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Torture/Ill-treatment

6 June 1991

JORDAN:

Muhamad Jaber Hasan Mut'ab, aged 24

Amnesty International is concerned at reports that Muhammad Mut'ab has been tortured while held incommunicado in the custody of the General Intelligence Department (GID), and may be at risk of further torture or ill-treatment.

Muhammad Mut'ab, was arrested on 30 April 1991. He was held for one week by the Preventive Security (a special police force) and then moved to the GID headquarters where he is currently detained without charge under emergency legislation provisions.

Muhammad Mut'ab is reportedly being interrogated about publications of a Palestinian group headed by Abu Musa which were said to have been found next to a paper which had his name on it. The Jordanian authorities apparently suspect him of being connected with the Abu Musa group, which is illegal. He is said to have denied the accusations.

Muhammad Mut'ab has not been visited by a lawyer since his arrest, and was allowed access to a relative only on 2 June. He has allegedly been beaten, suffering injuries to his neck.

Muhammad Mut'ab is aged 24 and he is the breadwinner for a family of some 10 people. He works in a furniture shop.

Amnesty International has long been concerned about the infliction of torture on detainees held by the GID in Amman. Over the years it has received consistent allegations that detainees are tortured or ill-treated during interrogation by the GID. Lawyers are not allowed to visit them, although occasionally relatives do. Under emergency legislation in force in the country detainees can be held indefinitely without charge or trial or judicial review.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing concern at reports that Muhammad Mut'ab has been tortured or ill-treated;
- seeking assurances that he is being treated humanely according to international human rights standards;
- asking that he be given immediate access to a lawyer of his choice and any medical assistance which may be necessary;
- asking that he be released unless he is charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

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