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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 1996 and MDE 13/20/96, 26 June 1996 ) - Fear of torture / Legal concern / Fear of death penalty

IRANHojjatoleslam val muslimin Mohammad Taqi al-Dhakeri, aged 41  
Hojjatoleslam val muslimin 'Abdolrahman al-Ha'eri, aged 32 - RELEASED  
Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sayed 'Abdolrasul al-Musawi, aged 40 -  
RELEASED  
Hojjatoleslam Taleb al-Salehi, aged 24  
Hojjatoleslam Mohammed Fazel Mohammad al-Saffar, aged 23  
Hojjatoleslam Mohammad 'Ali Ma'ash, aged 24 - RELEASED  
Sighatoleslam Fu'ad Fujian, aged 30  
Mohammad al-Ghaffari, aged 42  
Hadi al-Akhound al-Dhakeri, aged 29  
Iyad Fujian, aged 25 - RELEASED  
Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sayed Morteza Shirazi, aged 29  
Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Ja'far Ghani al-Ha'eri - RELEASED  
Hojjatoleslam Muhammad Saleh Hedayati  
Hojjatoleslam Sayed Abbas al-Musawi - RELEASED  
Ahmad Akhound - RELEASED  
Jalal Akhound - RELEASED  
Hojjatoleslam val muslimin Sayed Mehdi Shirazi (brother of Sayed Morteza),  
aged about 20  
Ali al-Rumaythi  
Sheikh Hossein al-Dhakeri (brother of Mohammad Taqi and Hadi) - RELEASED  
Hojjatoleslam Sheikh Azizollah Hassani, aged about 60 - RELEASED  
and 7 others

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Amnesty International has received reports of the release of those indicated in the list above. There are also unconfirmed reports that two others, Taleb al-Salehi and 'Ali al-Rumaythi may have been released about a week ago.

Most, if not all, of the remaining 15 are believed to remain in detention, and to have been subjected to various kinds of torture. Most, if not all, are believed not yet to have been brought to trial. Fears remain that, if tried and convicted, at least some could face the death penalty.

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

- welcoming the 10 releases, seeking confirmation of the release of Taleb al-Salehi and 'Ali al-Rumaythi and whether the releases were unconditional;
- urging that all those detained be granted access to prompt and regular family visits, and to lawyers and doctors of their choice;
- seeking details of the legal status of all those who remain detained including full details of all the charges and evidence against them and details of any trial proceedings, judgements and sentences;
- urging that all those detained be released if not promptly and fairly tried on recognizably criminal charges. Any prisoners of conscience should be released immediately and unconditionally;
- calling for a prompt, thorough and independent investigation into all allegations of torture, the methods and findings of which should be made public.

**Note:** In the previous update (MDE 13/20/96, 26 June 1996) it was incorrectly stated that Sayed Abdolrasoul al-Musawi had been sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment. It was Sayed Abbas al-Musawi who had received this sentence.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) Leader of the Islamic Republic  
His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei  
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Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Ayatollah Khamenei, Tehran, Iran**  
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2) The President  
His Excellency Hojjatoleslam  
Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani  
The Presidency, Palestine Avenue  
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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

3) Head of the Judiciary  
His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi  
Ministry of Justice  
Park-e Shahr, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Head of the Judiciary, Tehran, Iran**  
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**COPIES 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 30 September 1996.