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Further information on UA 276/97 (MDE 15/48/97, 18 August 1997) - Medical concern
/ Fear of torture / Legal concern

ISRAEL / SOUTH LEBANON Huda Assad Alla Hamada (f), 17, worker and student
Ghassan Ali Eisa, 20, worker
Haydar Ali Eisa, soldier
Khalil Karnaib, 26, worker
Suleiman Karnaib, 23, soldier

Huda Hamada was reportedly released from Khiam Detention Centre on 7 April 1998. Concern remains, however, for the well-being of the other four Lebanese nationals named above who have been detained in Khiam, where systematic torture and ill-treatment is known to take place, since July 1997.

Khalil Karnaib and his brother Suleiman Karnaib, arrested on 13 July 1997, were reportedly transferred to Marjayun Hospital around two weeks ago with emergency medical conditions. Khalil Karnaib is reported to have been tortured and is subsequently suffering from concussion and bleeding within the skull -- it is understood he has also become epileptic since his detention. Suleiman Karnaib is said to be very ill with liver disease and thalassaemia (blood disorder).

Detainees at Khiam Detention Centre have been held incommunicado since 10 September 1997 when family members and delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) were denied access.

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

- calling for an investigation into allegations that Khalil Karnaib has been tortured and ill-treated while in Khiam Detention Centre;
- seeking assurances that Khalil Karnaib, Suleiman Karnaib, Ghassan Ali Eisa and Haydar Ali Eisa, detained since July 1997, are now being treated humanely in accordance with international standards and urging that they be granted access to any medical attention they may require;
- urging that they be granted immediate and continuing access to their families, lawyers and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
- calling for their unconditional release if they are not to be charged with criminal offences and tried according to international standards for a fair trial.

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Salutation: Dear Brigadier General

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Salutation: Dear General

and to diplomatic representatives of Israel accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 May 1998.