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Further information on UA 86/95 (MDE 13/05/95, 7 April 1995) - Fear of torture / Legal concern and new concern: Fear of unfair trials

IRAN **Fear of unfair trials for demonstrators**

According to press reports, 50 people who were arrested following demonstrations in Islamshahr on 4 April 1995 will soon be tried. Amnesty International fears that these they may not receive a fair trial.

The organization's long-standing concerns regarding trial procedures and torture in the Islamic Republic of Iran continue. The organization is particularly concerned about trials before Islamic Revolutionary Courts where trials fall far short of internationally recognized standards for fair trial, where trial hearings are usually held *in camera*, most of the time inside prisons; proceedings are summary, hearings often lasting only for a few minutes, with defendants having no access to legal counsel and no right of appeal. No substantive steps have been taken to introduce safeguards for detainees and fears continue that those arrested are at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

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

- urging that the names of all those arrested following demonstrations in Islamshahr on 4 April 1995 be made public and seeking urgent clarification of the precise charges brought against them, and their places of detention;
- urging that their trial procedures will comply with internationally recognized standards for fair trial as set down in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Iran has ratified.
- requesting that defendants are given prompt and regular access to defence counsel and relatives;
- asking for assurances that the defendants are humanely treated and protected from any form of ill-treatment while in custody, and have access to medical doctors where necessary;

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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 July 1995.