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Further information (2) on EXTRA 16/97 (EUR 11/02/97, 6 February 1997) and follow-up EUR 11/03/97, 11 February - Fear of ill-treatment / prisoners of conscience (POCc) / possible POCs

ALBANIA Vladimir Goxhi, Arben Gega, Stavri Shkëmbi, Gjergji Meta, Ermir Çaçi (18), B. Memushi

Roland Beqiraj, Benet Koleka, Leon Cika, Spiro Ilo, Hektor Pustina (note correct spelling), all journalists

Kastriot Islami, politician

Amnesty International has learned that Roland Beqiraj was released last week and that another journalist, Muharrem Meko (name not mentioned in previous UAs) who was reportedly similarly arrested in the southern town of Korça, has also been released.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue appeals as before, but also welcoming the release of Roland Beqiraj and Muharrem Meko.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Albania accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 14 March 1997.