings were carried out by a group of armed and uniformed men who identified themselves as members of a paramilitary group. There is also concern for the safety of Jose Toro, Raul Zapata, Raul Toro, the two women teachers and several peasant farmers who were not present when the paramilitary group called out their names from a list.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / HARASSMENT / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANTS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / TEACHERS / WOMEN /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/37/96 Network: UA-295/94

Pages: 1

Datg: 28 Jung 1996

Title:Colombia: Further information on: possible extrajudicial execution / fear for safety

Abstract: Aida Abella (f), opposition politician; new names: Pedro Malagon, parliamentarian, Milena Malagon (f), his 17-year-old daughter: Pedro Malagon, a member of the Colombian Congress for the Patriotic Union Party, and his daughter were reportedly killed outside their house in the Paraiso district of Villavicencio, department of Meta, by two armed men. He was a parliamentarian who had campaigned for the respect of human rights and the dismantling of paramilitary groups operating in the department of Meta. His killing follows shortly after the attempt on the life of Aida Abella, who has left the country.

Keywords: ATTEMPTED KILLING / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / JUVENILES / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PARAMILITARIES / PARLIAMENTARIANS / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / WOMEN

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/38/96 Network: UA-148/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 28 June 1996

Title: Colombia: Further information on apparent extrajudicial executions / fear for safety and new concern: "disappearance"

Abstract: Guillermo Leon Barrera Henao, Francisco Javier Taborda Taborda, Alvaro Vasquez, Clsa Maria Rueda (f); new names: Susana Bravo (f) human rights activist, Anndres Taborda: Al is increasingly concerned for the safety of the civilian population of the municipality of Cl Carmen de Atrato, department of Choco, after a paramilitary group operating in the region delivered a written communique threatening 25 members of the town. There is particular concern for the safety of Andres

Taborda, who was reportedly abducted by paramilitiaries on 27 June 1996 and whose whereabouts remain unknown.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PARAMILITARIES / WOMEN /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/39/96 Network: UA-260/95

Pages: 1

Pate: 1 July 1996

Title:Colombia: Further information on apparent extrajudicial execution / fear for safety and new concern: torture: Civilians in Pailitas and other municipalities in Cesar Department

Abstract: All continues to be concerned for the safety of the civilian population in the municipality of Pailitas, who face continuing paramilitary threats and attacks. These concerns have been heightened by the torture and killings, on 8 May 1996, of Luis Uribe and Luis Fuentes Marques by a paramilitary group in Pailitas. Reportedly, the two men, drivers of public hire vehicles, were stopped at a checkpoint, beaten with a whip which had a bullet attached to its end, tortured and shot dead by a paramilitary group.

Keywords: extrajudicial execution / Harassment / paramilitaries / pregnancy / Torture/ill-treatment/women/

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/40/96 Network: UA-137/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 3 July 1996

Title:Colombia: Further information on: possible extrajudicial execution / fear for safety

Abstract: Manuel Beltran, Alejandro Teheran, Dagoberto Santero, Julio Santero, Carlos Solano, Milecio de la Cruz, Saul Baltazar - killed, Guillermo Carmona - threatened, Rosember Clemente - threatened; and other Zenu Indigenous leaders: Al deplores the killing of another Zenu indigenous leader, Saul Baltazar, in the indigenous community of San Andres de Sotavento, department of Cordoba, in circumstances suggesting an extrajudicial execution. The killing of Saul Baltazar, regional director of the Colombian Indigenous Movement, heightens concern for the safety of Guillermo Carmona and Rosember Clemente.

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

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/41/96 Network: UA-181/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 19 July 1996

Title:Colombia: Fear for safety /apparent extrajudicial execution / "disappearance"

Antonio Urang, miner, peasant farmer, Gonzalo Villa, Juan David Lopez Herrero, aged 37, mechanic, Manuel Francisco Benavides: Members of a paramilitary group have threatened to return to the municipality of Zaragoza, department of Antioquia, where they have already reportedly been responsible for the killing of the first three people named above and the "disappearance" of Juan David Lopez Herrero and Manuel Francisco Benavides.

Keywords: AGED / COMMUNITY LEADERS / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / MANUAL WORKERS / MINERS / NURSES / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANTS / TRADERS / WOMEN /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/42/96 Network: UA-241/95

Pages: 1

Pate: 19 July 1996

Title:Colombia: Further information on fear for safety: Civilian population of Remedios and Segovia, Antioquia

Abstract: Paramilitary threats against residents of Segovia and Remedios continue, despite the announcement of new security measures and the increased presence of members of the security forces in the two communities. Segovia and Remedios have been declared Special Public Order Zones by decree, which has resulted in the imposition of an evening curfew and restrictions on freedom of movement.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / PARAMILITARIES /

COLOMBIA

Al Index: AMR 23/43/96 Network: UA-74/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 23 July 1996

Title:Colombia: Further information on: fear for safety /possible extrajudicial executions: Peasant farmer families living on the Bellacruz ranch, department of Cesar

Abstract: Jaime Laguna Collazo, peasant farmer leader and teacher, Edinson Donado, peasant farmer; new names: Belen Torres, president of national peasant farmer association, Luis Jose Lemus Sanchez, Segundo Vasquez, Otoniel Canizares Jacome: Peasant farmer families forced from their lands on the Bellacruz ranch earlier this year continue to face paramilitary activity in the areas neighbouring the ranch. On 4 July paramilitaries allegedly killed three civil servants, Luis Jose Lemus Sanchez, Segundo Vasquez and Otoniel Canizares Jacome. There is also serious concern for the safety of members of non-governmental peasant farmer and human rights organizations who have been supporting the peasant farmers in their claims. Armed forces commanders have accused these organizations of

being guerrilla sympathizers and death threats have been made against the leader of a national peasant farmer association, Belen Torres.

Keywords: extrajudicial execution / families / Human Rights activists / Land problems / paramilitaries / peasants / teachers /

CUBA All Index: AMR 25/31/96
Network: EXTRA-106/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 July 1996

Title:Cuba: Legal concern /ill-treatment

Abstract: Nestor Rodriguez Lobaina, Radames Garcia de la Vega: Al is concerned about the legal situation of the above, whose freedom of movement has been arbitrarily restricted and both of whom were also reportedly ill-treated while in detention. A further concern is that their case is the first in recent years, to Al's knowledge, where internal exile as a punishment has been meted out by Cuban courts. The president and vice-president respectively of Young People for Democracy, they were first arrested on 6 June in Havana on charges of "disrespect" and "resistance", reportedly in connection with their peaceful attempts to organize a movement for university reform.

Keywords: INTERNAL EXILE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / REARREST / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

 CUBA
 Al Index: AMR 25/33/96

 Network: EXTRA-121/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 29 July 1996

Title: Cuba: Death penalty: Norberto Mejias Cabrera or Norberto Cabrera Mejias

Abstract: Cuban press reports indicate that the above has been sentenced to death after being found guilty of four rapes, robbery and other offences. The is reported to be unemployed and homless and to have been detained in "re-education centres" since the age of twelve.

Keywords: Death sentence / Homeless people / Unemployed people /

 CL SALVADOR
 Al Index: AMR 29/08/96

 Network: UA-176/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 10 July 1996

Title: Cl Salvador: Fear for safety

Abstract: Francisco Clias Valencia, newspaper editor, Monsignor Gregorio Rosa Chavez, Auxiliary Bishop of San Salvador, Francisco Roberto Lima, lawyer and opposition politician, Jorge Zedan, television station proprietor, Mauricio Funes, newspaper director, Kiria Waldo Salgado, opposition politician, Roberto Castaneda, radio station proprietor, Facundo Guardo, opposition politician, Gerson Martinez, opposition politician, Ricardo Navarro, director of environmental organization, Victoria Marina Velasquez de Aviles, National Human Rights Procurator, Rodolfo Cardenal, Vice Rector of Social Planning, Centroamerican University, Edgar Palacios, Coordinator of the Permanent

Commission for National Debate, Medardo Gomez, Lutheran bishop, Carlos Aviles, narcotics expert: All is seriously concerned for the safety of a group of people named in a communique signed by a newly-formed clandestine group calling itself the Roberto d'Aubuisson Nationalist Force. The group threatened several public figures, including the above. Many of those named in the communique have publicly expressed their commitment to human rights and democracy.

Keywords: Broadcasters / Directors / Editors / Environmentalists / Harassment / Human Rights activists / Lawyers / opposition politicians / paramilitaries / Religious Officials - Catholic / Religious Officials - Protestant / Women /

GUATEMALA

Al Index: AMR 34/17/96 Network: UA-160/96 Pages: 1

Patg: 28 Jung 1996

Title: Guatemala: Fear for safety: Otto Leonel Hernandez

Abstract: All is seriously concerned for the safety of the above, who is in hospital after being abducted and tortured. He is the key witness in the murder ease of Lucia Cardenas, allegedly involving members of the security forces.

