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Further information on 248/90 (MDE 13/02/91, 15 June 1990 and follow-ups MDE 13/10/90, 27 June, MDE 13/12/90, 13 July and MDE 13/02/91, 18 January 1991)

- Prisoners of Conscience and Fear of Torture and (new concern) HEALTH CONCERN:

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	**Amir Tavakol Ebrahimi	<u>Nezameddin Movahed</u>
	*Abbas Ghaem Al Sabahi	*Hossein Shah Hosseini

* Reportedly released.

**Reportedly died shortly after his release

Amnesty International is concerned that three of the 11 prisoners named above who are still held are seriously ill. They are prisoners of conscience who have been in detention for almost a year without charge or trial. Ali Ardalan and Nezameddin Movahed are elderly men, who are suffering from ill-health and are not being allowed to receive regular medication. Ali Ardalan suffers from cardiac problems and recent reports state that his sight is deteriorating. Nezameddin Movahed also suffers from heart problems, infected prostate and an eye condition which has developed since being in prison. Abdolali Bazargan is now reported to be back in Evin prison, after being held in a detention centre in Tehran. He is reportedly in very poor health, possibly as a result of torture, and has been given access to his own doctor.

There are fears that those still detained are under continuing pressure to give televised interviews and confessions.

These three prisoners of conscience were among a group of more than 20 arrested in June 1990 for signing an open letter to President Rafsanjani, or for their peaceful activities in the Association for the Defence of Freedom and Sovereignty of the Iranian Nation, dissolved on 14 June. Reportedly, eleven of the detainees have been released; most recently, Hormoz Momaiezi, who is said to be suffering from ill-health. It is still not clear, however, whether their release is unconditional or whether they may yet be brought to trial.

Amnesty International is calling for the immediate and unconditional release of all of these prisoners of conscience.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- expressing concern that the three above-named prisoners are reported to be ill and urging that Ali Ardalan and Nezameddin Movahed are given immediate and regular access to adequate medical care, and that Abdolali Bazargan continues to have access to necessary medical treatment and to his own doctor;
- expressing concern at the continuing imprisonment of 11 people arrested in June 1990 and urging the immediate and unconditional release of all of those who remain in detention, as prisoners of conscience;
- expressing satisfaction at the release of some of those arrested in June 1990 and seeking assurances that those who have been released have been released unconditionally.

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