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**Further information on UA 70/00 (MDE 28/04/00, 24 March 2000) - Arrests / Prosecution / Police intimidation / Fear for safety / Fear of further detentions**

**ALGERIA** Relatives of the "disappeared" - Fatima 'Ime (f), (note corrected spelling), Fatima Ben Mousa (f), Rahmouna Bourahla (f), Faouzia Guene (f) and Badra Leban (f)

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On 24 March 2000 Fatima 'Ime was released from police detention and allowed to return home.

On 25 March all the women named above were charged with participating in an unauthorised gathering in a public place and released on bail pending trial on 21 May.

They were told by the authorities that if they take part in any more demonstrations they will be imprisoned. This same warning has apparently been issued to other families of the "disappeared". In addition the parents of some of the women who have taken part in such demonstrations have been told by the local authorities that the participation of their daughters in such public activities bring shame on their families and on the reputation of Algeria.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters to the Algerian authorities in French, Arabic, English or in your own language:**

- expressing concern that Fatima 'Ime, Fatima Ben Mousa, Rahmouna Bourahla, Faouzia Guene and Badra Leban and other relatives of the "disappeared" are threatened with imprisonment for taking part in peaceful demonstrations on behalf of the "disappeared";
- expressing concern that all five women have been charged for taking part in a peaceful demonstration on behalf of their "disappeared" relatives;
- urging the authorities to immediately drop all charges against them;
- reminding the authorities of the right, as guaranteed by international human rights treaties to which Algeria is a State Party, of all relatives of the "disappeared" to participate in peaceful demonstrations.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Ministère de l'Intérieur et  
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**Faxes: + 213 2 73 61 06**  
**Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Your excellency**

Minister of Justice  
M. Ahmed OUYAHIA  
Ministre de la Justice  
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**Salutation:Monsieur le Ministre / Your excellency**

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State Human Rights Institution reporting to the President

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President

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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 5 May 2000.