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*PLEASE DRAW TO THE ATTENTION OF THE REFUGEE COORDINATOR IN YOUR SECTION*

**Further information on EXTRA 10/94 (MDE 28/03/94, 16 February 1994) and follow-up (MDE 28/04/94, 2 March) - Fear of Refoulement**

**ALGERIA: Zine El Abidine ATTIA  
Idriss NOUIOUI  
Kaddour NAGHMOUCHI  
Mahjoubi SOLTAN  
Nassereddine KHELISI  
Barhoumi BOUMENJEL  
Bechir Aboud ABDELJAOUAD**

**Jebari BOUJEMAA**

**(all Tunisian nationals)**

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Amnesty International remains concerned about the whereabouts and legal status of Jebari Boujemaa who was arrested in Tebessa on 25 February 1994 and faces imminent forcible return (*refoulement*) to Tunisia.

The organization has received reports that the other seven people named above have been forcibly returned to Tunisia, possibly as early as 10 February.

All eight are recognized as refugees in need of protection by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Once handed over to the Tunisian authorities, Amnesty International fears that the individuals concerned face torture, ill-treatment and imprisonment after unfair trial. The UNHCR has still not been able to confirm the whereabouts of any of the above people, including Jebari Boujemaa, despite repeated requests to the Algerian authorities.

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

- asking the Algerian authorities to inform you urgently of the whereabouts and legal status of Jebari Boujemaa and urging that he should on no account be forcibly returned to Tunisia;
- urging the Algerian authorities to confirm when Zine El Abidine Attia, Idriss Nouiou, Kaddour Naghmouchi, Mahjoubi Soltan, Nassereddine Khelisi Barhoumi Boumenjel and Bechir Aboud Abdeljaouad were forcibly returned to Tunisia and asking for details of their current whereabouts;
- pointing out that such forcible return (*refoulement*) is in violation of international standards, including the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), to which Algeria is a state party;
- urging that the UNHCR be immediately informed of the whereabouts of all of the individuals concerned and that Jebari Boujemaa be given direct access to his lawyer and family.

**APPEALS TO:**

**Salutation for all: Excellence/Your Excellency**

- 1) State President

M. Lamine ZEROUAL  
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 El Mouradia, Alger, Algérie  
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2) Minister of the Interior  
 M. Salim SAADI  
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 Ministère de l'Intérieur  
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3) Minister for Foreign Affairs  
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 Ministre des Affaires étrangères  
 Ministère des Affaires étrangères  
 6 rue 16n-Batran  
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4) Minister of Justice  
 M. Mohamed TEGUIA  
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 Ministère de la Justice  
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**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO the following Tunisian Ministers:**

(It may provide some form of protection for those handed over to the Tunisian authorities if the latter are aware that there is public knowledge and concern about them).

1) Minister of the Interior  
 M. Abdallah Kallel  
 Ministre de l'Intérieur  
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 Tunis, Tunisie  
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2) Minister of Foreign Affairs  
 M. Habib Ben Yahia  
 Ministre des Affaires étrangères  
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and to diplomatic representatives of ALGERIA accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat or your section office if sending appeals after 18 April 1994.