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Further information on EXTRA 86/99 (MDE 16/11/99, 15 July 1999) - Fear for safety

JORDAN/IRAQ Jotiar Yahia Latif al-Salihi, aged 31
Rawiya (his wife), aged 28, and two children, Chimen (f), aged 3 and Latif, aged 1
Robar Yahia Latif al-Salihi (brother), aged 24
Omaed Yahia Latif al-Salihi (brother)
Joanne Yahia Latif al-Salihi (sister)
Gulbahar Yahia Latif al-Salihi (mother)

Amnesty International has learned that Robar, Omaed, Joanne and Gulbahar Yahia Latif al-Salihi have been arrested by the Jordanian Public Security services and may be facing imminent forcible repatriation to Iraq where they would be at risk of serious human rights violations.

According to reports received, Robar and Omaed Yahia Latif al-Salihi were arrested for two hours on 20 August 1999 and told to leave the country within four days or face being forcibly repatriated to Iraq. They were reportedly re-arrested on 23 August 1999. Joanne and Gulbahar Yahia Latif al-Salihi were later summoned by the authorities and all four were reportedly seen boarding a van. One of the two brothers is said to have indicated to an eye witness that the four were being taken to the Jordan-Iraq border.

The fate and whereabouts of Jotiar Yahia Latif al-Salihi, his wife and his children remain unknown.

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

- urging the Jordanian authorities not to send back to Iraq Robar, Omaed, Joanne and Gulbahar Yahia Latif al-Salihi;
- requesting further information about the fate and whereabouts of Jotiar Yahia Latif al-Salihi, his wife and two children.

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