

CENTRAL AFRICA
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Network: EXTRA-15/97

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Date: 29 August 1997

Title: Rwanda/Burundi: Further information on fear of refoulment /fear for safety: thousands of Burundi refugees in Rwanda

Abstract: On 27 August 1997, 396 Burundi refugees from Musanze camp, Butare, were returned from Rwanda to Burundi. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) representatives in Rwanda, Burundi and Geneva have stated that the returns were voluntary. According to reports, a further 1,000 refugees may be returned to Burundi in the next few days. The refugees were returned to their home communes in 10 of Burundi's 15 provinces, all of which were deemed to be "relatively safe" by UNHCR.

Keywords: BURUNDI / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RWANDA / UNHCR /

CENTRAL AFRICA
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Pages: 1

Date: 9 September 1997

Title: Rwanda/Burundi: Fear of refoulment /fear for safety

Abstract: More than 300 Burundi refugees are at imminent risk of being forcibly returned to Burundi from Rwanda. Should they return to Burundi they could be at risk of serious human rights abuse.

Keywords: BURUNDI / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RWANDA /

CENTRAL AFRICA
02/27/97

AI Index: AFR

Network: EXTRA-124/97

Pages: 2

Date: 9 September 1997

Title: Democratic Republic of Congo/Rwanda: Fear of refoulment /fear for safety

Abstract: It is concerned that thousands of Rwanda and Burundi refugees may face imminent expulsion or other threats to their safety, following the forcible expulsion of around 775 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo to Rwanda on 5 September 1997.

Keywords: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO / MASS KILLING / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RWANDA / UNHCR /

BURUNDI

AI Index: AFR 16/34/97

Network: UA-290/97

Pages: 1

Date: 3 September 1997

Title: Burundi: Fear of torture /possible prisoner of conscience: Dr Sylvère Sakubu

Abstract: Dr Sylvère Sakuba, member of the Front for Democracy in Burundi, was arrested by soldiers at his home on 29 August 1997. The motive of his arrest and his place of detention are as yet unconfirmed, although he has reportedly been taken to Socarti detention centre. AI fears that he could be tortured in detention.

Keywords: MILITARY / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC /

COMOROS

AI Index: AFR 21/07/97

Network: UA-295/97

Pages: 1

Date: 8 September 1997

Title: Comoros: Extrajudicial executions /fear of further extrajudicial executions

Abstract: Scores of people killed and many others wounded in Anjouan between 3 and 5 September 1997, during clashes between government troops and armed secessionist groups. Civilians were reportedly shot dead indiscriminately. Government troops injured in the clashes were allegedly evacuated for medical treatment. Wounded civilians were not evacuated or given medical assistance.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / DENIAL OF MEDICAL CARE / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / INDISCRIMINATE KILLINGS /

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

24/05/97

AI Index: AFR

Network: UA-305/97

Pages: 1

Date: 19 September 1997

Title: Equatorial Guinea: Fear of torture /health concern /prisoners of conscience

Abstract: Singeio Ngua Esono and Francisco Abeso Mba: Two prisoners of conscience who are at risk of torture in incommunicado detention in Bata. AI has received reports that after their detention on 26 August 1997, for the first three weeks they were held in a container in Bata harbour where they were severely beaten and tortured. On 15 September they were transferred to Bata prison where they are held incommunicado and without any medical care.

Keywords: INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT /

MALAWI

AI Index: AFR 36/06/97

Network: EXTRA-115/97

Pages: 2

Date: 4 September 1997

Title: Malawi: Further information on fear of refoulement: About 765 Rwandese and around 470 from the DRC refugees

Abstract: On 18 August 1997, a representative of the Malawian Government issued a statement announcing the government's decision to repatriate refugees from Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) "because there is a degree of peace and stability in the two countries." The Malawian authorities assured AI that refugees who did not want to return would not be forcibly repatriated. All refugees,

including those who indicated consent to repatriation, are to be screened, the refugees asylum claims are to be studied by a panel of protection officers of the UNHCR and Malawian government lawyers. There are indications that refugees will be questioned not only about their reasons for fearing return, but also about their involvement in the genocide in Rwanda in 1994.

