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Further information on UA 323/97 (MDE 15/90/97, 15 October 1997) - Fear of Torture / Legal Concern

ISRAEL/SOUTH LEBANON
Taysir Dabaja (under 16), school student
Na'ima Faysel Jaber (f) (under 16), school student
Khaled Idris, (under 16), school student
Bisam 'Ali Hamdeh (under 16), school student
Bilal Ibrahim al-Ashqar (under 16), school student
Bilal Kayed Faraj (under 16), school student
Zeinab Naser (f) (32)
Mazen 'Abdallah (12)

The South Lebanon Army (SLA) reportedly released Zeinab Naser from Khiam Detention Centre on 28 November 1997. Appeals for Zeinab Naser should now cease.

Amnesty International remains concerned about the well-being of the other seven detainees, all under the age of 18, who remain in detention at Khiam.

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

- urging that these detainees be granted immediate and continuing access to their families, lawyers and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
- urging full respect for the Convention on the Rights of the Child in the treatment of these detainees;
- seeking assurances that the detainees will be protected from any form of torture or ill-treatment;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of the detainees if they are not charged with criminal offences and tried according to international standards for a fair trial;
- calling for all detainees in Khiam to have access to the ICRC, family and lawyers.

APPEALS TO:

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Hakirya, Jerusalem 91007, Israel
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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

General Yitzhak Mordechai
Minister of Defence, Ministry of Defence
7 'A' Street, Hakirya, Tel Aviv, Israel
Faxes: + 972 3 697 6218
Salutation: Dear Minister

General Antoine Lahad
South Lebanon Army
c/o General Yitzhak Mordechai
Minister of Defence, Ministry of Defence
7 'A' Street, Hakirya, Tel Aviv, Israel

Faxes: + 972 3 697 6218 ("please forward to General Lahad)
Salutation: Dear General

COPIES 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 25 January 1998.