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LIMITED MEDICAL LETTER-WRITING ACTION

**'Abd al-'Alim Yunis 'Abd al-Hafeth Da'na
ISRAEL/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES**

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Letters of enquiry are requested from medical groups on behalf of 'Abd al-'Alim Yunis 'Abd al-Hafeth Da'na, a prisoner in administrative detention who is reported to be in ill-health. His case is under investigation by Amnesty International.

Please see the details attached. His full name should be used in letters to the authorities. Medical groups are asked to send up to three letters per group to the addresses given below. Letters should

- . express concern that 'Abd al-'Alim Yunis 'Abd al-Hafeth Da'na has now been held in administrative detention since March 1988 and at reports that he did not until recently receive proper medical attention, despite complaining of ill-health since shortly after arrest
- . note that he was admitted to Ramleh prison hospital for medical examination in April this year and seek information on the outcome of tests, his current condition and the access he now has to medical attention

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MEDICAL CONCERN

'Abd al-'Alim Yunis 'Abd al-Hafeth Da'na
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Amnesty International is seeking clarification from the Israeli authorities about the conditions in which 'Abd al-'Alim Da'na is held in detention, his access to medical attention since arrest and the opportunity he has to challenge his long-term administrative detention. Aged 47, he has been held in custody for over two years under repeated administrative detention orders which permit the detention without charge or trial of any individual considered to pose a threat to state or public security. Over 4,000 people were thus detained in the course of 1989. In August 1989 the maximum period for which administrative detention orders could be issued or renewed was extended from six months to one year.

'Abd al-'Alim Da'na was arrested in March 1988. Until recently he was held in the Ketziot detention centre (also known as Ansar III), a remote prison in the Negev desert where the majority of administrative detainees are held. The conditions in the camp are harsh, with accommodation consisting of tents providing little protection from the desert temperatures. Medical services are said to be inadequate.

'Abd al-'Alim Da'na's initial detention order was renewed on expiry and has now been renewed on four consecutive occasions, most recently for a one-year period. He is due for release in November 1990. He is reported to have been in ill-health since shortly after his arrest, but to have been without access to proper medical attention. It is reported that he may have a peptic ulcer, and more recently he has complained of shortness of breath and persistent chest pain, radiating to the left arm. In November 1989 an appeal against the latest renewal of his detention order resulted in his transfer to Junayd prison where general conditions of detention are more favourable, and in April 1990 he was admitted to Ramleh prison hospital for tests. Amnesty International is seeking information on the outcome of hospital examination and on his current state of health. It is also seeking information from the Israeli authorities on the reasons for 'Abd al-'Alim Da'na's continued detention.