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Further information (1) on UA 96/96 (MDE 15/25/96, 4 April 1996) - Torture
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PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY Adib Muhammad Ziadeh

Adib Muhammad Ziadeh, who was arrested without warrant in Ramallah on 8 March 1996 and was subsequently reportedly tortured, remains in custody. He is still held in Jericho prison, but now in the main section. He has not been charged with any offence. However, he has not been interrogated further and has been seen regularly by his family and friends. He has been taken numerous times to the hospital.

Investigations have reportedly been carried out into this case and apologies have been given by the security forces for the treatment of Adib Ziadeh. But it does not appear that these investigations are official, nor does it appear that the interrogators are being held accountable in any way.

Amnesty International is concerned at the lack of legal procedure in the arrest and detention of Adib Ziadeh. The organization is also concerned at the fact that the investigations into the alleged torture during his interrogation appear to be unofficial.

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

- welcoming the fact that Adib Ziadeh has been given access to family visits and medical care and that he is not now being tortured;
- calling for his immediate release if he is not to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence and tried promptly before a court which meets international standards for fair trial;
- calling for an official investigation into the torture allegations, the results of which should be made public.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear President Arafat

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Salutation: Dear Mr Erekat

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Salutation: Dear Mr al-Tarawi

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and to diplomatic representatives of the Palestinian Authority accredited to your country. **DO NOT COPY YOUR LETTERS TO ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN YOUR COUNTRY.**

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 June 1996.