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Further information on UA 310/98 (MDE 13/26/98, 11 December 1998) - Fear for safety/possible "disappearance"

IRAN Mohammad Ja'far Puyandeh
Hushang Golshiri
Kazem Kordavani
'Ali Ashraf Darvishiyani
Mansur Kushan

On 10 December 1998 the body of Mohammad Ja'far Puyandeh, who "disappeared" on 9 December, was reportedly discovered by police under a railway bridge in a suburb of Tehran. He had been strangled. A positive identification was only made after his photograph appeared in the Iranian press on 12 December.

The death of Mohammad Ja'far Puyandeh has heightened Amnesty International's concerns for the safety of writers Hushang Golshiri, Kazem Kordavani, 'Ali Ashraf Darvishiyani and Mansur Kushan.

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

- continuing to urge that the Iranian authorities guarantee the safety of Hushang Golshiri, Kazem Kordavani, 'Ali Ashraf Darvishiyani and Mansur Kushan;
- requesting that, as a matter of urgency, the Iranian authorities undertake a full, impartial and independent investigation into the deaths of Mohammad Ja'far Puyandeh, Mohammad Mokhtari and Majid Sharif, and that they make public the results of any such investigation;
- reminding 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:

Leader of the Islamic Republic

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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 January 1999.

***"Everyone has the right to life,
liberty and security of person."***

Article 3, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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