

EXTERNAL (for general distribution)

AI Index: MDE 29/08/94
Distr: UA/SC

1 July 1994

Further information on UA 187/94 (MDE 29/03/94, 12 May 1994) and follow-up (MDE 29/04/94 of 31 May) - Detention of possible prisoners of conscience / fear of unfair trial - and concern of follow-up: Imprisonment of prisoners of conscience

MOROCCO Ali HRACH ERRASS
 Ali AKEN
 Mbarek TAUSSE

At the appeal hearing on 27 and 28 June 1994 for the prisoners of conscience named above, the custodial sentences for all three were reduced to two months' imprisonment. All charges against the accused were dropped, except for the one of chanting slogans attacking the principles of the Constitution. The three were arrested on 3 May and as a result of the reduced sentences they are due to be released on 3 July.

Ali Hrach Errass and Ali Aken had originally been sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and Mbarek Tausse to one year. Amnesty International welcomes the reduction on appeal of their sentences, but continues to deplore their arrest, trial and two months' imprisonment for having exercised their internationally recognised right to freedom of expression and association.

No further action is required from the UA Network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.