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Further information on 412/94 (EUR 70/26/94, 24 November 1994) - and follow-up(s): EUR 70/27/94 of 25 November and EUR 70/28/94 of 2 December 1994 - Fear of torture/ill-treatment

YUGOSLAVIA (Kosovo province): Ramadan Ndrecaj, Rexhep Oruçi, Salih Sokoli, Avdi Mehmedović, Haki Mehmeti, Ali Mehmeti, Blerim Olloni, Sejfullah Sahatçiu, Shefqet Beqa, Remzi Tertica, Adem Shala, Halil Blakaj, Reshat Maliqi, Jonuz Loshi, Selim Çitaku, Ilmi Uka, Abdullah Doroci, Ramadan Ndreca, Shaip Mustafa, Murtez Jahaj, Fadil Hyseni, Bajram Jakaj, Isak Aliu, Idriz Jashari, Enver Ramizi, Esat Merovci, Halil Kafexholli, Idriz Sejdiu, Ilmi Bujari, Shefqet Berisha, Sherif Shala, Faik Jasiqi, Gani Hajdari, Vllasnim Shehu, Shaban Shala, Khavit Osmani, Muhamet Nimani, Shaban Dana, Halit Rexhepi, Asllan Bislimi, Ylmet Fondaj

New names: Reshat Maliqi  
Sheremet Ahmeti

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Amnesty International has received further reports of the torture and severe ill-treatment of ethnic Albanian police officers detained since 17 November 1994.

At a press conference in Priština on 7 December 1994, lawyers defending a number of these detainees stated that they had observed clear signs of torture on their clients when they visited them in prison. In particular, a lawyer for Avdi Mehmedović said that on 6 December his client bore marks of beatings all over his body. A lawyer for Blerim Olloni said that her request for him to be examined by medical experts had been refused. Lawyers for Isak Aliu and Sheremet Ahmeti said their clients had been subjected to electric-shocks. Another lawyer said that two of his clients, Enver Ramizi and Esat Merovci had been so severely ill-treated that they were unable to sign their statements in the presence of lawyer and public prosecutor, while a third client, Reshat Maliqi, was apparently almost incapable of moving or talking. The lawyers also said they had met with official obstruction while carrying out their professional duties; they alleged that police, prosecutors and the judiciary were working jointly to fabricate cases against their clients.

On 2 December a public prosecutor reportedly denied that detainees had been tortured.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern about further reports of the torture and ill-treatment of former police officers detained in Kosovo, among them, Avdi Mehmedović, Blerim Olloni, Sheremet Ahmeti, Enver Ramizi, Esat Merovci and Reshat Maliqi;
- calling for urgent measures to investigate these reports, including the immediate medical examination of all former police officers recently detained to establish the veracity of allegations of ill-treatment or torture;

- calling for the suspension of all state security police officers or others involved in the interrogation of detainees, pending investigation of these allegations;
- urging the immediate introduction of measures to ensure detainees are granted full legal safeguards, including protection against any ill-treatment or torture.

**APPEALS TO:**

1. **Federal Minister of Internal Affairs**

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**Telegrams: Savezno ministar unutrašnje poslove, Beograd, Yugoslavia**  
**Salutation: Dear Minister**

2. **Head of Police for Kosovo Province**

Na\_elnik  
 Pokrajinski Sekretarijat za Unutrašnjih Poslova  
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 38000 Priština, AP Kosovo i Metohija, Yugoslavia  
**Telegrams: Nacelnik, Pokrajinski SUP, Priština, APKM**  
**Salutation: Dear Chief of Police**

3. **Federal Prime Minister**

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**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

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 Xhavit Mitrovica 15  
 38000 Priština, Yugoslavia.
2. Humanitarian Law Fund  
 Terazije 6/III  
 11000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia

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 19 January 1995.