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Fear for safety / Possible abduction

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LIBYA

Mansur KIKHIYA, lawyer, prominent opposition member, aged 62

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Amnesty International is deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of Mansur Kikhiya, a prominent member of the Libyan Opposition who went missing on 11 December from a hotel in Cairo. Amnesty International fears that he may have been abducted by Libyan government agents and possibly taken back to Libya.

Mansur Kikhiya had been attending the general conference of the Arab Organization for Human Rights, during which he was elected as member of its Executive Committee. According to information received by Amnesty International, he was last seen at about 9 a.m. on 11 December at the al-Safir (Ambassador) Hotel in al-Duqi district where he was staying. The Egyptian authorities have reportedly launched an investigation.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mansur Kikhiya was born in Benghazi in 1931. He served as Libya's Foreign Minister between 1972 and 1974. In 1975, he was appointed Libya's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, a post he held until September 1980 when he resigned in protest against the execution of political opponents by the Libyan government that year. Since then he has been an active opponent of the government and was living in exile in France. He is married and has two children.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Arabic, English, (and/or in French for appeals to Egypt) or in your own language:**

- seeking assurances from the Libyan authorities that Mansur Kikhiya has not been forcibly abducted and returned to Libya.

- asking the Egyptian authorities to confirm that they have launched an investigation to locate Mansur Kikhiya, and urging that it be thorough.

#### APPEALS TO:

His Excellency Mu'ammara al-Gaddafi  
Leader of the Revolution  
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Tripoli  
Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
**Telegrams: Colonel al-Gaddafi, Tripoli, Libya**  
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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

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Muhammad Hosni Mubarak  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
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**COPIES TO:** Diplomatic representatives of Libya and Egypt in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 23 January 1994.