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Further information on UA 392/90 (MDE 15/37/90, 2 October 1990) - Torture

ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin

'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin (ID number confirmed as 96594055) was arrested on 30 August. On 22 October 1990 an administrative detention order was issued for his detention until 15 April 1991. The appeal against this order took place on 27 December 1990. The non-classified evidence revealed to 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin and his lawyer at the appeal alleged that he was a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and that he distributed leaflets. His detention order was reduced by approximately six weeks.

On 22 February 1991, when he was due to be released, 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin's detention was extended for six months. His lawyer has not yet been informed of the reasons for the extension of the order. 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin apparently fears that the extension of his detention may be a reprisal for having complained about torture while under interrogation in Gaza Central Prison after his arrest in August 1990.

'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin was approached towards the end of 1990 by an investigator looking into his complaint. He apparently agreed to a polygraph test. The results of the investigation are not yet known.

'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin was previously arrested on 19 July 1988 and issued with a six-month administrative detention order dated 26 June 1988. From 15 May to 5 July 1988 he had been employed as a researcher and assistant director by a British film company making a documentary about the Gaza Strip. He was, however, released after five weeks on 25 August 1988. Amnesty International believes that on that occasion 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin may have been detained because of his involvement with the documentary.

All available evidence suggests to Amnesty International that 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin is currently held as a prisoner of conscience, held solely on account of his peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression, and possibly as a reprisal for having complained about torture. Amnesty International is calling for the immediate and unconditional release of 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin unless the authorities are ready to produce the evidence necessary for him to exercise the right to challenge the extension of his detention.

Amnesty International is also calling for the investigation into the complaint about 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin's alleged torture to be concluded

swiftly, for the results to be made public, and for anyone found to be responsible to be brought to justice.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing concern at the extension of 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin's administrative detention order, stating that all available evidence suggests that he is a prisoner of conscience;
- expressing concern that his detention may have been extended as a reprisal for having complained about torture;
- calling for his release unless any evidence of his involvement in violence is made available to him and his lawyer so that he can exercise the right to challenge his detention;
- calling for the investigation into his complaint about his alleged torture to be concluded swiftly and for anyone found responsible to be brought to justice.

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