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Further information on UA 260/93 (MDE 30/07/93, 6 August 1993) - Fear of Torture

TUNISIA:Tawfik Rajhi

Tawfik Rajhi, arrested on 26 July 1993, was brought before the public prosecutor on 18 August 1993. He was held incommunicado for 23 days, which is 13 days beyond the maximum 10-day period allowed under Tunisian law. Under Tunisian law, detainees may be held incommunicado for a four-day period which may be renewed only by written order of the public prosecutor. However, his family had contacted the public prosecutor on several occasions since 31 July, but were told that there was no record of his detention. The family was not informed of his appearance before the public prosecutor until after this had taken place, and to date have not been allowed access to him.

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

- expressing concern that Tawfik Rajhi was held in prolonged incommunicado detention without access to his family and legal counsel in breach of Tunisian law;

- urging the authorities to investigate the reasons for Tawfik Rajhi's prolonged incommunicado detention;

APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of Justice:

M. Sadok Chaâbane
Ministre de la Justice
Ministère de la Justice
Boulevard Bab Benat
Tunis, Tunisie

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Telexes: 13000 maet tn (via Ministère de l'Interieur)

Faxes: + 216 1 568106, + 216 1 567070

Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister

2) Minister of the Interior:

M. Abdallah Kallel
Ministre de l'Interieur
Ministère de l'Interieur
Av Habib Bourguiba
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Telexes: 13662 sdap tn
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Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister

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3) Minister of Foreign Affairs:

M. Habib Ben Yahia
Ministre des Affaires Etrangères
Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
Place du Gouvernement
La Kasbah
Tunis, Tunisie

Telegrams: Ministre des Affaires Etrangères Ben Yahia, Tunis, Tunisie
Telexes: 14470 mafta tn, 14471 mafta tn, 14472 mafta tn
Faxes: + 216 1 791005

Salutation: Monsieur le Minstre / Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Human Rights Organization:

M. Rachid Driss
Président
Commission Supérieure des Droits
de l'Homme et des Libertées Fondamentales
85 Avenue de la Liberté
Tunis, Tunisie

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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 30 September 1993.