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Further information (5) on UA 269/96 (MDE 13/36/96, 20 November 1996) and follow-ups MDE 13/40/96, 23 December 1996, MDE 13/08/97, 31 January 1997, MDE 13/09/97, 6 February, MDE 13/10/97, 10 February - Fear for safety / Possible prisoner of conscience / Fear of death penalty

IRANFaraj Sarkouhi, editor

Amnesty International has no new information on the fate of Faraj Sarkouhi, but remains extremely concerned for his safety. The organization believes that he may still be in detention and at risk of being sentenced to death.

At the close of this action, campaigning on behalf of Faraj Sarkouhi will continue by other means.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send one more round of appeals in French, English or in your own language:

- urgently requesting clarification of the whereabouts and legal status of Faraj Sarkouhi;
- calling for his immediate and unconditional release unless he is to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence;
- urging that, should Faraj Sarkouhi be convicted of a crime, the death penalty not be applied;
- seeking assurances that if Faraj Sarkouhi remains in detention he will be humanely treated and granted regular access to his family and to doctors and lawyers of his choice.

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, Iran
Salutation: Your Excellency

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His Excellency Hojjatoleslam
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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 28 May 1997.