Keywords: REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / UNHCR /

NIGERIA

AI Index: AFR 44/18/97

Network: UA-260/97

Pages: 1

Date: 29 August 1997

Title: Nigeria: Further information on fear of imminent execution / legal concern / executions / execution of minor

Abstract: Eugene Odey, Odey Liku (21) and two others (names unknown) aged 25 and 26; new names: Chidiobere Onuoha (17), Vincent Obidior Duru, Maedonald Chukwudi Eberer, Collins Ndulaka, Amanze Onuha and Nnaemeka Sydney Onyechegbe: AI has received information on the hasty and public execution of a minor, Chidiobere Onuoha, and of the new people above-named, which has heightened the organization's concern that Eugene Odey, Odey Liku and others are at imminent risk of execution.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION / JUVENILES / MILITARY TRIBUNALS / STUDENTS / TRIALS /

RWANDA

AI Index: AFR 47/33/97

Network: UA-248/97

Pages: 1

Date: 12 September 1997

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

Abstract: Around 97 soldiers of the former Rwandese army, who were among the 155 Rwandese asylum-seekers forcibly repatriated from Gabon on 12 August 1997, are still in military custody in Rwanda.

Keywords: GABON / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / UNHCR /

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

62/26/97

AI Index: AFR

Network: EXTRA-120/97

Pages: 2

Date: 2 September 1997

Title: Democratic Republic of Congo: Torture/ill-treatment / medical concern / prisoners of conscience

Abstract: Canado Lokwa, Hilairé Francois Mukandilè Mpanya, Jean Albert Mulumba Mukoma, Denis Bibanza, Fils Mukoka, Constantin Kabongo, Jean Pierre Tshilumba Mfuamba, Pascal Kapuwas Ilunga and seven others being held at the ANR; Jacques Kagena Lubanzadio and three others being held at the SARM; 19 members of the main opposition party in DRC, the Union for Democracy and Social Progress, are being detained and ill-treated in two detention centres. The

detainees are reported to have been tortured with electro-shock batons during interrogation and are currently being held in conditions which amount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. AI is seriously concerned for their safety.

Keywords: ANNIVERSARIES / DEMONSTRATIONS / DENIAL OF MEDICAL CARE / ILL-HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISON CONDITIONS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
62/27/97

AI Index: AFR

Network: UA 298/97

Pages: 1

Date: 9 September 1997

Title: Democratic Republic of Congo: Ill-treatment/prisoner of conscience: Didi Mwati Bulambo

Abstract: Didi Mwati Bulambo, human rights activist: This prominent local human rights activist was arrested by soldiers on 23 August 1997 and is being held in a military camp. Reports that he has been ill-treated in detention have raised concern for his well-being.

Keywords: HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / ILL-HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
62/28/97

AI Index: AFR

Network: EXTRA-112/97

Pages: 1

Date: 15 September 1997

Title: Democratic Republic of Congo: Further information on torture /fear of torture

Abstract: Bertin Lukanda, human rights activist, Diomba Ramazani, NGO worker; and new name: Digudonne Asumani, NGO worker: AI has received information of the release of Bertin Lukanda and Digudonne Asumani on 8 September 1997. Both are recovering from their ordeal in detention, as is Diomba Ramazani.

Keywords: HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / ILL-HEALTH / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / MILITARY / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / POSSIBLE POC / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / UN /

BOLIVIA

AI Index: AMR 18/11/97

Network: UA-27/97

Pages: 1

Date: 12 September 1997

Title: Bolivia: Further information on fear for safety

Abstract: Concern for the safety of Dr Waldo Albarracín, a human rights defender, and his family has been renewed following a recent disturbing incident. On 1 September 1997 an anonymous telephone caller left a message indicating that his 15-year-old son had been a victim of a traffic accident and had been transferred to a medical centre, although he was finally located unharmed, Dr Albarracín presented a

written complaint to the Ministry of Government. AI is not aware that any investigation has been opened into this recent incident.

Keywords:FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / IMPUNITY /

BRAZIL

AI Index: AMR 19/24/97
Network: EXTRA-82/97

Pages: 1

Date: 15 September 1997

Title:Brazil: Further information on fear of unfair trial /potential prisoner of conscience: Jose Rainha Junior

Abstract:Jose Rainha Junior's second trial has been rescheduled to 29 September 1997 at the request of his lawyer.

Keywords:COMMUNITY LEADERS / LAND PROBLEMS / PERSECUTED / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / POSSIBLE POC / RETRIALS / TRIALS /

COLOMBIA

AI Index: AMR 23/64/97
Network: UA-191/97

Pages: 1

Date: 27 August 1997

Title:Colombia: Further information on fear for safety: Members of the Asociacion de Familiares de Detenidos y Desaparecidos (ASFADDES)

Abstract:Maria Eugenia Cardenas, director of Riosucio section of ASFADDES, has been threatened twice because her human rights work. ASFADDES have temporarily closed their offices in Riosucio because of the threats.