Keywords: PISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WITNESSES / WOMEN /

GUATEMALA

Al Index: AMR 34/18/96 Network: EXTRA-100/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 2 July 1996

Title: Guatemala: Death penalty

Abstract: Pedro Castillo Mendoza, Roberto Giron: All is deeply concerned that the first executions in Guatemala for more than 12 years may be imminent. The above, who were convicted of raping and killing a four-year old girl, have had their appeal against their death sentence turned down by the Constitutional Court. All legal remedies have now been exhausted and their only hope for elemency is a presidential pardon. All is concerned by a recent statement on these cases made by President Arzu to the national press, in which he is reported to have said that he will respect the decision of the Supreme Court of Justice and that the death penalty will be applied.

Keywords: Death sentence/

GUATEMALA

Al Index: AMR 34/20/96 Network: UA-160/96

Pages: 1 **Pate:** 8 July 1996

Title: Guatemala: Further information on fear for safety: Otto Leonel Hernandez

Abstract: All remains seriously concerned for the safety of the above. On 3 July 1996 he was transferred from the Western Regional Hospital in Quezaltenengo City, where he was recovering from injuries sustained when he was abdueted and tortured

between 21 and 26 June, and taken to Totonicapan Prison. Although the investigating judge ordered that he should be held separately from other inmates, for safety reasons, Al has learned that he is being confined along with other inmates. It is feared that an attempt may be made on his life inside the prison.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / WITNESSES /

GUATEMALA

Al Index: AMR 34/21/96 Network: UA-173/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 8 July 1996

Title: Guatemala: Fear for safety: Carlos Federico Reyes Lopez and his family

Abstract: All is deeply concerned for the safety of the above, a 26-year-old anthropologist, member of the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Team, and his family, following death threats against them. He has already been threatened twice by unidentified armed men.

Keywords: ANTHROPOLOGISTS / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT /

GUATEMALA

Al Index: AMR 34/23/96 Network: UA-47/95 Pages: 1

Pate: 22 July 1996

Title:Guatemala: Further information on: threats /intimidation /fear for safety: Jose Ruben Zamora Marroquin

Abstract: Although the Guatemalan authorities have announced an investigation into the grenade attack in May 1996 against the above, ex-director of the Guatemalan daily newspaper Siglo Veintiuno, no one has yet been brought to justice for it.

Keywords: ATTACKS / HARASSMENT / JOURNALISTS / PUBLISHERS /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/28/96 Network: UA-156/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 26 June 1996

Title: Mexico: Death threats / fear for safety

Abstract: Alfredo Zepeda, aged 54, Jesuit priest, human rights defender. Concepcion Hernandez Mendez (f), aged 48, lawyer, human rights defender: Over recent weeks, the above have been repeatedly threatened, apparently as a result of their work on behalf of indigenous and peasant rights of Nahuatl, Otomi and Tepehua Indian communities in the Huasteea region of the state of Veracruz. They are leading members of the Agrupacion de Derechos Humanos Kochitepetl and the Comite de Derechos Humanos de la Sierra Norte de Veracruz respectively. Both are non-governmental organizations based in Huayacocotla, Veracruz and are active in the documentation, protection and promotion of human rights in the region.

Reywords: Harassment / Human Rights activists / Indigenous peoples / Land problems / Lawyers / Non-Governmental organizations / peasants / Religious officials - Catholic/Women/

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/29/96 Network: UA-157/95 Pages: 1

Pate: 27 June 1996

Title: Mexico: Further information on: fear for safety: Bishop Arturo Lona Reyes

Abstract: All is once again concerned for the safety of the above, bishop of the Diocese of Tehuantepee, Oaxaca, a renowned human rights activist and founder of the local Tepegae Human Rights Centre. On 19 June 1996 he was falsely accused in the local media of supporting armed groups in the region. He has already been subjected to death threats and attacks.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / LAND PROBLEMS / PHOTOGRAPHS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC/

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/30/96 Network: UA-158/96 Pages: 1

Patg: 28 Jung 1996

Title: Mexico: Torture / fear for safety: Oswald Alonso

Abstract: On 23 June 1996, the above, a radio journalist in the state of Morelos, was kidnapped from his home in Cuernavaea by three unidentified men. He was reportedly beaten and tortured for 24 hours and then released on 25 June near the village of Teloloapan, state of Guerrero. He had repeatedly denounced the alleged corruption of members of the police forces in Morelos. All believes that he may have been kidnapped by members of the state security forces and remains seriously concerned for his safety.

Keywords: BROADCASTERS / JOURNALISTS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/32/96 Network: UA-166/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 2 July 1996

Title: Mexico: "Disappearance" / fear for safety

Abstract: Margarito Sanchez Merida, aged 35, environmental activist, teacher, flugolina Solis Vargas (f), wife of Margarito, teacher and environmental activist and other members of the Committee for the Defence of Grottos of Cacahuamilpa: Margarito Sanchez Merida has not been seen since 19 June 1996, when four members of the State Judicial Police, reportedly abducted him from the school where he was teaching. According to a witness, the same vehicle was seen at the offices of the Judicial Police later that day. He is one of the main directors of the above mentioned environmental NGO and it is feared that he may have been abducted because of his active leadership role on behalf of this group. All is also concerned for the safety of his family and other members of the Committee for the Defence of Grottos of Cacahuamilpa.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / ENVIRONMENTALISTS / FAMILIES / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / POLICE / TEACHERS / WOMEN /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/33/96 Network: UA-102/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 5 July 1996

Title: Mexico: Further information on: possible extrajudicial execution / fear for safety

Abstract: Killed: Marcos Olmedo Gutierrez; Wounded: Luis Cortez Salas, Pablo Artista Meja, Gregorio Vidal Juarez, Remedios Ortiz Fernandez (f), Miguel Angel Delgado Vargas, Ignacio Cortez, Elia Aguilar Rios (f), Luis Mendoza Cruz, Juan Cruz Suarez; Arrested: 34 people, names unknown; New name: Leticia Moetezuma Vargas (f): Concern for the safety of local activist and teacher Leticia Moetezuma Vargas has been fuelled by a series of threats, apparently made to stop her from continuing her work on behalf of Tepoztlan community, particularly after the incident in which Marcos Olmedo Gutierrez was extrajudicially killed. The 34 members of the indigenous peasants' organization Committee of Tepoztecan Unity (CUT) arrested on 10 April 1996 have all been released. However, arrest warrants have been issued against 100 members of CUT involved in the 10 April march.

Keywords: COMMUNITY WORKERS / DEMONSTRATIONS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / LAND PROBLEMS / MASS ARREST / PEASANTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / TEACHERS / WOMEN /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/34/96 Network: EXTRA-103/96

Pages: 1 **Pate:** 5 July 1996

Title: Mexico: Fear for safety / fear of torture

Abstract: flilario Mesino fleosta, peasant activist, Benigno Guzman Martinez, peasant activist, Marino Sanchez Flores, peasant activist and other members of the OCSS in Guerrero state: fli is deeply concerned for the safety of members of the Southern Sierra Peasant Organization (OCSS) in Guerrero state whose members have suffered attacks and death threats in connection with their activities on behalf of the local indigenous and peasant population. Since the massacre of 17 peasants on 28 June 1995 in Aguas Blancas, a wave of violence has swept through the state. Althought the OCSS and the CRP (People's Revolutionary Army) have made public statements denying any links between them, the government has launched a campaign against members of the OCSS. Al's concerns have also been heightened by reports that thousands of soldiers have, since 28 June, been sent to Guerrero state.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / IMPUNITY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / PEASANT LEADERS /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/35/96 Network: UA-172/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 8 July 1996

Title: Mexico: Fear for safety: Fabiola Cancino de los Santos (f)

Abstract:On 5 July 1996 seven heavily armed men raided the home of the above, a 30-year-old journalist. They forced everyone in the house to lie face down on the floor and demanded to know which of them was Fabiola Cancino de los Santos. When she made herself known they warned her: "If you continue to do this reporting we will kill you". They also threatened members of her family and some friends, including a two-year-old girl.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / INFANTS / JOURNALISTS / WOMEN /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/36/96 Network: UA-174/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 9 July 1996

Title: Mexico: Fear for safety

Abstract: Liliana Flores Benavides, (f) aged 41, activist, Viridiana Villareal (f), aged 17, Liliana's daughter, Naney Rodriguez Villareal (f), aged 32, activist, Marta Rodriguez Martinez (f), aged 37, activist: There is serious concern for the safety of the members of the non-governmental organization El Barzon in Nuevo Leon state, following the discovery of a bomb in their office on 9 July 1996. El Barzon is a non-violent legal organization of farmers, peasants and professionals working for the defence of land rights and better conditions of credit. This incident follows a series of anonymous theats against leaders and staff members of this NGO.

