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Further information on UA 426/91 (MDE 29/31/91, 5 December 1991) and follow-up MDE 29/35/91, 19 December 1991 - Ill-treatment/Hunger-strike/Health Concern

MOROCCO: Mohamed El Boukili

Abdel Moumen Chbari

Abdallah Hosni

Abdessalam Chefchaoui

Ahmed Ben Massoud

Brahim Ait Belaid

Brahim Miftah

Mimoun Sabi

Abderrahim Rifla

Mohamed Dari

Abdelhadi Kamil

Khalid Bakhti

Abdelaziz Insaf

and 20 others

Amnesty International has received information that the hunger-strike of 34 prisoners, including prisoners of conscience, at Oukacha Prison in protest against ill-treatment and removal of personal possessions has now ended. The 25 Islamists, sentenced between 1984 and 1986, ended their hunger-strike on 19 December 1991. The nine others, sentenced for membership of a Marxist group in 1986, finished the hunger-strike on 26 December after the prison governor had agreed to allow them newspapers and return the personal possessions, including radios and heaters, which had been seized from them. Their demand that those responsible for beating and ill-treating them be brought to justice appears not to have been granted.

Two of the prisoners, Mohamed Boukili and Abdel Moumen Chbari, who both fell into a coma during the hunger-strike are now in the Avicennes Hospital, Casablanca. A number of the prisoners are still suffering from the effects of the beatings; among them Brahim Ait Belaid's hand is said to be injured.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters (if possible in French or Arabic):

- welcoming the end of the hunger-strike;

- urging the Moroccan Government to ensure that those involved in ill-treatment of prisoners be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO

1) King:
Sa Majesté **Sire / Your Majesty**
King Hassan II
Bureau de Sa Majesté le Roi
Palais Royal
Rabat, Maroc
Telegrams: King Hassan II, Rabat, Maroc
Telexes: 31744 or 32908

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2) Minister of the Interior:
M. Driss Basri Excellence **Excellence / Your Excellency**
Ministre de l'Intérieur
Ministère de l'Intérieur et de l'Information
Quartier Administratif
Rabat, Maroc
Telegrams: Ministre Interieur Rabat, MAROC
Telexes: 36161, 36731, 36969 ProCivile Rabat, Maroc 31008

3) Minister of Justice:
Moulay Moustapha Belarbi Alaoui **Ministre / Dear Minister**
Ministre de la Justice
Ministère de la Justice
Palais de la Manounia
Rabat, Maroc
Telegrams: Ministre Justice Rabat MAROC
Telexes: 36888

4) Minister of Foreign Affairs:
M. Abdellatif Filali **Ministre / Dear Minister**
Ministre des Affaires Etrangères
Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération
Avenue Franklin Roosevelt
Rabat, Maroc
Telegrams: Ministre Affaires Etrangères, Rabat, MAROC
Telexes: 36014, 36707, 36117, 36064

5) Prime Minister:
Dr Azeddine Laraki **Premier Ministre / Dear Prime Minister**
Premier Ministre
Bureau du Premier Ministre
Palais Royal
Rabat, Maroc
Telegrams: Premier Ministre, Rabat, Maroc
Telexes: 36008 GouvMaroc Rabat, Maroc

6) Director of Oukacha Prison:
Le Directeur, **Monsieur le Directeur / Dear Sir**
Prison de Oukacha
Ain Sebaa
Casablanca, Maroc

COPIES TO: the following two human rights organizations:

Comité de Coordination
Association marocaine des droits de l'homme
5 Zankat Soussa
Rabat, Maroc

Organization marocaine des droit de l'homme
24 Avenue de France
Agdal
Rabat, Maroc

and to diplomatic representatives of the Moroccan Government in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat or your section if sending appeals after 10 February 1992.