Keywords:HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS /

CUBA

AI Index: AMR 25/30/97
Network: UA-285/97

Pages: 1

Date: 26 August 1997

Title:Cuba: Prisoner of conscience /legal concern: Roberto Gonzalez Tibanzar

Abstract:According to reports, Roberto Gonzalez Tibanzar is to face trial on 27 August 1997 and could be sentenced to up to 5 years' imprisonment. AI believes that he is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for the non-violent exercise of his right to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

Keywords:CENSORSHIP / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

CUBA

AI Index: AMR 25/31/97
Network: EXTRA 117/97

Pages: 1

Date: 28 August 1997

Title:Cuba: Prisoner of conscience /legal concern: Hector Palacio Ruiz

Abstract: According to reports, Hector Palacio Ruiz, currently held in prison, is to face trial on 4 September 1997 and could be sentenced up to three years' imprisonment if convicted of "disrespect". It believes that he is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for the non-violent exercise of his right to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

Keywords: CENSORSHIP / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

CUBA

AI Index: AMR 25/32/97

Network: UA-285/97

Pages: 1

Date: 1 September 1997

Title: Cuba: Further information on prisoner of conscience / legal concern: Roberto Gonzalez Tibangar

Abstract: It has learned that Roberto Gonzalez Tibangar was released on 28 August 1997 after having served a nine-month sentence.

Keywords: PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /

CUBA

AI Index: AMR 25/34/97

Network: EXTR-117/97

Pages: 1

Date: 5 September 1997

Title: Cuba: Further information on prisoner of conscience / legal concern: Hector Palacio Ruiz

Abstract: It has learned that on 4 September 1997, at a municipal court in Havana, Hector Palacio Ruiz, president of the Democratic Solidarity Party and member of the national coordinating council of Consejo Cubano (Cuban Council), was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for "disrespect".

Keywords: CENSORSHIP / POLITICIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIALS /

GUATEMALA

AI Index: AMR 34/31/97

Network: UA-288/97

Pages: 1

Date: 2 September 1997

Title: Guatemala: Fear for safety

Abstract: Felipa Toj Gomez (f), Manuela Macaria Morales (f), both human rights defenders and members of the Council of Ethnic Communities "We are all Equal" (CER): The above-named human rights defenders have been forced to leave their homes after six armed men wearing hoods and dressed in olive green clothes similar to those worn by the army surrounded their homes on 26 August 1997.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / WOMEN /

GUATEMALA

AI Index: AMR 34/34/97

Network: EXTR-101/97

Pages: 1

Date: 4 September 1997
Title: Guatemala: Further information on death penalty: Manuel Martínez Coronado

Abstract: Manuel Martínez Coronado is reported to have been transferred to the Pavon Prison, where it is feared he may soon become the first Guatemalan to be executed by lethal injection.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / TRIALS /

GUATEMALA

AI Index: AMR 34/36/97

Network: UA-300/97

Pages: 2

Date: 16 September 1997

Title: Guatemala: Fear for safety: Marlon García

Abstract: Marlon García, photographer of the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Team and other human rights defenders: Human rights defenders and relatives involved in trying to establish the fate of victims of past human rights violations continue to be victimized by intimidatory acts and death threats.

Keywords: ANTHROPOLOGISTS / EXHUMATION / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / PHOTOGRAPHERS /

MEXICO

AI Index: AMR 41/81/97

Network: UA-265/97

Pages: 1

Date: 29 August 1997

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

Abstract: Eloy Hugo Almarza Silva, Januario Crispín, indigenous peasant activists, Jacinta Juárez Pacheco (f), wife of Januario, and their three young children: AI has received information about the "reappearance" of Eloy Almarza Silva and Januario Crispín. Januario Crispín's family has reportedly not been harassed or intimidated by the security forces.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / FAMILIES / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / PEASANTS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / REAPPEARANCE / WITNESSES /

MEXICO

AI Index: AMR 41/82/97

Network: UA-293/97

Pages: 1

Date: 5 September 1997

Title: Mexico: Fear for safety: Elvira García Avellar and her family

Abstract: Elvira García Avellar has received a warning that she and her family will be killed by members of the judicial police for continuing to call for investigations into the "disappearance" of her son, José Alberto Guadarrama García, who was abducted by members of the security forces on 26 March 1997 and has not been seen since.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / POLICE / WOMEN /

MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/83/97

Network: UA-297/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 9 September 1997**Title:** Mexico: Fear for safety: Maria Estela Garcia Ramirez and her family**Abstract:** Maria Estela Garcia Ramirez has been forced to flee her home in Oaxaca State in the face of recent threatening incidents linked to the murder of her husband, allegedly by members of the police. She fears that her family or her husband's family may become the target of reprisals in her absence.**Keywords:** EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / PEASANTS / POLICE / WOMEN /MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/86/97