Keywords: Harassment / Human Rights activists / Land problems / Non-Governmental organizations / Women /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/37/96 Network: EXTRA-103/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 18 July 1996

Title: Mexico: Further information on: fear for safety / fear of torture

Abstract: Hilario Mesino Acosta, peasant activist, Benigno Guzman Martinez, peasant activist, Marino Sanchez Flores, peasant activist. New names: arrested 15 July: Procoro Valente Gil, aged 26, student member of FAC-MLN, Alfredo Barragan, aged 22, peasant activist, Gregorio Garcia, aged 35, peasant activist, Gerardo Hurtado Arias, aged 18, peasant activist, Taide Mejia Hernandez, peasant activist, Marcos Mejia Cruz, peasant activist, Valentin Tapia Noyola, aged 24 chauffeur (photo); arrested 9 July: Cleofas Sanchez, Pedro Barrios, Gervacio Aree, Gonzalo Sanchez, peasant activists and members of OPCG; arrested 8 July: Teodoro Juarez Sanchez, Ramiro Jimenez, Lorenzo Adame Benitez, Jeronimo Adame, peasant activists and members of the OCSS: Fears for the safety of members of the Southern Sierra Peasant Organization (OCSS) in Guerrero state have widened into grave concern for all peasant activists in the state. Since the appearance of the People's Revolutionary Army (CRP) on 28 June 1996, hundreds of police have arrived in Guerrero state. There have been continuous reports of threats, intimidation and

ill-treatment against members of local communities as troops and police search homes and vehicles for weapons and ERP members.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / DEMONSTRATIONS / DRIVERS / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / MILITARY / PEASANT LEADERS / PEASANTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

MEXICO

Al Index: AMR 41/38/96 Network: EXTRA-112/96

Pages: 2

Pate: 19 July 1996

Title: Mexico: Possible extrajudicial execution / "disappearances" / fear of torture

Abstract: Killed: Manuel Martinez de la Torre, indigenous peasant; "Disappeared": Valentin de la Torre Mendoza, Rafael Vazquez de la Torre; Arrested: Miguel Vazquez Mendoza, Miguel Vazquez Robles, Jose Angel Mendoza Gomez, Meliton de Jesus Mendoza Gomez, Manuel Mendoza Vazquez, Jose Antonio Aleazar Hidalgo, Marco Antonio Vazquez Ramirez, Juan C. Hidalgo Gomez, Jose Angel Aleazar Hidalgo, Jose Aleazar Gomez, Domingo Gomez Martinez, Bartolo Jimenez Hidalgo: A joint police and paramilitary operation against two neighbouring communities in Chiapas state have left one person dead and two others "disappeared". Twelve other people, mainly indigenous Tzotziles, most of whom are members of the non-violent Emiliano Zapata Peasants Organization (OCEZ), have been arrested and are feared to be at risk of torture in custody.

Keywords: PISAPPEARANCES / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / LAND PROBLEMS / MASS ARREST / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANTS / POLICE / POSSIBLE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/53/96 Network: EXTRA-87/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 2 July 1996

Title: USA: Further information on: death penalty: John Joubert

Abstract: The above, a white man who was scheduled to be executed in Nebraska on 28 June, received a new stay of execution from the US Supreme Court. The stay was based on the constitutional challenge to the Effective Death Penalty Bill signed into law by President Clinton in April.

Keywords: STAY OF EXECUTION /

ngu Usau Al Index: AMR 51/54/96 Network: EXTRA-79/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 5 July 1996

Title:USA (Indiana): Further information on: death penalty: Tommie J. Smith (also known as Ziyon Yisrayah)

Abstract: The above, a black man, is now scheduled to be executed on 18 July. He was one of the two men convicted of the murder of a white police officer in Indianapolis in 1980. His co-defendant, Gregory Resnover, also black, was executed on 8 December 1994.

Keywords: Death sentence / MINORITIES / RACIAL DISCRIMINATION /

USAAl Index: AMR 51/55/96

Network: EXTRA-101/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 5 July 1996

Title: USA (Virginia): Death penalty: Joseph Savino

Abstract: The above is scheduled to be executed in Virginia on 17 July 1996. He was sentenced to death in November 1988 for the murder of Thos MeWaters, his male lover. Health experts have concluded that Joseph Savino was suffering from cocaine psychosis at the time he committed the crime.

Keywords: Death Sentence / Homosexuals /

 USA
 Al Index: AMR 51/57/96

 Network: EXTRA-87/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 9 July 1996

Title: USA (Nebraska): Further information on: death penalty: John Joubert

Abstract: The above is now scheduled to be executed on 17 July 1996, following the lifting of the stay of execution granted to him at the end of June. All believed that the Attorney General would seek a new execution warrant but it now appears that the original warrant is still being applied, thus dramatically precipitating the new execution date.

Keywords: Death sentence/

USAAl Index: AMR 51/60/96

Network: EXTRA-113/95

pages: 1

Pate: 16 July 1996

Title: USA (Texas): Further information on: death penalty: Thomas Joe Miller-Cl

Abstract: The above, a black man previously scheduled to be executed in October 1995 and January 1996, is now scheduled to be executed on 30 July 1996. Thomas Miller-El was sentenced to death for murder. According to information received by Al, he was in extremely bad health during his trial and was still suffering from the effects of being shot by police at the time of his arrest. The trial judge had ordered his medication to be stopped and he drifted in and out of consciousness for much of the three-month hearing.

Keywords: Death sentence/ILL-Health/MINORITIES/TRIALS/

USAAl Index: AMR 51/62/96

Network: EXTRA-109/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 18 July 1996

Title:USA (Oklahoma): Death penalty /legal concern: Steve Keith Hatch

Abstract: The above, a white man, is scheduled to be executed by the state of Oklahoma on 9 August 1996. He was sentenced to death for the murder of Rev. Douglass and his wife in 1979. The crime and trial received substantial publicity because the victim was a minister of the Southern Baptists' Church which supports the use of the death penalty. According to information received by Al, the record of the trial shows that Hatch's co-defendant, Glen Burton Ake, admitted shooting the victims.

Keywords: Death sentence/

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Al Index: AMR 51/63/96 Network: EXTRA-79/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 19 July 1996

Title:USA (Indiana): Further information on: death penalty: Tommie J. Smith (also known as Ziyon Yisrayah)

Abstract: Al regrets that the above, a black man, was executed as scheduled in Indiana on 18 July 1996.

Keywords: EXECUTION / MINORITIES /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/64/96 Network: EXTRA-101/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 19 July 1996

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

Abstract: All regrets that the above was executed as scheduled in Virginia on 17 July 1996.

Keywords: execution / Homosexuals /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/65/96 Network: EXTRA-87/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 19 July 1996

Title:USA (Nebraska): Further information on: death penalty: John Joubert

Abstract: All has learned with regret that the above, a white man, was executed in Nebraska as scheduled on 17 July 1996. He was sentenced to death in 1984 convicted of murder.

Keywords: execution /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/66/96 Network: EXTRA-114/96

Pages: 1

Date: 24 July 1996

Title:USA: Death penalty /legal concern

Abstract: Emmett Nave, Thomas Battle, Richard Oxford: The above are scheduled to be executed in Missouri on 31 July, 7 August and 21 August 1996 respectively. All three men were sentenced to death for murder.

Keywords: Death sentence / Indigenous peoples / Mental Health / Minorities /

USAAl Index: AMR 51/67/96

Network: EXTRA-118/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 29 July 1996

Title: USA (Arkansas): Death penalty: William Frank Parker (aka Frankie Parker)

Abstract:William Frank Parker, white, is scheduled to be executed in Arkansas on 8 August 1996. While in prison, Parker has become a devout Buddhist, and according to press reports, Buddhists worldwide have appealed for elemency on his behalf.

Keywords: Death sentence / Religious Groups - Buddhist /

BANGLADESH

ମା Index: ମଣ 13/07/96 Network: ଧମ-162/96 Pages: 1

Patg: 1 July 1996

Title:Bangladesh: Fear for safety /unacknowledged detention: Kalpana Chakma (f)

Abstract: There are growing fears for the safety of the above, a 23-year-old woman and indigenous rights activist, who is reported to have been forcibly detained by security personnel from her home in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh on 12 June 1996 and whose whereabouts remain unknown. She and two of her brothers were forcibly taken from their home, blindfolded and with their hands tied. At some distance from the house the brothers managed to escape despite being shot at by the security personnel.

Keywords: Families / Human Rights activists / Indigenous peoples / Unacknowledged detention / women /

MYANMAR

Al Index: ASA 16/32/96 Network: EXTRA-73/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 4 July 1996

Title:Myanmar: Further information on: fear of torture /legal concern: Some 33 people still detained

Abstract: New arrests: Daw Aye Aye Win (f), U Than Hike, U Ba Min, Soe Thein, U Doe Daung, U K Thaya, Dr Hlaing Myint, U Hla Soe, U Maung Gyi, U Nyunt Tin, U Tin Hlaing, U Khin Maung Myint, Dr Khin Maung Kyi (f), Ma Ma Aye (f): Although most of those arrested in the recent massive sweep of opposition political activists have been released, some 33 people are still held, including six NLD members of parliament-elect. All has obtained the names of 14 people who have recently been detained as sporadic arrests continue throughout Myanmar. All is also concerned that political arrests are continuing and that the 33 people still in custody may be held solely for the peaceful expression of their political views.

