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Further information on UA 413/92 (EUR 60/01/92, 23 December 1992) and follow-up EUR 60/02/92, 31 December 1992 - Possible extrajudicial execution/Fear of extrajudicial execution and new concern legal concern

TADZHIKISTAN: Akhmed Shakh Kamil

Mubarak Shakhov Khushbakht

"Sultan"

In an official statement reportedly broadcast on national television during the first week of February 1993, it was claimed that Akhmed Shakh Kamil, the former director of national television in Tadzhikistan, was currently under arrest. Earlier reports from unofficial sources had alleged that he had been summarily executed in Dushanbe, the capital of Tadzhikistan, between 20 and 22 December 1992, along with newspaper journalist Mubarak Shakhov Khushbakht and a television producer known as "Sultan". The alleged executions were said to have been carried out by pro-government forces subordinate to the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In light of the new information about Akhmed Shakh Kamil, Amnesty International is now calling on the government of Tadzhikistan to clarify his status. It is also calling on the government to explain, if Akhmed Shakh Kamil is currently alive and in detention, on what charge he is being detained.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English, Russian or your own language:

- calling for clarification of the current status and location of Akhmed Shakh Kamil, and for information about any criminal charges against him;
- calling on the Tadzhik authorities to guarantee Akhmed Shakh Kamil's safety.

APPEALS TO:

1) Chairman of the Supreme Council, Imamali Rakhmonov: Respublika Tadzhikistan

g. Dushanbe

Verkhovny sovet Respubliki Tadzhikistan

Predsedatelyu Rakhmonovu I.

Telegrams: Tadzhikistan, Dushanbe, Predsedatelyu VS Rakhmonovu I.

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

2) Procurator General of Tadzhikistan, Mamadnazar Soliyev:

Respublika Tadzhikistan

q. Dushanbe

Prokuratura Respubliki Tadzhikistan Generalnomu prokuroru Soliyevu M.

Telegrams: Tadzhikistan, Dushanbe, Gen. Prokuroru Soliyevu M.

Salutation: Dear Procurator General

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3) Minister of Internal Affairs, Yakub Salimov:

Respublika Tadzhikistan

g. Dushanbe

MVD Respubliki Tadzhikistan

Ministru Salimovu Ya.

Telegrams: Tadzhikistan, Dushanbe, MVD, Ministru Salimovu Ya.

Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of Defence, Col. Aleksandr Shishlyannikov:

Respublika Tadzhikistan

g. Dushanbe

Ministerstvo oborony

Ministru Shishlyannikovu A.

2) Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rashid Olimov:

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3) Chairman of parliamentary Commission for Legislation, Law and Order and Human Rights, Abdullo Khabibov:

Respublika Tadzhikistan

g. Dushanbe

Komissiya po zakonodatelstvu, pravu i poryadku i po pravam cheloveka pri Verkhovnom Sovete Respubliki Tadzhikistan

Predsedatelyu Khabibovu A.

and to diplomatic representatives of TADZHIKISTAN accredited to your country (these are usually to be found at the Embassy of the Russian Federation, the former Soviet embassy).

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 March 1993.