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Further information on UA 398/94 (MDE 13/10/94, 11 November 1994) and follow-up (MDE 13/14/94, 28 November) - Fear of torture

IRAN Retired General Azizollah Amir Rahimi, aged 73
 Mehrdad Amir Rahimi, aged 28, his son

According to press reports of 3 March 1995, Mehrdad Amir Rahimi was released on bail on 1 March.

Amnesty International remains seriously concerned about the situation of Mehrdad Amir Rahimi's father, Retired General Azizollah Amir Rahimi. It is reported that he is to be tried on charges which are unspecified but believed to be related to his criticism of the Iranian government.

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

- welcoming the release of Mehrdad Amir Rahimi, but expressing concern that it is conditional;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Azizollah Amir Rahimi because he is being held solely for the non-violent expression of his beliefs;
- seeking assurances that he is being humanely treated.

APPEALS TO:

1) His Excellency Hojjatoleslam
Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani
The Presidency
Palestine Avenue
Azerbaijan Intersection
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: President Rafsanjani, Tehran, Iran

Telexes: 214231 MITI IR; (marked for the attention of President Rafsanjani)

Salutation: Your Excellency

2) His Excellency Ayatollah
Seyed Ali Khamanei
The Presidency
Palestine Avenue
Azerbaijan Intersection
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Ayatollah Khamanei, Tehran, Iran

Salutation: Your Excellency

3) His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi
Head of the Judiciary
Ministry of Justice
Park-e Shahr
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Justice Minister, Tehran, Iran

Salutation: Your Excellency

4) His Excellency
Mohammad Ali Besharati Jahromi
Minister of Interior

Ministry of Interior
Dr Fatemi Avenue
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
Telegrams: Interior Minister, Tehran, Iran
Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

His Excellency
Dr Ali Akbar Velayati
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Sheikh Abdolmajid Keshk-e Mesri Avenue
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 April 1995.