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Further Information on UA 190/03 (MDE 30/016/2003, 27 June 2003) - Prisoner of conscience / Health concern

TUNISIA

Zouheir Yahiaoui (m), aged 35

Prisoner of conscience Zouheir Yahiaoui ended his hunger strike on 27 June, after 42 days. He has reportedly lost a lot of weight and is physically weak.

He has not seen a doctor since he ended his hunger strike, despite making a request to do so. When his family visited him on 3 July, Zouheir Yahiaoui told them that his stomach, eyes and teeth were hurting, but that he had only been seen by a dentist, who was reportedly unable to treat him due to the lack of running water in the prison during the day.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Amnesty International will use longer term campaigning methods on behalf of Zouheir Yahiaoui. Please send a final round of appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic, French or your own language:

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Zouheir Yahiaoui as a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for the legitimate and peaceful expression of his opinions;
- asking that he be granted a medical examination immediately and given any medical treatment he may require.

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 15 August 2003.