Network: UA-301/97

Pages: 2**Date:** 17 September 1997**Title:** Mexico: Fear for safety /torture**Abstract:** Rene Solorio, Ernesto Madrid and Gerardo Segura, journalists: On 13 September 1997, the three high-profile journalists above-named were abducted, tortured and threatened with death if they continued reporting on the corruption and human rights violations carried out by members of the Federal District's Public Security and the Judicial Police.**Keywords:** HARASSMENT / JOURNALISTS / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/87/97

Network: UA-302/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 18 September 1997**Title:** Mexico: Fear for safety**Abstract:** Francisco Abarea Vazquez, Florznea Abarea (F) aged 10, Bernardo Sanchez Cruz, Catholic priest, human rights defender and several others: Members of an indigenous community in Guerrero State raided by the Mexican army on 1 September 1997, and members of a local human rights organization who have filed a complaint about the raid, are feared to be at risk of reprisals by the military.**Keywords:** CHILDREN / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / MILITARY / PEASANTS / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/88/97

Network: UA-172/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 22 September 1997**Title:** Mexico: Further information on fear for safety /ill-treatment / torture**Abstract:** Gloria Roque Bautista (f), Rocio Mesino Mesino (f), Eusebio Vazquez, members of UOSS peasant organization: On 15 September 1997, two members of the Mexican

armed forces raped and tortured Gloria Roque Bautista. AI is gravely concerned for the safety of Gloria Roque Bautista and the members of the UOSS.

Keywords:ANNIVERSARIES / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / PARAMILITARIES / PEASANTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / SEXUAL ASSAULT / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

PERU

AI Index: AMR 46/36/97

Network: UAI-224/97

Pages: 1

Date: 17 September 1997

Title:Peru: Further information on possible cruel and inhuman treatment: Prisoners transferred to the new Challapalea Prison

Abstract:Juan Aguilar Mantilla, Ricardo Aza Zuñiga, Andrés Cáceres Gamarra, Andrés Cáceres Tuanama, Carlos Jess Conde Saavedra, Daniel Cruzado Arroyo, Giovanni Dante Gamarra Puerta, Ricardo Hurtado De La Cruz, Jacinto Lara Cortez, Adolfo Lira Garcia, Enrique Loek Covera, Rolando Mosealon Farfan, José Ramírez Lingan, Emilio Reinoso Aguilar, Carlos Sullea Sanchez, Tito Usevileta Patiño, Oscar Zavallos Ramos, Fernando Sanga Portocarrero, Hugo Palomino Oehantz, Jesús Martín Encinas Otani, and 31 other unidentified prisoners, plus other potential transfers to Challapalea Prison: AI has learnt that the habeas corpus petition filed on 12 August 1997 in favour of the above prisoners was rejected by a lower court judge in Lima.

Keywords:HABEAS CORPUS / PRISON CONDITIONS /

PERU

AI Index: AMR 46/37/97

Network: UAI-279/97

Pages: 1

Date: 22 September 1997

Title:Peru: Further information on intimidation /death threats /fear for safety /torture

Abstract:Elba Gréta Minaya Calle, judge (f), Francisco Sobron Garrido, human rights defender, Manuel Baluarte, human rights journalist, staff of the Asociacion pro Derechos Humanos (APRODEH), and new names; Maria Jesus Garcia Sanchez (f) and Julio Salas Cáceres, police captain: AI has received information about further death threats directed at Francisco Sobron Garrido for working in favour of Peruvian police captain Julio Salas Cáceres. AI has also received information about acts of intimidation directed at Maria Jesus Garcia Sanchez, the wife of Julio Salas Cáceres, and their children.

Keywords:HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / JOURNALISTS / JUDGES /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/53/97

Network: EXTRA-107/97

Pages: 1

Date: 27 August 1997

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

Abstract:William T Boliek Jr, Ralph Feltrop, Donald C Reese, Andrew W Six: Al regrets the executions of Ralph Feltrop, Donald C Reese and Andrew W Six on 6, 13 and 20 August 1997 respectively. William T Boliek Jr. has received a stay of execution.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION / MENTAL HEALTH / STAY OF EXECUTION /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/54/97

Network: USA-286/97

Pages: 1

Date: 27 August 1997

Title:USA: Death penalty: Gary Lee Davis

Abstract:Gary Lee Davis is scheduled to be executed on 11 October 1997.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/55/97

Network: EXTRA-104/97

Pages: 1

Date: 29 August 1997

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

Abstract:William Kitchens, James Sessions, Daniel Corwin and David Hicks: Daniel Corwin and David Hicks have received stays of execution.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / STAY OF EXECUTION /

USA

Al Index: AMR 51/57/97

Network: EXTRA-111/97

Pages: 1

Date: 18 September 1997

Title:USA (Virginia): Further information on death penalty/legal concern: Mario B Murphy

Abstract:Mario B Murphy, a Mexican national, was executed as scheduled on 17 September 1997.

