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Further information on UA 22/94 (MDE 11/02/94, 24 January 1994) - Fear of Torture / Legal Concern

BAHRAIN: Tawfiq AL-MAHROUS

'Abd al-Ridha AL-SHUWEIKH

'Ali 'OMRAN

Mohammad HASSAN

and 14 others (names unknown)

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A number of arrests took place at al-Mu'min Mosque in Manama on 19 January 1994. Since then some have been released, but those named above and 14 others, whose names are not known, are believed to remain in prison. They may already have been charged and sentenced. Their whereabouts remain unknown and they are believed to be held in incommunicado detention. They may have been subjected to torture or ill-treatment.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The arrests allegedly took place on the evening of 19 January as members of the majority Shi'a community were gathered at al-Mu'min Mosque for the 40th day commemoration ceremony of the death of Ayatollah Golpayegani. The gathering was reportedly a peaceful one. According to reports the mosque was surrounded by police and those inside given five minutes to leave. The police then entered the mosque using teargas and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd. An unknown number of arrests took place at the mosque while others were arrested later at their homes. Some were allegedly beaten at the time of their arrest.

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

- urging that the names and whereabouts of all those arrested on 19 January 1994, in connection with the gathering at al-Mu'min Mosque, be made public;
- seeking assurances that all those held are being humanely treated in accordance with international human rights standards, and that they are being granted access to lawyers, relatives and medical treatment, if necessary;
- if they have been tried and sentenced, requesting details such as the date and place of their trial, the charges of which they were convicted, and the sentences passed;
- urging the immediate and unconditional release of any who are held solely for the non-violent expression of their conscientiously held beliefs;
- requesting the authorities to initiate a thorough and independent inquiry into the reports of arrests and beatings by police during what appears to have been a peaceful ceremony on 19 January at al-Mu'min Mosque in Manama, and to make the findings public.

#### APPEALS TO

His Highness  
Al-Shaikh 'Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa  
Office of His Highness the Amir  
P.O. Box 555  
The Amiri Court  
Rifa'a Palace  
Rifa'a, Bahrain

**Telexes:** 8666 Qasar, BN 8500 Qasar BN  
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His Excellency  
Al-Shaikh Mohamed Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa  
Minister of Interior  
PO Box 13  
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**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

His Excellency  
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Prime Minister of Bahrain  
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and to diplomatic representatives of Bahrain accredited to your country

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 14 April 1994.