Keywords: Arbitrary arrest / Banning / Mass arrest / opposition politicians / parliamentarians/political activists/release/

CHINA

ମା Index: ଏ୬ଏ 17/78/96 Network: ଧ୍ୟ-186/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 25 July 1996

Title: China: Prisoner of conscience /health concern /ill-treatment: Liu Nianchun

Abstract: The above, a veteran dissident and prisoner of conscience, is reported to have been beaten in detention and is feared to be seriously ill. He was sentenced to three years' re-education through labour and was transferred to Shuanghe Labour camp from Tuanhe camp. In Tuanhe he was reportedly beaten by the "head" of a group of fellow prisoners. All fears that he may be facing further ill-treatment by inmates in Shuanghe, possibly with the tacit approval of prison officials.

Keywords:Detention for re-education / Hunger-strike / ILL-Health / prison conditions / prisoners of conscience / torture/ILL-treatment /

MPIM

ମା Index: ମିଚିମ 20/34/96 Network: ୧୪୮୧ମ-43/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 10 July 1996

Title:India: Further information on fear of ill-treatment /arbitrary arrest/medical concern: 791 Bhutanese people from refugee camps in eastern Nepal

Abstract: All has learned that all 791 Bhutanese people detained in four prisons in West Bengal for participating in a series of marches organized since early 1996, were unconditionally released on 5 July 1996 after the authorities withdrew all charges against them.

Keywords: REFUGEES / RELEASE / WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES /

 INDIA
 Al Index: 심화점 20/35/96

 Network: 건집-179/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 18 July 1996

Title:India: "Disappearance" /fear for safety

Abstract: Mohammad Akbar Hajam, Mohammad Ramzan Rather: The above, both members of Jamaat-e-Islami, a political opposition group, have not been seen since 17 July when they were arrested by members of the army in Dangerpora, Jammu and Kashmir. They were travelling on a bus which was stopped by members of the 9th Gorkha Regiment. The two men were taken away to the army eamp. Although this was witnessed by other passengers, army officials denied that the above were in their custody or that they had been arrested.

Keywords: PISAPPEARANCES / MILITARY / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

 INDIA
 Al Index: ASA 20/36/96

 Network: UA-179/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 23 July 1996

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

Abstract: Mohammad Akbar Hajam, Mohammad Ramzan Rather: Al has learned that the above were released on 21 July and returned to their homes safely.

Keywords: Opposition politicians / political activists / Reappearance / Release /

INPONESIA ASA 21/38/96
Network: EXTRA-95/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 3 July 1996

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

Abstract: New names: Rajin, Suryono, Nanang Praesetyo, Heman Susilo, Edi Suwito: Five (named above) of those arrested during the march in Jakarta on 20 June 1996 by members of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party remain in detention in Jakarta's police headquarters. The five are reported to have access to lawyers, but have not yet been charged. Reports that one person was killed by security forces during the demonstration remain unconfirmed. Reports also state that more than 100 demonstrators were injured.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / DEMONSTRATIONS / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS /

Al Index: ASA 21/40/96 Network: UA-05/95 Pages: 1

Pate: 17 July 1996

Title:Indonesia and East Timor: Further information on: fear of torture / arbitrary detention: Jose Antonio Belo and 23 others

Abstract: Prisoner of conscience Jose Antonio Belo, a 24-year-old East Timorese student who had been arrested in January 1995 after a peaceful demonstration, was released on 28 May 1996. He had been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment on charges of "expressing hostility to the government".

Keywords: PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE / STUDENTS /

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Al Index: ASA 21/41/96 Network: EXTRA-84/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 18 July 1996

Title:Indonesia: Further information on: health concern /possible prisoner of conscience and new concern: ill-treatment: Amin Baharuddin

Abstract: All remains concerned for the health of the above, a student activist, who is still in police detention at Police Resort, Central Jakarta. He was injured and arrested during a demonstration 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 the only individual still in police custody as a result of the demonstration and claims that his involvement in the demonstration was entirely peaceful.

Keywords: PEMONSTRATIONS / ILL-HEALTH / POSSIBLE POC / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT

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ମା Index: ମିଚିମ 21/45/96 Network: ଧମ-187/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 25 July 1996

Title:Indonesia: Fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoner of conscience: Oka Dwi Chandra

Abstract: The above, a 23-year-old student activist who was taken into police custody during a demonstration in support of Megawati Sukarnoputri, the leader of Indonesia's Democratic Party, has been transferred to military detention. All fears that this move places him at greater risk of torture or ill-treatment and the fact that lawyers attempting to act on his behalf have been denied access to him heightens this fear.

Keywords: Demonstrations / Human Rights activists / Incommunicado Detention / Possible Poc / Students /

IAPAN

Al Index: ASA 22/02/96 Network: UA-177/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 12 July 1996

Title: Japan: Death penalty - fear of further executions

Abstract: Ishida Mikio, Sugimoto Yoshiaki, Yokoyama Kazumi: It was reported yesterday, 11 July, that three prisoners have been executed in secret in Japan. In line with its usual policy, the Japanese Government has not confirmed the executions. All fears that further executions may take place at any time and it urges the Japanese government to stop executions immediately.

Keywords: execution /

Malaysia

Al Index: ASA 28/10/96 Network: UA-127/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 28 June 1996

Title: Malaysia: Further information on legal concern /possible prolonged detention without trial /possible prisoners of conscience

Abstract: Ibrahim Mohamad, Sabri Abdul Rani, Nasiruddin Ali, Fakhruddin Al-Rozi Abdullah; ngw namgs: Pahrol bin Mohd Juoi, Khatijah Aam (f), Nizammudin Ashaari, Jaafar Ahmad, Hashim Ahmad, Haji Mohd Salim Omar, Hashim Jaafar, Hashim Muhammad, Azura Mohd Yusof (f), Fakhrurrazi Ashaari, Tengku Noriah Binti Tengku Abdullah (f), Pr Mandur bin Mohd Nur, Mohammad Abu Bakar, Sheikh Abdul Rahim: A further 14 former members of the banned Al Arqam Islamie seet have been detained, bringing to 18 the total number held without charge or trial under the Internal Security Act. The group, including three women, one of whom was arrested with her six-month-old baby, have all been detained in connection with alleged attempts to revive the sect. Two of the women are wives of Ashaari Muhammad, the former leader of the sect.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / BANNING / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / POSSIBLE POC / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC/RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE / WOMEN /

pakistan

Al Index: ASA 33/06/96 Network: UA-175/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 9 July 1996

Title: Pakistan: Fear for safety / unacknowledged detention

Abstract: Zamir Hasan Ansari, aged 60, Feroza Khanom (f), Riffat Anjum (f), Anjum Kamal: Al is gravely concerned for the safety of Zamir Hasan Ansari, his wife Feroza Khanom and their two grown-up children, who reportedly went missing from their home in the capital Islamabad on 1 May 1996. There is evidence to suggest that the family may be in the custody of the Inter Services Intelligence, although their detention has not been officially acknowledged. Relatives have received information to indicate that they may have been detained because of an alleged suspected link between Zamir Hasan Ansari and the Indian authorities, as he was stationed in New Delhi whilst working for the Pakistan Foreign Service between 1985 and 1990. There are fears that the family may be subjected to ill-treatment whilst in detention.

Keywords: CIVIL SERVANTS / DISAPPEARANCES / FAMILIES / HABEAS CORPUS / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION / WOMEN /

PAKISTAN

Al Index: ASA 33/07/96 Network: UA-175/96

Pages: 1 **Pate:** 16 July 1996

Title: Pakistan: Further information on fear for safety / unacknowledged detention

Abstract: Zamir Hasan Ansari, aged 60, Feroza Khanom (f), Riffat Anjum (f), Anjum Kamal; new name: Tariq Hasan: There are serious fears for the safety of Tariq Hasan, the second son of Zamiri Hasan Ansari and Feroza Khanom, who has received threats from the authorities that his own life and that of his family could be at risk because of action he has taken to locate their whereabouts. His family is believed to be held in unacknowledged detention and Tariq Hasan has filed a complaint with the police as well as a habeas corpus petition.

Keywords: CIVIL SERVANTS / FAMILIES / HABEAS CORPUS / HARASSMENT / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION / WOMEN /

PHILIPPINES

Al Index: ASA 35/05/96 Network: UA-163/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 1 July 1996

Title: Philippines: Death penalty: Supreme Court confirms first death sentence: Leo Pilo Cehegaray

Abstract:On 25 June the Philippine Supreme Court confirmed the death sentence passed on the above, a house painter, sentenced to death in September 1994. This is the first sentence to be confirmed by the Supreme Court since the Philippines re-introduced the death penalty at the end of 1993.

Keywords: Death sentence/

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/98/96 Network: CXTRA-92/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 28 June 1996

Title: Turkey: Further information on fear of torture: Gulein Ozgur (f)

Abstract:On 21 June 1996, the above, a 15-year-old girl, was brought before a judge, formally arrested and committed to prison in Mersin. On 23 June she was transferred to a prison in Konya to await trial on charges of PKK (Kurdish Workers' Party) membership. She alleged that in police custody in Mersin she had been tortured again.

