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Further information on UA 128/92 (MDE 30/18/92, 24 April 1992) - Fear of Torture

**TUNISIA: Jamal Rizki
Habib Khmila
and ten others**

Amnesty International continues to be gravely concerned about the welfare of the group of 12 Tunisian nationals who were arrested in Libya in February 1992 and expelled to Tunisia. According to the latest information, the men are still held in incommunicado detention without access to either their families or lawyers.

Amnesty International has received reports that Habib Khmila is held in the 9 avril prison in Tunis and has been ill-treated and tortured. The organization has, however, received no information on the whereabouts of the other detainees. Families of the detainees are said to have tried repeatedly to ascertain the whereabouts of their relatives but in vain.

Amnesty International is concerned that these men are being held in illegally prolonged incommunicado detention without charge or trial and may be ill-treated or tortured. Torture or ill-treatment continue to be reported from police stations and prisons in Tunisia.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- expressing concern for the safety and well-being of Jamal Rizki, Habib Khmila and the ten other Tunisians expelled from Libya in February 1992 who are held in illegally prolonged incommunicado detention;

- expressing concern that Habib Khmila, who is held in the 9 avril prison in Tunis, is reported to have been ill-treated or tortured;

- urging that the whereabouts of the others be made known, that all twelve be allowed immediate access to their families and lawyers and that they receive all necessary medical care;

- urging that all the men be immediately released unless charged with a recognizably criminal offence and brought promptly to trial.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Tunisia in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat or your section Office if sending appeals after 3 August 1992.