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Further information on UA 350/94 (EUR 70/22/94, 22 September 1994) - Fear of torture/ill-treatment and new concern: Fear of unfair trial

YUGOSLAVIA (Kosovo province) Ganimet Podvorica

Amnesty International has learned that Ganimet Podvorica is due to go on trial on 30 September 1995 before the district court of Priština on charges of terrorism and illegal possession of arms. If convicted, he faces a prison sentence of up to 20 years.

According to the indictment, which was reportedly filed in March 1995, Ganimet Podvorica, together with other unidentified persons, shot two police officers and wounded five others on the outskirts of the town of Glogovac on 22 May 1993.

Ganimet Podvorica has been detained since his arrest in September 1994. According to his lawyer, Ganimet Podvorica has consistently denied the charges against him during pre-trial investigation, despite having allegedly been subjected to physical torture.

In July 1994, a Serbian police inspector, Dragan Mladenovi_, alleged in a radio interview that a deputy Minister of the Interior of Serbia had organized the shooting of the police officers in Glogovac, with the aim of provoking conflict between ethnic Albanians and Serbs.

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

- expressing concern about allegations that Ganimet Podvorica, who is due to go on trial in Priština on charges of terrorism and illegal possession of arms, was tortured following his arrest in September 1994;
- acknowledging the extreme gravity of the offences with which he has been charged but noting that torture and other ill-treatment are in **all circumstances** prohibited both under Yugoslav national law and under international law;
- urging that Ganimet Podvorica be given a fair trial in accordance with international standards for fair trial.

APPEALS TO:

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3. Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia
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and to diplomatic representatives of Yugoslavia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 October 1995.