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Further information on UA 266/95 (MDE 13/21/95, 29 November 1995) and follow-ups (MDE 13/03/96, 23 January 1996; MDE 13/10/96, 22 March; MDE 13/20/96, 26 June; MDE 13/32/96, 20 August; MDE 13/37/96, 21 November; MDE 13/03/97, 9 January 1997; MDE 13/05/97, 24 January) - Fear of Torture / Legal Concern / Fear of Death Penalty

IRAN Hojjatoleslam Fu'ad Fujian

Hadi Dhakeri

Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sheikh Mohammad Amin Ghafoori  
And others, including seven students

Released: Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sayed Hossein Fali

Hojjatoleslam Mohammad Saleh Hedayati

Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Mohammad Taqi Dhakeri

Imadeddin Sultan Ali Saberi (new name)

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Amnesty International has learned that Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sayed Hossein Fali was released from detention on 8 June 1997. Hojjatoleslam Mohammad Saleh Hedayati and Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Mohammad Taqi Dhakeri were released earlier, dates unknown.

The organization has also received reports that Imadeddin Sultan Ali Saberi, a follower of Grand Ayatollah Shirazi, was released on 15 June 1997. He had reportedly been arrested, possibly in Qom, on or around 15 January 1997.

Amnesty International is still seeking information about the legal status of Hojjatoleslam Fu'ad Fujian, Hadi Dhakeri, Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sheikh Mohammad Amin Ghafoori and others, including seven students. It fears that they remain at risk of torture and ill-treatment and may be prisoners of conscience, held solely on account of their relationship to, or peaceful support for, Grand Ayatollah Shirazi. If so, they should be released immediately and unconditionally.

**Following a final round of appeals, this UA will be closed and other AI Networks will continue working on behalf of those still detained. Many thanks to all who took part in this prolonged action, which is believed to have helped those detained. Please send a last round of faxes and letters in French, English or in your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sayed Hossein Fali, Imadeddin Sultan Ali Saberi and Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Mohammad Taqi Dhakeri;
- seeking details of the legal status of those still held, including full details of all the charges and evidence against them and details of any trial proceedings, judgements and sentences;
- urging that they all be granted prompt and regular access to family members, lawyers of their choice, independent doctors, and a prompt judicial review of their detention;
- seeking assurances that they are being humanely treated and that they are not being subjected to torture or ill-treatment.

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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 2 August 1997.