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Further information on UA 84/98 (MDE 15/23/98, 16 March 1998) - <u>Legal concern</u> / Fear of torture

ISRAEL/SOUTH LEBANONHassan Yahia } released
Yahia Yahia }

'Abbas Nakhla }

'Adnan Yahia } still in detention
Hussain Mar'i }
Bilal Abu Ta'am }
Hussain Nasr }

Amnesty International has been informed that Hassan Yahia, Yahia Yahia and 'Abbas Nakhla, who were arrested on 3 March 1998, were released from Khiam Detention Centre on 1 April 1998.

'Adnan Yahia, Hussain Mar'i, Bilal Abu Ta'am and Hussain Nasr, who were arrested by Israeli forces at the same time, in the village of Tayba in the Israeli occupied "security zone" in South Lebanon, remain in detention in Khiam, where they remain at grave risk of torture or ill-treatment.

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

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of 'Adnan Yahia, Hussain Mar'i, Bilal Abu Ta'am and Hussain Nasr, unless they are charged with a recognizably criminal offence;

-seeking assurances that the detainees are well treated and allowed access to their families and lawyers.

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Prime Minister

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Faxes: + 972 3 691 7915 Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

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General Antoine Lahad

South Lebanon Army

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Chief of General Staff)

Salutation: Dear General

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and to diplomatic representatives of Israel/Lebanon accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 June 1998.