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Further information on UA 234/94 (EUR 70/10/94, 16 June 1994) - Ill-treatment / Fear of further ill-treatment

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (KOSOVO): Nebih Zogaj, teacher and other ethnic Albanians

Amnesty International has been informed that police at Suva Reka police station have continued to ill-treat Nebih Zogaj and that by 24 June he had been summoned to the police station 10 times since the beginning of the month, although it appears that no charges have been brought against him. On 24 June he was reportedly in Djakovica hospital, in very poor health, as a result of police beatings.

Nebih Zogaj is an ethnic Albanian from Kosovo province in southern Serbia. He is headmaster of a primary school in Belanica, near Mališevo. He is also chairman of the Belanica local branch of the Democratic League of Kosovo, the main ethnic Albanian opposition party in Kosovo.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams, faxes and airmail letters in English, French or German or in your own language:

- expressing deep concern about allegations that police officers at Suva Reka police station have continued to ill-treat Nebih Zogaj, a primary school teacher from Belanica, Mališevo, who has reportedly been summoned to the police station 10 times since the beginning of June and has been so severely beaten that he has again been admitted to Djakovica hospital for treatment for injuries; urging the authorities to initiate a prompt, independent and impartial inquiry into the allegations of ill-treatment made in this case and in many other recent cases involving ethnic Albanians from Kosovo province;
- urging that any persons found to be responsible for ill-treatment be brought to justice;
- urging that police officers be informed of, and required to uphold, international standards for law enforcement.

APPEALS TO

1. Chief of police, Suva Reka Komandantu stanice milicije Suva Reka AP Kosovo i Metohija Yugoslavia

Telegrams: Komandantu stanice milicije, Suva Reka, APKM, Yugoslavia Salutation: Dear Commander

2. Minister of Justice of the Republic of Serbia
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Salutation: Dear Minister

3. Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

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Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

1. Federal Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs

Ms Margit Savovi_ Bulevar Lenjina 2 11070 Beograd Yugoslavia

2. Committee for the Defence of Human Rights and Freedoms, Priština:

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38000 Priština, Yugoslavia.

3. Humanitarian Law Fund

Terazije 6/111 11000 Beograd Yugoslavia.

and to diplomatic representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 August 1994.