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Further information (1) on UA 207/96 (MDE 12/20/96, 21 August 1996) - Fear of Torture/Death in Custody

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Amnesty International is extremely alarmed at information it has recently received that, in addition to the five individuals named above, at least 52 other individuals are reportedly being held in the State Security Investigations Department (SSI) headquarters in Lazoghly Square, Cairo, where they have allegedly been subjected to torture. Methods of torture allegedly used against them include beatings, electric shocks, suspension in contorted positions and the extinguishing of cigarettes on their bodies.

All of those detained are suspected members or sympathizers of *al-Talai' al-Fatah* (the Vanguard of the Conquest) - a splinter group of the banned Islamist group *al-Gihad* (Holy Struggle). Among them are the 43 suspected members of the group who were arrested in Cairo and four other governorates in the first half of July 1996. They have reportedly been accused of "possession of large quantities of dynamite and preparing to overthrow the regime".

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express or airmail letters in Arabic, English, French or in your own language:**

- expressing concern at the alleged torture of at least 57 detainees in the SSI headquarters in Cairo, which has reportedly already led to the death of Ahmad Mohammad 'Abd al-'Adhim Higazi;
- seeking assurances that the 57 detainees and others are treated humanely in accordance with international standards and, in particular, that they have access to their lawyers, families and medical care;
- calling for an immediate, thorough and independent investigation into the death of Ahmad Mohammad 'Abd al-'Adhim Higazi and the reported torture of at least 57 others: the methods and conclusion of these investigations should be made public within reasonable time, and any member of the security forces implicated in torture and ill-treatment of detainees should be brought to justice.

**APPEALS TO:**

His Excellency Mohammad Hosni Mubarak  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
'Abedine Palace, Cairo, Egypt  
**Telegrams: President Mubarak, Cairo, Egypt**  
**Telexes: 93794 WAZRA UN**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

General Hassan al-Alfy  
Minister of the Interior  
Ministry of the Interior  
Al-Sheikh Rihan Street  
Bab al-Louk  
Cairo, Egypt

**Telexes: 21361 MOICM**  
**Telegrams: Interior Minister, Cairo, Egypt**  
**Salutation: Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

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Head of the Human Rights Department  
The Public Prosecutors Office  
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Ramses Street, Cairo, Egypt

Ms Nayla Gabr  
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Dr Fathi Sorour  
Speaker  
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and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 October 1996.

**FOR INFORMATION - full list of detainees. May also be distributed with the UA.**

Sayyid 'Abbas Sayyid Sabar  
 Tariq Mohammad Mursi Wahba  
 Taha Mansour Hilmi  
 'Abd al-Hamid Mahmoud Qutb Khalil  
 Mohammad Sayyid 'Abd al-Magid  
 Mohammad Mohammad 'Ali Radwan  
 Ahmad 'Abd al-Hamid Harbi  
 Ahmad Salah Mohammad Fadhali  
 Mohammad Farouq Mohammad Sha'lan  
 'Eid 'Abd al-Mon'im Metwali Abu Sari'a  
 Mohammad al-Sayyid Ibrahim Zayyid  
 Ahmad Mohammad al-Maghawri Isma'il  
 Sharif Zaynhum Ahmad Muntasir  
 Samir Hassan Abu al-Nil  
 Mohammad 'Abbas Sayyid Sabar  
 'Amr 'Abd al-Rahman  
 'Ali Mohammad 'Ali Radwan  
 Magdy Zaghloul Shahhata  
 'Abd al-Mon'im Ahmad Mostafa  
 Mansour Mahmoud Hilmi  
 Mahmoud Gabir  
 Mohammad Higazi Moussa  
 'Emad Ahmad Abu al-Makarim  
 Mohammad Badawy 'Allam  
 Sa'id Higazi al-Faramawi  
 Ahmad 'Abd al-Hafidh Harb  
 Hamdy Ibrahim al-Sayyid  
 'Abd al-Basit Sa'id Taghour  
 Hisham Mohammad 'Abdu 'Abd al-Khaliq  
 Waheed Mohammad Qutb  
 Mahmoud al-Sayyid Khalil  
 Mahmoud al-Zibni  
 Ibrahim 'Ali Khatir  
 'Essam Bahgat Badir  
 Ahmad Sha'ib  
 Ibrahim al-Sissi  
 Mohammad Sami al-Kaylani  
 Fathi 'Ashour  
 Fawzi Mohammad Ghabour  
 Mahmoud Mohammad 'Ali Naf'i  
 Mohammad 'Ali Mohammad  
 'Amru Mohammad 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Sarougi  
 Shukri Amin  
 Mahmoud 'Afifi  
 'Othman Bin 'Afan  
 Mohammad Hamida  
 Mohammad 'Abd al-Raziq al-Tahir  
 Sa'd Mohammad Gharib al-Khuli  
 Mohammad 'Abd al-Fatah 'Abd al-Hadi  
 Ahmad Sayyid Haggag  
 Sha'ban 'Abd al-Ilah al-Sissi  
 Sha'ban 'Adil Rishad 'Abd al-Muttagali  
 Gamal Hosni 'Abd al-Hakim Hasab Allah

'Abd al-Nasr al-Sayyid 'Ali Shahout  
Mohammad Badr  
Mahmoud Ghoneim  
Sayyid al-Gazar