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Further information on UA 339/92 (MDE 28/07/92, 3 November 1992) -
Health concern/fear of ill-treatment/incommunicado detention

ALGERIA:Nadir HAMMOUDI

Nadir Hammoudi was brought before the investigating judge on 7 November 1992, and was then allowed to receive visits from his family and lawyer. He had been arrested on 9 October and held incommunicado in *garde à vue* detention for 29 days, that is 17 days beyond the maximum period allowed by Algerian law under a new anti-terrorist legislation passed in September 1992. Amnesty International has received allegations that Nadir Hammoudi was ill-treated and tortured during incommunicado detention.

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

- expressing concern that Nadir Hammoudi was held incommunicado in prolonged *garde à vue* detention for 29 days in breach of Algerian law, which under new regulations provides for a maximum period of 12 days *garde à vue* detention;

- expressing concern at reports that Nadir Hammoudi was ill-treated and tortured during *garde à vue* detention, and urging the Algerian authorities to set up a full and independent investigation into these allegations, and make its findings public.

APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of the Interior:

M. Mohamed HARDI

Ministre de l'Intérieur

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Algérie

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Salutation: Excellence / Your Excellency

2) High Council of State Member:

M. Ali HAROUN

Membre du Haut Comité d'Etat

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3) Minister of Justice:

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Ministre de la Justice
Ministère de la Justice
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Telegrams: Ministre de la Justice Mahi-Bahi, Alger, Algeria

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PLEASE SEND COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO the following human rights organizations:

Observatoire nationale des droits de l'homme
Palais du Peuple
Ave F. Roosevelt
Alger
Algérie
Faxes: 213 2 60 10 42

Ligue algérienne des droits de l'homme
40-42 Rue Larbi ben M'Hidi
Alger
Algérie

Ligue algérienne pour la défense des droits de l'homme
19 rue Abane Ramdane
Alger
Algérie

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 22 December 1992.