Keywords:DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION / FOREIGN NATIONALS / HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS /

VENEZUELA

Al Index: AMR 53/12/97

Network: EXTRA-119/97

Pages: 1

Date: 29 August 1997

Title:Venezuela: Fear for safety/fear of ill-treatment: Inmates at El Dorado prison

Abstract:Violence in El Dorado prison on 28 August 1997 is reported to have left 29 inmates dead and three wounded. Apparently one group of inmates led a violent attack against another group. This latest incident suggests that conditions and prisoners' human rights are deteriorating in Venezuelan prisons.

Keywords:PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISON VIOLENCE /

CHINA**AI Index:** AISI 17/40/97

Network: UFI-304/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 18 September 1997**Title:** China: Death penalty: Li Bangfu**Abstract:** Li Bangfu, a former tobacco firm executive, convicted of the crimes of embezzlement and corruption, has had his sentence upgraded to the death penalty by the provincial high court.**Keywords:** BUSINESS PEOPLE / DEATH SENTENCE /INDONESIA**AI Index:** AISI 21/61/97

Network: UFI-284/97

Pages: 2**Date:** 26 August 1997**Title:** Indonesia: Fear of torture/ill-treatment**Abstract:** Julius Petegz, Yahia Pigomez, Ben Kotouki and five others (names unknown) members of the Ekari tribe: Attempts by the Indonesian security forces to quell disturbances which began on 21 August 1997 in the Timika area of Irian Jaya, have resulted in two local tribes people being shot dead and 15 others being beaten severely. The above-named were reportedly beaten by police and taken away in buses. There is concern that they may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment in custody.**Keywords:** CIVIL UNREST / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /INDONESIA**AI Index:** AISI 21/70/97

Network: UFI-291/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 4 September 1997**Title:** Indonesia: Fear of torture: Sofyan Abdullah**Abstract:** AI has just learned that Sofyan Abdullah has been held incommunicado detention since he was arrested at his home on 5 March 1997.**Keywords:** FEAR OF TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY /INDONESIA**AI Index:** AISI 21/71/97

Network: UFI-284/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 5 September 1997**Title:** Indonesia: Further information on fear of torture/ill-treatment**Abstract:** Julius Petegz, Yahia Pigomez, Ben Kotouki and new name Andy Gobai: It is now believed that the six people taken into police custody following disturbances in Irian Jaya, on 22 August 1997, have all been released. The six were held for four hours and then released.

Keywords: CIVIL UNREST / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION / POLICE / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISA 21/74/97

Network: UA-115/97

Pages: 1

Date: 18 September 1997

Title: Indonesia: Further information on death penalty: Second Lieutenant Sanurip

Abstract: Second Lieutenant Sanurip has lost an appeal to the Surabaya Military High Court. Sanurip is now lodging an appeal to the Indonesian Supreme Court.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / MENTAL HEALTH / MILITARY AS VICTIMS /

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISA 21/75/97

Network: UA-303/97

Pages: 1

Date: 18 September 1997

Title: Indonesia: Fear of torture

Abstract: Constancio dos Santos, aged 21, Jojo dos Santos, Fransisco Caldaira, and one other name not known; Joaquim Santana, Fernando Lere, Nuno dos Santos, Ivo Miranda, Domingos Natalino Coelho da Silva, Jermao Malta Sebre, Julio Santana and Laurindo Alkino da Costa Soares: Up to 13 East Timorese have been arrested in the Indonesian island of Java. It is not clear if the detainees have been granted access to legal assistance, raising fears that they may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment if still held incommunicado for interrogation.

