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Sheikh Mohamed Saleh Ali (m), approx 33 years, Bahraini national

Sheikh Mohamed Saleh Ali is currently being held at *Madinah* prison, near Mecca, without charge, trial or access to a lawyer. He is reportedly in need of urgent medical attention for a heart complaint having earlier being hospitalized at the Intensive Care Unit of a hospital in Saudi Arabia.

Sheikh Mohamed Saleh Ali was first arrested on 22 July 2003 by the Saudi Arabian authorities whilst travelling on the King Fahd Causeway which links Bahrain to Saudi Arabia. He was initially taken to *Dammam* prison, where he was detained for three days until he was transferred to *Madinah* prison. It is not known why he has been arrested.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Bahraini national Sheikh Mohamed Saleh Ali if he has not been charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- expressing concern for his health and seeking assurances that he is given immediate access to appropriate medical care;
- asking the authorities to ensure that Sheikh Mohamed Saleh Ali is protected from torture and ill-treatment and given regular access to lawyers and consular assistance.

APPEALS TO:

Minister of the Interior

His Royal Highness Prince Naif bin >Abdul >Aziz,
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Telegram: Minister of Interior, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
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Salutation: Your Royal Highness

Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Royal Highness Prince Saud al-Faisal bin >Abdul >Aziz Al-Saud,
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Minister of Justice

His Excellency Dr. >Abdullah bin Muhammad bin Ibrahim Al-Sheikh
Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice
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Salutation: **Your Excellency**

King and Prime Minister

The Custodian of the Two Holy Shrines

His Majesty King Fahd bin >Abdul >Aziz Al-Saud,

Office of H.M. The King, Royal Court,

Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Telegram: **King Fahd, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

Salutation: **Your Majesty**

COPIES TO: Diplomatic representatives of Saudi Arabia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 March 2004.