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Torture/Fear of execution

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LIBYA: Col. Mahammad Abdul 'Ati al-Buma  
Col. Miftah Qarrum al-Wirfalli- (suffers from leukaemia)  
Col. Sa'ad Misbah al-A'Rusi  
Lt-Col Daw al-Salihin - (reported to have had his leg amputated as a result  
of injuries sustained during torture)  
Lt-Col Ahmad al-Du'ayki  
Lt-Col Muhammad Bashir  
Major Abdul Salam al-Waa'ir  
Lt. Abdallah al-Waa'ir  
Major Ramadan al-'Ayhuri  
Major Muhammad al-Ghul  
Saad Al-Wirfalli  
Major Khalil Salam al-Jidiq  
Sa'd Musbah Sa'd al-Amin al-Zubaydi  
Dr. Musa al-Keilani  
Ali Faraj Zai'd  
Fathi Hamid

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Amnesty International is gravely concerned that the sixteen people named above and many others are being tortured in incommunicado detention and may be in danger of imminent execution.

Three of them have appeared on television confessing to being American "spies". They said they were recruited as American intelligence agents by members of the National Front for the Salvation of Libya, the country's main opposition group operating in exile. It is believed that they were tortured into making such "confessions". Spying is punishable by death in Libya.

The people named above were detained with many others in the aftermath of a rebellion by army units around the city of Misrata in October 1993. They have been held incommunicado in unknown locations. Amnesty International fears that they are being subjected to torture.

Amnesty International is also deeply concerned that these people are at risk of execution. It is not known whether or not they have been tried. Amnesty International opposes the use of the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: please send telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters either in Arabic, English or in your own language:**

- urging that the sixteen people named above should not be executed and reiterating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty;
- urging the authorities to investigate the allegations of torture;
- urging the authorities to treat the detainees humanely and to give them access to lawyers, family members and medical attention.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) His Excellency Mu'ammarr al-Gaddafi  
Leader of The Revolution  
Tripoli  
Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
**Telegrams: Colonel al-Gaddafi, Tripoli, Libya**  
**Telexes: 70 0901 20162 ALKHASU LY**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

2) His Excellency Mr Muhammad 'Ali al-Jadi  
President of the Supreme Court and  
Chairman of the Libyan Human Rights Committee  
Tripoli  
Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab  
Jamhuriya  
**Telegrams: Muhammad 'Ali al-Jadi, President of the Supreme Court, Tripoli, Libya.**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:** diplomatic representatives of Libya accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or with your section office, if sending appeals after 28 April 1994.