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Further information on UA 277/94 (EUR 56/07/94, 19 July 1994) and follow-ups (EUR 56/09/94, 18 August, EUR 56/10/94, 7 September) - Fear of torture / Legal concern / Medical concern

GEORGIA            Zaza TSIKLAURI  
                      Viktor DOMUKHOVSKY  
                      Mamuka DANELIA  
                      Zurab BARDZHIMASHVILI

new name:            Omari KOCHLAMAZASHVILI

Amnesty International remains concerned about the health of a number of defendants currently on trial in Georgia for a range of alleged terrorist offences. Further information on earlier allegations that they are not receiving appropriate medical care is given below.

Zaza Tsiklauri, who was tortured while in custody in 1992 and who suffers from tuberculosis, was transferred to hospital on 9 September. From that date he was also able to receive medication, refused since 2 July after an unauthorized meeting with a representative from the human rights organization Human Rights Watch/Helsinki. However, the only medicine available to him is that supplied by his family. On 13 September the presiding judge at the trial excluded Zaza Tsiklauri from the courtroom, reportedly for "smirking", and Zaza Tsiklauri declared a protest hunger-strike. His family report that they are unable to visit him.

Viktor Domukhovsky, who was reportedly beaten in his cell by special police officers on 13 August 1994, is said to suffer from high blood pressure. He declared a hunger-strike at around the same time as Zaza Tsiklauri, also in protest at the judge's decision to exclude him from part of the proceedings. Amnesty International does not know if the two men are currently still on hunger-strike.

Zurab Bardzimashvili ended his hunger-strike at some point last week, after the judge agreed to reverse the decision to separate his case out from that of the rest of the defendants. He is said to be receiving medicines via his relatives.

Another of the defendants, Omari Kochlamazashvili, is said to have suffered unspecified heart trouble on 13 September while attending a court hearing. Unofficial sources report that he had not been examined by 20 September and so was not receiving any medication.

Conditions in the prison in the capital, Tbilisi, where the men are held are very poor: sources report overcrowded, vermin-ridden cells with irregular heating in winter and irregular or no electricity throughout the year, almost total lack of medical supplies and a failure to treat or isolate inmates with contagious diseases.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/express and airmail letters** - urging that Zaza Tsiklauri, Viktor Domukhovsky, Mamuka Danelia, Zurab Bardzimashvili and Omari Kochlamazashvili receive all appropriate medical treatment;

- urging that all reports of ill-treatment in detention are investigated swiftly and impartially, with the results made public and those responsible brought to justice;
- urging that all the defendants receive a fair trial in line with international standards.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 November 1994.