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Further information on UA 123/99 (MDE 13/09/99, 26 May 1999) - Possible "disappearance"/Fear for safety

**IRANManuchehr Mohammadi
Gholamreza Mohajeri-Nezhad**

Amnesty International has received reports that Manuchehr Mohammadi, an Iranian student leader, was released on 30 May 1999. According to eye-witness reports he had been attacked outside a student rally in Tehran on 25 May by five unknown men, who beat him and took him away in a car. In an radio interview after his release, Manuchehr Mohammadi reportedly claimed that while detained he was beaten and forced to sign documents stating that he had received funds from foreign sources and from Iranian opposition groups based abroad. The precise identities of those responsible for the abduction, detention and torture of Manuchehr Mohammadi remain unclear.

According to reports received by Amnesty International, Gholamreza Mohajeri-Nezhad, another student activist, was detained on 30 May 1999. There were no further details as to his status or whereabouts.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or your own language:

- seeking urgent clarification from the authorities of the whereabouts and well-being of Gholamreza Mohajeri-Nezhad;
- continuing to urge the authorities to take concrete measures to guarantee the security of all other student activists currently believed to be at risk;
- urging the authorities to bring to justice anyone found responsible for the assault, abduction and torture of Manuchehr Mohammadi;
- continuing to remind the government of Iran of its commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular Article 3: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person".

APPEALS TO:

1)Leader of the Islamic Republic

His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
The Presidency, Palestine Avenue

Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Ayatollah Khamenei, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Salutation: Your Excellency

2)President

His Excellency Hojjatoleslam val Moslemin Sayed Mohammad Khatami
The Presidency, Palestine Avenue

Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: President Khatami, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Salutation: Your Excellency

3)Head of Judiciary

His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi
Ministry of Justice

Park-e Shahr, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Telegrams: Head of the Judiciary, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Salutation: Your Excellency

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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 13 July 1999.