Keywords: FEAR OF TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION /

PAKISTAN

AI Index: AISA 33/32/97

Network: EXTRA-103/97

Pages: 1

Date: 28 August 1997

Title: Pakistan: Further information on death penalty /imminent execution

Abstract: Shamu Masih and Javed Masih: On 27 August 1997 the above named were granted a further 30-day stay of execution by the President of Pakistan, to allow the member of Parliament acting on their behalf more time to reach a settlement with the relatives of those Shamu and Javed Masih were convicted of murdering.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / STAY OF EXECUTION /

PHILIPPINES

AI Index: AISA 35/08/97

Network: UA-138/97

Pages: 1

Date: 26 August 1997

Title: Philippines: Further information on "disappearance" /fear of ill-treatment: Romzo Cortez, peasant leader

Abstract: Romzo Cortez is still missing. He has not been seen since he was abducted on 1 April 1997 in San Roque, Pampanga province by three unidentified armed men.

Keywords: COMMUNITY LEADERS / DISAPPEARANCES / PERMANENTS /

TURKEY

AI Index: EUR 44/66/97
Network: EXTRA-115/97

Pages: 1

Date: 28 August 1997

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

Abstract: Ibrahim Incesu, Adiguzel Incesu, Cemalcttin Tunc, Ahmet Engin, Kurds: On 18 August 1997, the detainees named above were taken before the prosecutor and investigation judge. Adiguzel Incesu was released, there is no information about Ahmet Engin, who is presumed to have also been released, and the rest were formally arrested and committed to prison.

Keywords: EDITORS / MEDICAL TREATMENT / MINORITIES / POLICE / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILLEGAL TREATMENT /

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

46/26/97

AI Index: EUR

Network: EXTRA-122/97

Pages: 1

Date: 9 September 1997

Title: Chechen Republic: Death penalty /imminent execution

Abstract: The public execution of two men, names not known, is scheduled to go ahead on 10 September 1997. They were found guilty by an Islamic Shari'ah court of the murder of three people.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE /

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

46/27/97

AI Index: EUR

Network: EXTRA-122/97

Pages: 2

Date: 19 September 1997

Title: Chechen Rep: Further information on death penalty /imminent execution /fear of further executions

Abstract: Rasul Doshukayev and Said Khasiyev were publicly executed on 18 September 1997 in Grozny. All fears that other people in the Chechen republic may also face imminent execution, among them 30 people who are currently awaiting the Shari'a courts' verdicts on charges of kidnapping.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE /

BELARUS

AI Index: EUR 49/13/97

Network: UA-245/97

Pages: 1

Date: 12 September 1997

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

Abstract: Pavel Shcheremet, journalist; Dmitry Zavadsky, journalist; Yaroslav Ovehinnikov, driver, (released); Anatoly Adamchuk, aged 22, journalist; Aleksandr Oganov, journalist; Valery Astashkin, journalist; Vladimir Kostin, journalist: Of those named above, only Pavel Shcheremet remains in detention, the others have all now been released.

Keywords: DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / ILL-HEALTH / JOURNALISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /

UKRAINE

AI Index: EUR 50/15/97

Network: Uf-298/97

Pages: 2

Date: 9 September 1997

Title: Ukraine: Death penalty

Abstract: Sergey Valerzevich Romanov and Ruslan Yusev; prisoners on death row since before 1997: Official confirmation that 13 death row prisoners have been executed in Ukraine this year, has raised fears that more prisoners may have their death sentences carried out imminently. According to information available to AI, Sergey Romanov while in pre-trial detention, was physically and psychologically coerced into signing his confession of guilt. He was also allegedly first interrogated without a defence lawyer being present.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION /

UKRAINE

AI Index: EUR 50/16/97

Network: Uf-204/97

Pages: 1

Date: 10 September 1997

Title: Ukraine: Further information on death penalty /ill-treatment /fear of imminent execution

Abstract: Mykola Khokhlich, aged 21, Alekszy Gaga, aged 21: AI has learned that Mykola Khokhlich is at risk of imminent execution unless President Kuchma intervenes to grant him clemency. Alekszy Gaga is also feared to be at risk of imminent execution.

Keywords: CONFESSIONS / DEATH SENTENCE / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE /

UZBEKISTAN

AI Index: EUR 62/07/97

Network: Uf-257/97

Pages: 1

Date: 28 August 1997

Title: Uzbekistan: Further information on border closure impeding safe return of refugees

Abstract: Around 7,500 Tajik refugees in Sakhi camp, northern Afghanistan: The authorities of Uzbekistan have agreed to comply with UN's requests to facilitate the safe

repatriation of Tajik refugees in Afghanistan by reopening the Termez border crossing between the two countries.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / REFUGEES / UNHCR /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/46/97

Network: U1-289/97

Pages: 1

Date: 3 September 1997

Title: Egypt: Death Penalty

Abstract: Abd al-Nasser 'Abdu Wahaballah, unemployed and 'Amru Mohammed Taha 'Abd al-Raziq, soldier: The two men mentioned above were sentenced to death in two separate court cases on 26 and 28 August 1997 respectively.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/47/97