Keywords: JUVENILES / MINORITIES / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/99/96 Network: CXTRA-35/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 28 June 1996

Title: Turkey: Further information on fear for safety /fear of torture

Abstract: Yucel Saricam, aged 24, Aydin Ipci, aged 29, Songul Ozbakir (f), aged 25, Alibaba Karakas, aged 33, Sorgun Kutlu (new name), Hatice Guden (f), aged 32, Mustafa Karaoglan, aged 29, N.Kemal Bektas, M.Karaca, Muhittin Evrak, real name: Huseyin Demircioglu, aged 35, Filiz Toprak (f), teacher, aged 27: Yucel Saricam, Aydin Ipci, Filiz Toprak and Alibaba Karakas have been released. No information is available on M. Karaca and Sorgun Kutlu. The others were formally arrested and committed to Ankara Central Closed Prison on 20 March to await trial. The charges are not known to Al.

 $\textbf{Reywords:} \textbf{ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DETENTION / CIVIL SERVANTS / RELEASE / SEXUAL ASSAULT / TEACHERS / WOMEN / \\$

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/100/96 Network: CXTRA-99/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 1 July 1996

Title:Turkey: Fear of torture /torture

Abstract: Leyla Yagiz (f), aged 19, Temerhan Yagiz, her husband, aged 23, Naima Yagiz (f), aged 70, Robar Yagiz, aged 18: Leyla Yagiz and her husband were detained at their home in Nusaybin and are believed to be held at the Police Headquarters in Nusaybin. It is alleged that she is being tortured in front of her husband in order to extract information about a relative wanted by the police. Two cousins of Leyla Yagiz, aged 16 and 18, were detained at there family house which was reportedly wreeked during the police search. Their 70-year-old grandmother was allegedly so severely beaten that she had to be admitted to hospital. Both cousins have since been relelased. Robar Yagiz was reportedly so badly tortured that he had to be hospitalized.

Keywords: AGED / ARBITRARY ARREST / FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JUVENILES / PHOTOGRAPHS/POLICE/TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/WOMEN/

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/101/96 Network: UA-164/96 Pages: 1

Date: 1 July 1996

Title:Turkey: Fear of "disappearance": Abdurrahman Celikbilek

Abstract: All is seriously concerned for the safety of the above, a 45-year-old active member of the People's Democracy Party, who was last seen in Diyarbakir on 24 June 1996 and has since been missing. His family believe that he has been detained by members of the security forces and fear for his life. Their inquiries with the Police Headquarters and the prosecutor's office have failed to establish his whereabouts. He was previously detained three times in 1994.

Keuwords: Banning / DISAPPEARANCES / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS /

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/102/96 Network: CXTRA-96/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 3 July 1996

Title:Turkey: Further information on fear of torture

Abstract:Omer Parlacik, Zehra Aydin (f), Salami Guleryuz, Serdar Karaci, Arif Cakmak, Ramazan Seyithan (corrected spelling), Turan Tanrikulu, Ramazan Kartalmis (corrected spelling), Bekir Benek (corrected spelling), Suad Gundogan, Ozkan Coskun, Faruk Yaygin, Aziz Kaya, Nemir Ozmen, Mahsum Bilen, Mehmet Bardakei (corrected spelling), Adnan Gul, Onder Ozcelik, Yuksel Bulut, H Mehmet Yaguz, Ali Bingol, Siksef Karakus, Mehmet Ali Yaman (corrected spelling), Nihat Caglayan (corrected spelling), Asef Karisik (corrected spelling), Emin Palgie: 12 students from Piele University in Piyarbakir have been taken to court, charged with membership of an illegal organization and committed to prison to await trial. All other detained students have been released. Zehra Aydin, the trainee teacher who had to be transferred from police custody to hospital, is among those released.

Keywords: Release / Students / Teachers / Torture/LLL-Treatment / Women /

TURKEY

ที่ Index: CUR 44/103/96 Network: UM-169/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 4 July 1996

Title:Turkey: Fear of "disappearance" /fear for safety

Abstract: Abdurrahman Temel, headman of Kocatepe village, Semsettin Temel, Abdulkadir Ektiren, Ali Ektiren, Ata Ektiren, Hami Ektiren, Sukru Ektiren, Zeki Ektiren, Bube Efe, Seydo Efe, Sinan Efe, Yusuf Efe, Abdurrahman Efe, Esra Efe, Ali Akyol, Vedat Akyol, Musa Dursun, Mehmet Dursun, Sehmus Soylemez, Hasan Bozkan, plus three other persons, names not known: There has been no news of the above-named villagers, all from Kocatepe village near Derik in the province of Mardin, since their reported detention on 27 June 1996 in a security force operation. Relatives have been unable to establish the whereabouts of the detainees, and the authorities have not acknowledged any of the detentions. There are serious fears for the lives of the detainees. The villagers are known to have refused to join the village guard system and some of the families in the village are said to have relatives who have gone to fight as armed members of the PKK.

Keywords: COMMUNITY LEADERS / MASS ARREST / MINORITIES / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/105/96 Network: CXTRA-86/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 9 July 1996

Title: Turkey: Further information on fear of torture / extrajudicial execution

Abstract: Azat Beyter, Sabri Beyter and 16 other male members of their family, Hafiz Ciftei, Cafer Ciftei and 17 male other members of their family, Tahir Bal, Huseyin Bal, Sedika Beyter (f), aged 80, Abdulhaluk Beyter: Hidir Beyter, Cindi Beyter, Yakup Ciftei and Nadir Ciftei, villagers from Bay village near Hakkari, were formally arrested and committed to prison. The others reportedly were released.

Keywords: AGED / MINORITIES / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/106/96 Network: UA-164/96

Pages: 1 **Pate:** 11 July 1996

Title:Turkey: Further information on fear of "disappearance" and new concern: fear of torture: Abdurrahman Celikbilek

Abstract: According to a press report, a released detained reported that he had seen 45-year-old Abdurrahman Celikbilek at the Anti-Riot Police Headquarters in Diyarbakir: "He was in a deplorable state. He said that he was constantly being tortured. After we had been together for three days, I was released. During these three days he continued to be tortured". On 9 July, the authorities formally acknowledged the detention of Celikbilek, who had been detained on 24 June 1996.

Keywords: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

TURKEY

Al Index: CUR 44/110/96 Network: CXTRA-110/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 18 July 1996

Title:Turkey: Fear of torture

Abstract: Halil Can Dogan, aged 15, Esat Yilaz, Seref Han, Ayse Kilic (f), Riza Polat, Ismail Kizileay, Tayfun Koeak, Taylan Keskin, Ebru Arkan (f), Servet Sandikli, Gokeen Kaygusuz, Hulya Deveci (f), Levent Can Yilmaz, Deniz Fidan, Ersin Atar, Musteef Turkueu, Melek [family name not known], Bulent [family name not known], Pervin Abdaloglu (f) released, Ayhan Sagean (f) released: Al fears for the safety of 15-year-old Halil Can Dogan, detained on 12 July 1996, and of others detained around the same time in a police operation in Ankara. Reportedly the prosecutor has authorized that he may be held in incommunicado detention until 25 July when he will be brought before a judge to be charged or released. Pervin Abdaloglu is reported to have been released on 18 July and was taken to hospital for examination. It is alleged that she was tortured.

Keywords:Incommunicado detention / juveniles / mass arrest / photographs / release / torture/ill-treatment/women/

TURKCY

Al Index: CUR 44/112/96 Network: CXTRA-116/96

Pages: 1

Patc: 25 July 1996 **Title:** Turkey: Hunger-strike: Political prisoners in some 41 Turkish prisons

Abstract: Six political prisoners engaged in an indefinite hunger-strike in Turkey have died since 21 July 1996 and more than 250 others, on the 67th day of their protest, are in a critical condition with at least 20 reported to be close to death. Some of the prisoners' demands - for example, that ill-treatment and obstruction of medical treatment be stopped - coincide with concerns repeatedly raised with the Turkish authorities by Al.

Keywords: HUNGER-STRIKE / ILL-HEALTH / POLITICAL PRISONERS / PRISON CONDITIONS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/

TURKEY

Al Index: EUR 44/115/96 Network: EXTRA-116/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 30 July 1996

Title:Turkey: Further information on hunger-strike: political prisoners in some 41 Turkish prisons

Abstract: The "fast to death" and hunger-strike in Turkish prisons ended on the 69th day after 12 prisoners had died: Augun Ugur, aged 25, Altan Berdan Kerimgiller, 28, Ilgine Ozkeskin, 35, Huseyin Demircioglu, 36, Ali Ayata, 32, Mujdat Yanat, 32, Tahsin Yilmaz, 35, Ayee Idil Erkmen (f) 26, Ulas Hicabi Kucuk, 24, Yemliha Kaya (f), 28, Osman Akgun, 32 and Hayati Can, 25. The hunger-strike was called off shortly after Sevket Kazan, Justice Minister, finally accepted the prisoners' key demands. These included that prisoners should not be ill-treated during transfers to and from court or hospital; that relatives who visited them should not be ill-treated and that the remand prisoners should not be dispersed.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS / HUNGER-STRIKE / ILL-HEALTH / POLITICAL PRISONERS / PRISON CONDITIONS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Al Index: CUR 46/33/96 Network: UA-182/96 Pages: 1

Patg: 22 July 1996

Title:Russian Federation: Fear of torture and ill-treatment /fear for safety: Ethnic Chechens in Moseow

Abstract: All fears that a recent statement by the mayor of Moscow further threatens the safety of the city's ethnic Chechen population, whose members are already frequently subjected to persecution, torture and ill-treatment by the police solely on the grounds of their ethnic origin. An NTV program showed Mayor Yury Luzhkov visiting the site of a bomb explosion on a Moscow bus stating: "Now we have to take actions. We have to take out of Moscow all of them. Everyone. The whole diaspora... The whole Chechen diaspora..."

