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"Disappearance" / Fear for safety

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LIBYAIbrahim Mohamed Ibrahim Jad, late 20s

Ayman Salim Mohamed Dababich, engineer, late 20s

The two men named above have not been seen since their arrest by Libyan security forces over a month ago. Amnesty International fears for their safety.

Ibrahim Mohamed Ibrahim Jad was arrested on 17 September 1996 at the Palestinian camp near Salloum in northeast Libya. According to reports received by Amnesty International, enquiries were made as to his whereabouts at the Palestinian Embassy in Tripoli, as the Libyan security forces stated that he had been sent there, but embassy staff denied knowledge of his existence.

Ayman Salim Mohamed Dababich was arrested on 18 September 1996 in Tubruk, on suspicion of having connections with a religious opposition movement after having given a lift in a vehicle to a member of such a movement. Following his arrest, his family were forced to leave their house in Tubruk and were taken to the camp near Salloum by the police. The family have had no news of Ayman Salim Mohamed Dababich since his arrest.

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

- expressing grave concern at the "disappearance" of Ibrahim Mohamed Ibrahim Jad and Ayman Salim Mohamed Dababich, arrested by Libyan security forces on 17 and 18 September 1996 respectively;
- urging that the authorities establish and make public their whereabouts as a matter of urgency and either charge them with recognizably criminal offences or release them immediately and unconditionally;
- urging that the two men be humanely treated while in detention;
- calling for a public enquiry into the "disappearance" of the two men and for those found responsible to be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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

2) His Excellency
'Umar Mustafa al-Muntasir
Secretary of the People's Committee
of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison
and International Cooperation
Tripoli
Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Telegrams: Excellency al-Muntasir, Foreign Liaison Bureau, Tripoli, Libya
Salutation: Your Excellency

3) His Excellency
Zanati Mohammad al-Zanati

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Secretary of the General People's Congress
Secretariat of the General People's Congress
Tripoli

Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Telegrams: Excellency al-Zanati, General People's Congress, Tripoli, Libya

Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Libya accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 13 December 1996.