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Further information on UA 178/93 (EUR 70/10/93, 2 June 1993) - Legal concern/Ill-treatment

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA:

Vuk Draškovi\_, President of the Serbian Renewal Movement (SPO)

Danica Draškovi\_ (female)

Dragan Mili\_i\_

Liljana Lasi\_ and about 30 others

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Amnesty International is extremely concerned about reports of the deteriorating health of Vuk Draškovi\_ (aged 47) and his wife, Danica (aged 48), due to the beatings they received at the hands of police following their arrest on 1 June 1993. They are being held in the prison hospital of Belgrade Central Prison.

On 12 June Vuk Draškovi\_ reportedly lost consciousness and struck his head on the floor while being visited in prison hospital by two lawyers and two doctors. It is reported that the same day he underwent a brain scan at a Belgrade hospital; a doctor said the examination showed no signs of organic brain damage. Vuk Draškovi\_ had complained of severe headaches and dizzy spells.

The health of his wife, Danica, is also reported to be extremely poor. In a statement on 7 June her lawyers stated she appeared to have serious injuries to the spine and bruising in the area of the kidneys. They appealed for both husband and wife to be examined by an independent commission of doctors. (The Draškovi\_s were examined by doctors of the prison hospital on 3 or 4 June who found extensive bruising on both.) Amnesty International has learned that on 14 June they were due to be examined by a Committee for Forensic Medicine.

On 4 June investigation proceedings were started against them under Articles 114 and 139, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of Yugoslavia (attack on the constitutional order, resulting in a death). These offences are punishable by up to 15 years' imprisonment. Vuk Draškovi\_ is also being investigated on charges of resisting a police officer in the performance of his duties. Both Vuk and Danica Draškovi\_ are accused of having advocated the forcible entry of demonstrators into the Federal Parliament on 1 June with the aim of overthrowing the "highest state organs of the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia". Vuk Draškovi\_ is held indirectly responsible for the death of a police officer who was killed in the course of the demonstrations and for injuries to 14 other police officers and 16 citizens.

He is also accused of punching and injuring a police officer. Danica Draškovi\_ is charged with inciting demonstrators to break into and demolish the Parliament and beat up police officers protecting the building.

It appears that many, if not all, of those arrested on 1 June have been released, but criminal

proceedings on charges unknown to Amnesty International are reported to have been started against two SPO members and some 90 other SPO members are charged with minor offences (punishable by fines or up to 60 days' imprisonment).

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes and airmail letters either in English or your own language:**

- expressing extreme concern at reports of the poor health of Vuk Draškovi\_ and his wife Danica, caused by injuries inflicted by police officers at the time of their arrest on 1 June 1993;

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- urging that they be granted appropriate medical treatment and continued access to their families and lawyers;  
- urging the authorities to initiate a prompt independent and impartial inquiry into their ill-treatment and to bring to justice those responsible.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President of the Republic of Serbia:

Mr Slobodan Miloševi\_  
Predsednik Republike Srbije  
Srpskih vladara 14  
11000 Beograd  
Yugoslavia

**Telegrams: Serbia President Miloševi\_, Belgrade, Yugoslavia**  
**Faxes: + 38 11 682 167**

**Salutation: Dear President**

2) Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia:

Mr Zoran Sokolovi\_  
Ministar unutrašnjih poslova Republike Srbije  
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11000 Beograd  
Yugoslavia

**Telegrams: Serbia Minister Sokolovi\_, Belgrade, Yugoslavia**  
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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

3) Premier - President of the Serbian Government:

Mr Nikola Šainovi\_  
Predsednik Vlade Republike Srbije  
Nemanjina 11  
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Yugoslavia

**Telegrams: Serbia Prime Minister Šainovi\_, Belgrade, Yugoslavia**  
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**Salutation: Dear Premier**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Federal Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs:

Ms Margit Savovi\_  
Bulevar Lenjina 2  
11000 Beograd

Yugoslavia

Humanitarian Law Fund:

Terazije 6/III  
11000 Beograd  
Yugoslavia

and to diplomatic representative of Yugoslavia accredited to your country. The World Conference on Human Rights is being held in Austria this month and you can enhance the power of your appeals by also sending copies to the diplomatic representative of Yugoslavia in Austria during June at the following address:

YUGOSLAVIAN EMBASSY:

Botschaft der Föderativen Republik Jugoslawien  
Rennweg 3, 1030 Wien  
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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 26th July.