Keywords: ethnic groups / Harassment / Minorities / Racial Discrimination /

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Al Index: EUR 46/34/96 Network: UA-184/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 23 July 1996
Title: Russian Federation: Prisoner of conscience /conscientious objection:

Uvanchaa Pozur-ool Mongushevich

Abstract: The above, a 22-year-old novice Buddhist monk at the Gelugpa Buddhist Church in St Petersburg, may face up to seven years' imprisonment as a prisoner of conscience unless the Russian authorities recognize his right to conscientiously object to military service. His trial is believed to be imminent. He is an ethnic national of the Republic of Tuva.

Keywords:Conscientious objectors / ethnic groups / minorities / prisoners of conscience / religious officials - bupdhist /

UKRAINE

Al Index: CUR 50/07/96 Network: CXTRA-06/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 July 1996

Title:Ukraine: Further information on: fear of imminent execution: Vitaly Gumenyuk

Abstract: All has learned that on 30 June 1996, the above was taken from the investigation isolation prison in Zhitomir to Lukyanov prison in Kiev where it is believed that executions are held. Gumenyuk's elemency petition was turned down earlier this year despite the fact that by joining the Council of Europe, Ukraine has committed itself to abolish the death penalty within three years and to impose an immediate moratorium on executions.

Keywords: COUNCIL OF EUROPE / DEATH SENTENCE /

UKRAINE

Al Index: CUR 50/08/96 Network: CXTRA-107/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 16 July 1996

Title:Ukraine: Execution despite moratorium /fear of imminent executions

Abstract: Sasha Markitan, aged 21, Vitaly Alkhimov, aged 23, Sergey Skarabagatov, aged 24, Aleksey Vedmedenko, aged 20; Vladimir Yurevich Ogoltsov, aged 20: Al is appalled at reports of the recent execution of Vladimir Yurevich Ogoltsov, despite the fact that Ukraine, by joining the Council of Europe had committed itself to imposing an immediate moratorium on executions and to abolish the death penalty within three years. According to unofficial sources, he was transferred to Dnepropetrovsk prison where he was executed. The same sources report that the other men mentioned above, all sentenced to death, were transferred to the same prison recently. All believes them to be at imminent risk of execution.

Keywords: COUNCIL OF EUROPE / DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION /

UKRAINE AI Index: CUR 50/09/96

Network: CXTRA-124/95

Pages: 1 **Pate:** 17 July 1996

Title: Ukraine: Further information on: death penalty: Sergey Tekuchev

Abstract: All fears that the above, a 27-year-old man sentenced to death for premeditated murder, may be facing imminent execution following the refusal of his elemency petition by the President of the Ukraine on 8 July 1996. This is despite the fact that Ukraine, by joining the Council of Europe, had committed itself to imposing an immediate moratorium on executions and to abolish the death penalty.

Keuwords: Council of Europe / Death Sentence /

Kyrgyzstan

Al Index: CUR 58/07/96 Network: UA-151/96 Pages: 1

Date: 25 June 1996

Title:Kyrgyzstan: Fear of imminent execution: Nikolai Sokolov

Abstract: The above faces imminent execution unless the Presidential Clemency Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic recommends that the President exercises his constitutional authority to commute this death sentence. He was sentenced to death on 22 April 1996 for premeditated and agravated murder and for another attempted murder.

Keywords: Death sentence/

UZBCKISTAN

Al Index: CUR 62/09/96 Network: UA-153/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 26 June 1996

Title: Uzbekistan: Fear of imminent execution /torture concern /legal concern

Abstract: Rafis Valgyev, aged 27, Vitaly An, Atan Abdulayev, Ayubkhon Akbarov: Al fears that the above face imminent execution after having been sentenced to death in the former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan. Atan Abdulayev and Ayubkhon Akbarov are known to have had appeals against their sentences turned down by the Supreme Court, and this is feared to be the ease of the two other prisoners. Their only hope of avoiding execution now is a petition for elemency to the President of Uzbekistan. All is also concerned about allegations that Rafis Valeyev was tortured in detention and that the legal proceedings against Atan Abdulayev were flawed.

Keywords: Death sentence / Torture/ILL-Treatment / Trials /

CROATIA

Al Index: CUR 64/11/96 Network: UA-154/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 26 June 1996

Title: Croatia: Fear for safety / fear of ill-treatment

Abstract: Frang Gugo and Pamir Bumber, Bosko Simie, Ivan Velie, Juriea Babie, Senka Bule, Andrija Simie, Slavka Marieie, Marija Jeleneie, Natasa Marie, Ana Simie, Marija Jelie, Marija Goles, their families, and others: Al is concerned for the safety of scores of people living in apartments previously owned by the former Yugoslav National Army in Split, who are believed to be at risk of imminent violent eviction from their apartments. On the occasion of similar evictions in the past, civilian and military police in Croatia have refused to intervene to protect civilians and the authorities have made available information about the tenants of such apartments to the perpetrators. On 17 June 1996, the Gugo family was forcibly evicted in Split. Military police were called to the scene, but refused to intervene on the grounds that civilians, rather than soldiers, were involved. Al fears that other violent evictions may occur as the leader of the group which carried out the eviction, a war veteran, was in possession of a list of other families with up to 28 addresses.

Keywords: ARMED CIVILIANS / FAMILIES / FORCED EVICTION / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

CROATIA

Al Index: CUR 64/12/96 Network: CXTRA-78/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 26 June 1996

Title:Croatia: Further information on ill-treatment/health concern/conscientious objection: Niksa Violie

Abstract: The above, a 20-year-old Jehovah's Witness has been discharged from hospital and has been declared as being temporarily unfit for the military service. All is investigating further reports of his ill-treatment by military police officers while still in hospital. Criminal charges are still in process against him in connection with his refusal to perform military service.

Keywords: Conscientious objectors / Conscription / ILL-Health / MILITARY POLICE / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - JEHOVAH'S WITNESS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

CROATIA

Al Index: CUR 64/14/96 Network: UA-183/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 22 July 1996

Title: Croatia: Fear for safety: Ivan Z Cicak and other human rights defenders

Abstract: Al fears for the safety of the above and other human rights defenders in Croatia. On 18 July, a bomb was detonated 20 metres from Ivan Z Cicak's house in Sumartin on the island of Brac. Al believes that he was targeted because he is president of the Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, a prominent NGO which is openly critical of the Croatian Government's human rights record.

Keywords:BOMB ATTACKS / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS /

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Al Index: EUR 70/14/96 Network: EXTRA-97/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 26 June 1996

Title: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo province): Arbitrary detention and ill-treatment: Many ethnic Albanians

Abstract:In Podujevo: Bejtush flalimi, Agim Sheholli, Fitim Blaku, Imran Pelivani, Sami Maeestena, Agim Sheholli, Muhamet Berisha, Sali Bajram Pakashtica, Vehbi Podvorica, Fetah Podvorica, Fetah floxha, Njazi Latifi and Bekim Gashi Faruk Naim Blakcori, Rashit Nusret Blakleori, Tahir Shabani, Astrit Besim Shabani, Ramush Ejupi, Enver floxha, Nazmi floxha, Jakup Peda, Ibrahim Ejupi; In Kosovska Mitrovica: Nexhat Trnava, Ragip Islami, Beqir Spahiu, Mentor Pobra, Ali Almeti, Nysret Ferati and Behri Ramadani, Fatmir Islami, Izet Jonuzi, Muzafer Muharremi, Shaban Murati, Alif Zuliu, Jakup Pauti, Qerim flyseni, Gani Selimi; In Sipolje: Ahmet Bajraktari, Ali Rraci and flajredin Gashi: On 16 and 17 June, in three separate attacks on officers of the Serbian police force in the predominantly Albanian-inhabited province of Kosovo, one officer was killed and two others wounded. Since then police have briefly arrested numerous ethnic Albanians, often apparently indiscriminately, and have severely beaten many of them. Arrests are believed to be continuing.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / DISABLED PEOPLE / ETHNIC GROUPS / ILL-HEALTH / MASS ARREST / MINORITIES / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

BAHRAIN

Al Index: MDC 11/20/96 Network: UA-161/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 1 July 1996

Title: Bahrain: Death penalty /legal concern

Abstract:'Ali Ahmad Abed al-Usfur, aged 31, employed in the agriculture ministry, Yousef Hussein 'Abdelbaki, aged 31, teacher, Ahmad Khalil Ibrahim Habil al-Kattan, aged 30, employed in aluminium company: All is dismayed at reports that the above were sentenced to death by Bahrain's State Security Court on 1 July 1996, after being convicted of carrying out a firebomb attack on an Asian restaurant on 14 March 1996. All fears that they are at imminent risk of execution. All is also concerned that the trial, in camera, of the eight men did not meet internationally-recognized standards for fair trial.

