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Further information on UA 80/92 (MDE 13/07/92, 6 March 1992, and follow-up MDE 13/08/92, 27 April 1992) - Fear of Torture and new concern unfair trial IRAN: Sardar Yousef Naroui

Amnesty International has learned that Sardar Yousef Naroui was sentenced to four years' imprisonment following a trial at the beginning of August 1992. He had been in detention since his arrest on 15 February 1992. Detailed information about the trial, which is believed to have been held <u>in camera</u>, is not available, and the charges brought against Sardar Yousef Naroui are not known. Following the trial he was transferred to Zahedan Civil Prison. Reports indicate that he may have been tortured or ill-treated.

Amnesty International believes that Sardar Yousef Naroui was not tried in accordance with internationally accepted standards for fair trial, and that he was not given access to legal counsel at any stage of his detention or during his trial.

Amnesty International remains concerned about the continuing reports of arbitrary arrest, detention and torture of members of the Naroui tribe in the Baluchistan-Sistan region of Iran. It has recorded the execution of at least 16 Baluchis, all believed to have been members of the Naroui tribe, in 1992.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes and airmail letters either in english or your own language.

- expressing concern at reports that Sardar Yousef Naroui may have been subjected to torture or ill-treatment, and seeking assurances that a full and thorough investigation into torture allegations will be conducted and anyone found to be responsible for such practices will be brought to justice;
- expressing concern that the trial proceedings appear not to have complied with internationally accepted standards for fair trial;
- seeking information about the precise charges on which he was convicted;
- asking why he was reportedly denied access to legal counsel and representation by a lawyer at his trial;
- asking what appeal procedures are open to Sardar Yousef Naroui.

APPEALS TO:

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(marked for the attention of President Rafsanjani)

Salutation: Your Excellency

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Head of the Judiciary
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Salutation: Your Excellency

3) Minister of the Interior
His 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 4 November 1992.