Network: U1-183/97

Pages: 1

Date: 3 September 1997

Title: Egypt: Further information on prisoners of conscience / fear of further prisoners of conscience / fear of torture

Abstract: Hamdin Sabbahi, journalist; Mohammad 'Abdu, veterinarian; Mohammad Sulayman Faggad, lawyer; Hamdi Hagkal, lawyer; Sagged Ahmad al-Tokhi, human rights defender, lawyer; and new arrest: Kamal Khalil Khalil, engineer: AI has received reports that Kamal Khalil Khalil was arrested on 30 August 1997 in connection with his non-violent opposition to Law 96 of 1992, which raises agricultural rents and permits landowners to evict farmers. It is reported that at least 180 people, including the six men named above, are currently being detained in connection with their activities in opposition to Law 96.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / ENGINEERS / FARMERS / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JOURNALISTS / LAND PROBLEMS / LEGISLATION / MASS ARREST / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE / ILL-TREATMENT / VETERINARY SURGEONS /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/48/97

Network: U1-294/97

Pages: 1

Date: 5 September 1997

Title: Egypt: Death penalty: Dawlat Mohammad Ahmad (f)

Abstract: Dawlat Mohammad Ahmad was sentenced to death on 30 August 1997 after being found guilty of murder.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/49/97

Network: EXTR1-47/96

Pages: 1

Date: 15 September 1997

Title: Egypt: Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Ashraf Yousef Ibrahim was executed on 7 September 1997.

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

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/50/97

Network: EXTRA-125/97

Pages: 1

Date: 17 September 1997

Title: Egypt: Death penalty / legal concern

Abstract: Husam Mohammad Khamis Nuwair, Mohammad Fawzi Ibrahim, Ahmad & Abd al-Fattah Sayyed, Mohammad Mostafa Isma'il: On 15 September 1997, the four men named above were sentenced to death. AI fears that they may be executed within weeks if their sentences are upheld.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / MILITARY TRIBUNALS / TRIALS /

IRAN

AI Index: MDE 13/38/97

Network: UA-292/97

Pages: 1

Date: 4 September 1997

Title: Iran: Medical concern / legal concern / fear of death penalty: Faraj Sarkouhi, editor

Abstract: AI fears that Faraj Sarkouhi may be about to face an unfair trial at which he could be convicted on charges possible solely relating to his non-violent political activities and sentenced to death. There is also considerable concern for his health after several months in detention.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS / DEATH PENALTY / EDITORS / HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POSSIBLE POC /

IRAN

AI Index: MDE 13/40/97

Network: UA-292/97

Pages: 1

Date: 19 September 1997

Title: Iran: Further information on medical concern / legal concern / fear of death penalty: Faraj Sarkouhi

Abstract: Faraj Sarkouhi has reportedly been tried and on 17 September 1997 was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, which is thought to include the time he has already spent in detention.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS / DEATH PENALTY / EDITORS / HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POSSIBLE POC /

ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

15/51/97

AI Index: MDE

Network: U1-253/97

Pages: 1

Date: 26 August 1997

Title: Israel: Further information on torture /fear of torture: Asam Halman

Abstract: Asam Halman, a resident of Bethlehem, was released on 24 August 1997 and was not charged with any offences.

Keywords: TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/

JORDAN

AI Index: MDE 16/12/97

Network: U1-267/96

Pages: 1

Date: 1 September 1997

Title: Jordan: Further information on death penalty

Abstract: Raya Musa (f), aged 35, and new name: Khalid Saqa aged 25: Raya Musa was executed on 28 Aug 1997. Khalid Saqa was also executed on 28 August 1997, he had been sentenced to death in a separate case.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / EXECUTION / RETRIALS / WOMEN /

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

21/07/97

AI Index: MDE

Network: U1-205/97

Pages: 1

Date: 28 August 1997

Title: Palestinian Authority: Further information on prisoner of conscience / legal concern: Fathi Subuh

Abstract: Prisoner of conscience Fathi Subuh has been moved to Gaza Central Prison and continues to be detained without charge or trial, and without access to his lawyer. He ended his hunger strike after being moved.