Keywords: CIVIL SERVANTS / DEATH SENTENCE / FACTORY WORKERS / POLITICAL VIOLENCE / TEACHERS / TRIALS /

BAHRAIN

Al Index: MPC 11/23/96 Network: UA-142/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 12 July 1996

Title: Bahrain: Further information on fear of torture /legal concerns

Abstract:'Ali Ahmad Kadham al-Muttaqawi, Jassim Hassan Mansour al-Khayat, Hussein Ahmed al-Mudhifa, Hussein Yousif Ibrahim, 'Ali Ahmad Kazem 'Abd 'Ali, 'Abbas 'Ali Ahmad Habil and at least 28 others: Al has learned that 'Abbas 'Ali Ahmad

Habil has been tried by the State Security Court and sentenced in two separate cases to a total of 13 years in jail. Reportedly, his trial began three months before his "confession" was broadcast on national television together with those of the above-mentioned five men. 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 in incommunicado detention.

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

Bahrain

Al Index: MDC 11/24/96 Network: UA-161/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 23 July 1996

Title:Bahrain: Further information on: death penalty/legal concern

Abstract: Ali Ahmad Abed al-Usfur, aged 31, employee in the agriculture ministry, yousef Hussein Abdelbaki, aged 31, teacher, Ahmad Khalil Ibrahim Habil al-Kattab, aged 30, employee in aluminium company: Attempts to bring the three men named above to the Court of Cassation have failed and Al fears that their execution is imminent. The organization has also received further information confirming that their trial by the State Security court fell far short of international standards for fair trial. The organization also fears that the defendants may have been convicted on the basis of confessions extracted under torture.

Keywords: CIVIL SERVANTS / CONFESSIONS / DEATH SENTENCE / FACTORY WORKERS / TEACHERS / TRIALS /

EGYPT

Al Index: MPC 12/17/96 Network: EXTRA-102/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 5 July 1996

Title: Egypt: Death penalty: 'Assem Labib Hassan

Abstract:On 27 June 1996, the above was convicted of murder and sentenced to death by a criminal court in Cairo.

Keywords: Death sentence/

EGYPT

Al Index: MDC 12/18/96 Network: CXTRA-104/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 8 July 1996

Title: Egypt: Death penalty

Abstract: Magdi 'Abd al-'Aziz Ibrahim, Latif 'Atiya Zukhari, Hassan Zakariya Ahmad, Ahmad Hassan (in absentia): On 7 July 1996, the above were convicted of murder and sentenced to death by a criminal court in Cairo. This brings the number of people sentenced to death in Egypt in 1996, as recorded by Al, to 30. To date, 11 people, including four sentenced to death in previous years, have been executed during 1996.

Keywords: Death sentence / Statistics /

IRAN

Al Index: MDC 13/20/96 Network: UA-266/95

Pages: 1 **Pate:** 26 June 1996

Title:Iran: Further information on: fear of torture /legal concern and new concern: fear of death penalty

Abstract: Hojjatolgslam val muslimin Mohammad Taqi al-Phakgri, aggd 41, Hojjatolgslam val muslimin 'Abdolrahman al-Ha'gri, aged 32, Hojjatolgslam val muslimin Sayed 'Abdolrasul al-Musawi, aged 40, Hojjatoleslam Taleb al-Salehi, aged 24, Hojjatoleslam Mohammed Fazel M ohammad al-Saffar, aged 23, Hojjatoleslam Mohammad 'Ali Ma'ash, aged 24, Sighatolgslam Fu'ad Fujian, aged 30, Mohammad al-Ghaffari, aged 42, Hadi al-Akhound al-Dhakeri, aged 29, Iyad Fujian, aged 25, Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sayed Morteza Shirazi, aged 29, Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Ja'far Ghani al-Ha'eri, Hojjatoleslam Muhammad Saleh Hedayati, Hojjatoleslam Sayed Abbas Musawi, Ahmad Akhound, Jalal Akhound and 7 others; new names: Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sayed Mehdi Shirazi (brother of Sayed Morteza), aged about 20, Ali al-Rumaythi, Sheikh Hossein al-Phakeri (brother of Mohammad Tagi and Hadi), Hojjatoleslam Sheikh Azizollah Hassani, aged about 60: Reportedly, at least four more people connected to Grand Ayatollah Shirazi have been arrested. All fears that they may also be prisoners of conseigneg and be at risk of torture. There are conflicting reports as to whether Shgikh Hossgin al-Dhakgri has been released, but at least the other three are believed to be held in incommunicado detention. Most, if not all, of the other 23 referred to above are believed to remain in detention and to have been tortured. At least two are said to have been sentenced to prison terms after unfair trials in which they had no access to a lawyer and it is feared that some others may face the death penalty, if convicted.

Keywords: Business people / Death Penalty / Incommunicado Detention / Photographs / Possible Poc/Religious officials - Islamic/Torture/Ill-Treatment/Trials/

IRAN

Al Index: MDC 13/21/96 Network: UA-113/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 26 June 1996

Title:Iran: Further information on: forcible return /fear for safety /fear of torture/ill-treatment: Mehrdad Kavoussi

Abstract: All has received reports that the above, forcibly returned to Iran from Turkey on 25 April 1996, has being released from detention and has returned to Turkey.

Keywords: PHOTOGRAPHS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RELEASE / SECOND GOVERNMENTS / TURKEY

IRAN

Al Index: MDC 13/22/96 **Ngtwork:** UA-138/95

Pages: 1

Patg: 27 Jung 1996

Title:Iran: Further information on: Death penalty: Ahmed Bakhtari

Abstract: All deeply regrets the news that the above, a 41-year-old agricultural engineer, was executed on 22 June 1996 in Evin prison in Tehran. At least one other person is said to have been executed there on the same day. Ahmed Bakhtari had been sentenced to death by an Islamic Revolutionary Court on 17 January 1993, after conviction of charges including activities for an illegal opposition group, sedition and armed robbery. The trial was reportedly unfair as he was said not to have had access to a lawyer.

Keywords: ENGINEERS / EXECUTION / TRIALS /

 IRAN
 Al Index: MDC 13/23/96

 Network: UA-171/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 5 July 1996

Title:Iran: Fear of execution: Niyaz 'Ali

Abstract: All is dismayed at reports that the above, a farmer in his late 30s, is facing execution four months after he survived a first hanging. Niyaz 'Ali was sentenced to death for murder under the Islamic Law of "Qesas" (retaliation).

Keywords: Death sentence / Farmers / prisoners' testimonies /

IRAN Al Index: MDC 13/24/96
Network: CXTRA-52/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 10 July 1996

Title:Iran: Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Saleh Hakki, aged 42, Kurd; Sennar and one other: All has received unconfirmed reports that the execution of Saleh Hakki may be imminent. He has apparently been informed that his death sentence has been confirmed and would be carried out.

Keywords: Death sentence / Drug Trafficking / Minorities /

 IRAN
 Al Index: MDC 13/25/96

 Network: UA-259/95

Pages: 1

Pate: 16 July 1996

Title:Iran: Further information on: death penalty: Rahman Rajabi

Abstract: All is dismayed by reports that the execution of the above may be imminent. It appears that the General Amnesty Board has confirmed that his execution should be carried out. The exact charges are unknown, but are believed to relate to Rahman Rajabi's membership of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran.

Keywords: Death Sentence / MINORITIES / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS /

 IRAN
 Al Index: MDC 13/26/96

 Network: EXTRA-115/96

Pages: 2

Pate: 25 July 1996

Title:Iran: Death penalty /flogging /torture /unfair trial

Abstract: Hedayatollah Zendehdel, businessman (photo, standing), Abolghasem Majd-Abkahi, businessman, Alireza Yazdanshenas, former air force officer, Kurosh Nikakhtar, 28 years old, journalist: Al is gravely concerned at reports that, in two separate cases, the four men named above have been sentenced to death after Islamic Revolutionary Court trials in Tehran. Kurosh Nikakhta was arrested in connection with an incident in which shots were fired at President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. The others were charged with gathering classified military information during the Iran-Iraq war and passing in to foreign countries.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / BUSINESS PEOPLE / CORPORAL PUNISHMENT / DEATH SENTENCE / ESPIONAGE / JOURNALISTS / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / PHOTOGRAPHS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/TRIALS/

ISRACL

Al Index: MDC 15/45/96 Network: EXTRA-70/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 26 June 1996

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

Abstract: The above, a human rights defender who was arrested on 10 June and reportedly beaten in custody, was released on 26 June. The had been detained for 17 days. All considered Dr Lyad al-Sarraj to have been a prisoner of conscience.

