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TUNISIA

Mohamed KILANI

Mohamed Kilani, a leading figure of the unauthorized *Parti Communiste des Ouvriers Tunisiens*, PCOT (Tunisian Workers' Communist Party), was tried in Gabès on 15 February 1995 on charges of supporting an unauthorized association (*maintien d'une association non autorisé*), PCOT, and holding unauthorized meetings (*réunions non autorisées*). On 22 February 1995, he was found guilty and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. There are strong reasons to believe that his trial was not conducted in compliance with international fair trial standards.

Amnesty International considers Mohamed Kilani to be a prisoner of conscience and calls for his immediate and unconditional release.

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

- expressing concern that Mohamed Kilani has been imprisoned as a prisoner of conscience and asking that he be immediately and unconditionally released.

APPEALS TO

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and to diplomatic representatives of Tunisia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 April 1995.