Keywords: ACADEMICS / HUNGER-STRIKE / ICRC / ILL-HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

21/08/97

AI Index: MDE

Network: U1-287/97

Pages: 1

Date: 29 August 1997

Title: Palestinian Authority: "Disappearance" /fear for safety /fear of torture: Shafiq Muhammad Hassan 'Abd al-Wahhab, real state agent

Abstract: The above-named father of five, has not been seen since he was arrested by the Palestinian military intelligence on 21 June 1997. Concern for his safety is heightened by the recent deaths of four Palestinian land dealers, and the detention and reported ill-treatment of others.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / IMPUNITY / LAND PROBLEMS /

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

21/09/97

AI Index: MDE

Network: UA-205/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 22 September 1997

Title: Palestinian Authority: Further information on prisoner of conscience / legal concern / incommunicado detention / medical concern: Fathi Subuh

Abstract: Prisoner of conscience Fathi Subuh remains in detention in Gaza Central Prison. AI has been informed by Colonel Muhammad Dahlan, head of PSS in the Gaza Strip, that Fathi Subuh was being held on charges that included rape and spying.

Keywords: ACADEMICS / AI AND GOVERNMENTS / HUMAN RIGHTS CORPUS / ICRC / ILL-HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

SYRIA**AI Index:** MDE 24/14/97

Network: UA-296/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 9 September 1997

Title: Syria: Medical concern / prisoner of conscience: Aktham Nu 'aysa, lawyer

Abstract: The health of prisoner of conscience Aktham Nu 'aysa is in steady decline and he is in urgent need of specialist care, after having been reportedly examined by the prison medical commission on 7 and 18 March 1997. He was severely tortured after his arrest on 17 December 1991 and sentenced to 9 years imprisonment on 17 March 1992, after an unfair trial for his connection with the Committee for the Defence of Democratic Freedoms and Human Rights in Syria.

Keywords: ILL-HEALTH / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIALS /

UAE**AI Index:** MDE 25/10/97

Network: EXTRA-121/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 8 September 1997

Title: UAE: Fear of imminent crucifixion and execution

Abstract: Majid Fakhur Hussein Majeed and Abdul Mehdi Karim Mushtaq: The two men named above are reported to be facing imminent crucifixion and execution, after being sentenced to death earlier this year, for the murder of five people in a series of robberies.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

UAE**AI Index:** MDE 25/11/97

Network: EXTRA-121/97

Pages: 1**Date:** 15 September 1997

Title: UAE: Further information on fear of imminent crucifixion and execution

Abstract: Majid Fakhur Hussain Majzid and Abdul Mehdi Karim Mushtaq, were executed on 12 September 1997.

Keywords: EXECUTION / FOREIGN NATIONALS /

TUNISIA

AI Index: MDE 30/45/97

Network: UA-149/97

Pages: 1

Date: 26 August 1997

Title: Tunisia: Further information on fear of torture/ill-treatment / prisoner of conscience: Rachida Ben Salem (f)

Abstract: AI has learned that the trial of prisoner of conscience Rachida Ben Salem, a mother of two, and the wife of a supporter of an Islamist group, is due to take place on 28 August 1997. She is charged with belonging to an unauthorised association.

Keywords: FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLICE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

TUNISIA

AI Index: MDE 30/47/97

Network: UA-149/97

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Date: 29 August 1997

Title: Tunisia: Further information on fear of torture/ill-treatment / prisoner of conscience: Rachida Ben Salem (f)

Abstract: The trial of Rachida Ben Salem took place on 28 August 1997 in Tunisia and the court will give its verdict on 9 September 1997. She remains detained pending verdict.

Keywords: FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLICE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

TUNISIA

AI Index: MDE 30/48/97

Network: UA-149/97

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Date: 10 September 1997

Title: Tunisia: Further information on fear of torture/ill-treatment / prisoner of conscience: Rachida Ben Salem (f)

Abstract: On 9 September 1997, Rachida Ben Salem was sentenced to two years and three months' imprisonment. Her lawyers will now lodge an appeal.

Keywords: FAMILIES / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

YEMEN

AI Index: MDE 31/10/97

Network: EXTRA-118/97

Pages: 1

Date: 29 August 1997

Title: Yemen: Death penalty / legal concern

Abstract: Jalal Abdullah al-Rada'i and Abdullah Ali al-Rada'i: The two Yemeni nationals named above have been sentenced to death and crucifixion following court hearings which appear to have breached basic international standards for fair trial. They were tried by the Court of First Instance in al-Mukalla, reportedly without any legal assistance.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / TRIALS /

YEMEN

AI Index: MDE 31/11/97

Network: EXTRA-118/97

Pages: 1

Date: 16 September 1997

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

Abstract: Jalal Abdullah al-Rada'i and Abdullah Ali al-Rada'i: The two Yemeni nationals named above are at risk of imminent execution. Their death sentences have been upheld by a Court of Appeal in al-Mukalla.

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