Keywords: HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /

ISRACL

Al Index: MPC 15/47/96 Network: UA-168/96 Pages: 2

Pate: 4 July 1996

Title:Israel /South Lebanon: Incommunicado detention /fear of torture or ill-treatment: 'Ali Diya

Abstract: The above, a Lebanese national arrested in South Lebanon on 13 June 1996 and since transferred to Israel, remains in incommunicado detention and may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment. 'Ali Diya, a dentist who works as a journalist for AFP and other media, was apparently asked to report to the South Lebanese Army, a Lebanese militia which, in cooperation with the Israeli Defence Forces, controls the so-called "Security Zone". He has not been seen since responding to the order on 13 June. The AFP lawyer has made several attempts to visit him but has been denied access on each occasion. The Israeli Defence Forces have reportedly stated that he was suspected of collaborating with Hizbullah.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / DENTISTS / FOREIGN NATIONALS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JOURNALISTS / LEBANON / MILITARY /

ISRACL Al Index: MDC 15/48/96 Network: UA-168/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 11 July 1996

Title:Israel /South Lebanon: Further information on: incommunicado detention /fear of torture or ill-treatment: 'Ali Diya

Abstract: Ali Diya, a Lebanese journalist working with Agence France Press (AFP) is still being held in Kishon Prison in Israel. On 8 July his detention was extended for a further 10 days by a court in Akka. On 9 July, after being detained incommunicado for almost a month, he was allowed to see a lawyer for the first time. He reportedly said that he had not been ill-treated. Amnesty International is calling on the authorities to either charge him with a recognizably criminal offence and try him fairly before a court, or release him immediately.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / DENTISTS / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / FOREIGN NATIONALS / JOURNALISTS / LEBANON / MILITARY /

ISRACL Al Index: MPC 15/50/96 Network: UA-168/96

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Pate: 19 July 1996

Title:Israel /South Lebanon: Further information on: incommunicado detention /fear of torture or ill-treatment: 'Ali Diya

Abstract: Ali Diya, the Lebanese dentist and journalist working with Agence France Presse, who was arrested on 13 June 1996 by the South Lebanon Army and transferred to detention in Israel, was released without charge by the Israeli authorities on 18 July.

Keywords: Dentists / Foreign nationals / journalists / Lebanon / Release /

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 Al Index: MDC 16/04/96

 Network: UA-165/96

pages: 1

Pate: 2 July 1996

Title:Jordan: Death penalty /legal concern /torture: Mustafa Sulaiman 'Abd al-Latif Abu Hamid

Abstract: The above will face imminent execution if his death sentence, confirmed by the Court of Cassation, is now ratified by King Hussain bin Talal. Mustafa Abu Hamid was convicted of murder and sentenced to death by the Criminal Court on 27 February. Following his arrest in April 1995, he was held for one month in police custody without charge. He alleges that he was tortured in pre-trial detention into confessing to the crime.

Keywords: CONFESSIONS / PEATH SENTENCE / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

KUWAITAl Index: MDC 17/06/96
Network: UA-159/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 28 June 1996

Title: Kuwait: Death penalty: Kuwaiti police officer (name unknown)

Abstract:On 24 June 1996, the Court of Cassation upheld the death sentence passed on a eaptain in the Kuwaiti police force convicted of drowning a Syrian woman with whom he had a relationship. The death sentence now passes to the Amir of Kuwait for ratification.

Keywords: Death sentence / Police as victims /

LEBANON

Al Index: MPC 18/02/96 Network: CXTRA-119/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 29 July 1996

Title: Lebanon: Fear of execution: Ahmad Hallag

Abstract: All is extremely concerned that the above may face imminent execution after being sentenced to death. The organization is calling for this and any other death sentences in Lebanon to be commuted. Ahmad Hallaq was found guilty of carrying out a bombing in Beirut targeting members of the Party of God (Hizbullah) on 21 December 1994, on the orders of the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / DEATH SENTENCE /

Libya

Al Index: MDC 19/05/96 Network: UA-188/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 26 July 1996

Title:Libya: Fear for safety /deliberate killings /medical neglect: Political prisoners in Abu Salim Prison, Tripoli

Abstract: All remains concerned for the safety of political prisoners in Abu Salim prison in Tripoli in the aftermath of a muting which has left scores dead. The muting, which reportedly began on 5 July 1996 and lasted for a week, is believed to have been sparked by the appalling conditions in the prison. Political prisoners are said to have repeatedly complained about the lack of medical care, the inadequate hygiene, overcrowded cells and the poor digt.

Keywords: MASS KILLING / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISON VIOLENCE /

SAUDI ARABIA AI Index: MDC 23/08/96

Network: EXTRA-111/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 19 July 1996

Title: Saudi Arabia: Fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience

Abstract: Abdullah Abbas al-Ahmad, aged 40, employee of Arameo, Kamil Abbas al-Ahmad, aged 25, university student, Muhammad Ibrahim al-Ibrahim, aged 40, employee of Arameo, Nasser 'Ali Rahim, 39, employee of Arameo, Ali Hassan al-Dawood, 32, employee of Arameo: The above are among dozens of people who have reportedly been arrested and held in incommunicado detention without charge following the bombing of the King Abdul Aziz air base in al-Khobar on 25 June 1996 in which 19 US nationals were killed. The exact reasons for the arrests are not known but those targeted for arrest are said to be suspected political or religious opponents of the government. Al fears that the detainees, some or all of whom may be prisoners of conscience, are at risk of torture.

Keywords: Detention without trial / incommunicado detention / mass arrest / political activists / political violence / possible poc/religious groups - islamic/students/

Syria

Al Index: MDC 24/12/96 Network: UA-178/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 12 July 1996

Title: Syria: Possible prisoner of conscience /medical concern /detention beyond expiry of sentence: Mustafa Tawfiiq Fallah

Abstract: The above, aged 59, and believed to be detained in al-Mezze Prison, is reported to be in deteriorating health. Mustafa Tawfiq Fallah, a former officer in the Syrian army, was charged with "offences against the security of the state and public order" and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in 1970 in connection with the Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party. All is calling for medical treatment to be immediately provided for him and urging his immediate release, as he has already served more than 11 years beyond the expiry of his sentence.

Keywords: Continued Detention/ILL-Health/Long-term Imprisonment/photographs/possible poc/

UAE

Al Index: MDC 25/06/96 Network: CXTRA-120/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 29 July 1996

Title:United Arab Emirates: Fear of imminent execution: Khalid Mohammad Moussaji

Abstract: Al fears that the above may be at risk of imminent execution. Reports indicate that on 27 July 1996, the Court of Cassation in Dubai upheld the earlier rulings by the appeal and criminal courts, which sentenced him to death.

Keywords: Death Sentence/

ALGERIA AI Index: MDC 28/02/96

Network: UA-167/96
Pages: 1

Pate: 4 July 1996

Title: Algeria: Prisoner of conscience: Chawki Laamari

Abstract: The above, a journalist with the daily newspaper La Tribune, was arrested on 4 July 1996 for a drawing of the Algerian flag published in La Tribune. He was charged under Article 160 bis of the Algerian Penal Code, which provides for five to 10 years' imprisonment for anyone convicted of "publicly and deliberately destroying, mutilating or profaning the national emblem". All considers him to be a prisoner of conscience and calls for his immediate and unconditional release.

Keywords: Censorship / Journalists / Prisoners of Conscience /

ALGERIA

Al Index: MDC 28/03/96 Network: UA-167/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 11 July 1996

Title: Algeria: Further information on prisoner of conscience: Chawki Laamari

Abstract: The above, the journalist arrested on 4 July 1996 for a cartoon of the Algerian flag published in the daily La Tribune, remains detained in Serkadji Prison in Algiers. The is due to be tried on 14 July. All considers him to be a prisoner of conscience and calls for his immediate and unconditional release.

Keywords: Censorship / Journalists / prisoners of conscience /

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Al Index: MDC 28/04/96 Network: UA-167/96 Pages: 1

Pate: 15 July 1996

Title: Algeria: Further information on prisoner of conscience: Chawki Laamari

Abstract: The above, a journalist arrested on 4 July 1996 for a cartoon of the Algerian flag published in La Tribune, remains detained in Serkadji Prison in Algiers. His trial, which was thought to be scheduled for 14 July, did not take place and no further date has yet been fixed. Al considers him to be a prisoner of conscience and calls for his release.

Keywords: Censorship / Journalists / prisoners of conscience /

tunisia

Al Index: MDC 30/20/96 Network: CXTRA-71/96

Pages: 1

Pate: 3 July 1996

Title: Tunisia: Further information on: legal concern /probable prisoner of conseignee /health concern: Khemais Chammari

Abstract: The above, a prominent human rights activist and parliamentarian, was brought to trial on 3 July 1996. As the trial date was announced at short notice, the defence lawyers asked that the trial be postponed, and a new date was set for 17 July. He is charged with disclosure of confidential information in the judicial inquiry concerning POC Mohamed Mouadda, President of the Social Democratic Movement. All now believes that Khemais Chammari is being held as a prisoner of conscience because of his peaceful political and human rights activities.

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

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Al Index: MPC 30/22/96 Network: CXTRA-71/96

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Pate: 18 July 1996

Title:Tunisia: Further information on: legal concern /prisoner of conscience: Khemais Chammari

Abstract: The above, a human rights activist and parliamentarian, was tried and sentenced to five years' imprisonment on 17 July 1996. An Al observer attended the trial in which he was accused of "disclosing a national secret to a foreign power", a charge which he denies. Al considers Khemais Chammari to be a prisoner of conscience and calls for his immediate and unconditional release.

Keywords: HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PARLIAMENTARIANS / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIAL OBSERVATION /

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