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WEEKLY UPDATE SERVICE 59/93 (2nd today)

Contained in this weekly update is an external item on the Dalai Lama (UN World Conference update) and Turkey (embargoed for 15 June).

NEWS INITIATIVES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS RELEASES

UN WORLD CONFERENCE-RELATED NEWS INITIATIVES ONLY THROUGHOUT JUNE

WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS NEWS

The second and third ENRs for the World Conference: Challenge to Governments, (Ref: 1838) and AI Activities Compilation, (Ref: 1840) are ready. Please order copies and refer journalists for copies from: Dubbs Copying House, giving the correct video reference number (as above) on Tel: +44 71 629 0055 or Fax: +44 71 287 8796.

Amnesty International's press office in Vienna will be based at AI's tent outside the Austria Centre and will be open for 24 hours each day. Telephone: +43 1 219 3572/3573. Fax/E-Mail: +43 1 219 3574. These will be installed today and we will send out any changes to you this afternoon.

AI's press team will be staying at Pension Dr Geissler, Postgasse 14, 1010 Vienna. Telephone: +43 1 533 2803.

The strategy team in Vienna will report developments to sections via the IS press office to section press officers. Can press officers ensure that this information is circulated to the relevant people in their section.

General enquiries from press officers should go to Paula and James at the IS Press Office, on Tel: +44 71 413 5562/5810.

****Annual Report - 0006 hrs gmt, 8 July****

(New Information)

Please note: The Annual Report ENR will be sent out to you today, so should be with you next week. The news release will be finalized today, and will be faxed/e-mailed/telexed to you as usual. Worldwide Summary, Regional Summaries, Regional Updates and news release have all been sent to you by e-mail/fax/telex and hard copies of the formatted version have been swift-aired to you.

Indonesia (Aceh) - 28 July

Document and news release to go with action on massive numbers of political killings.

TARGETED AND LIMITED NEWS RELEASES

Saudi Arabia - 1 July

A weekly update item is being written to go with the document: Saudi Arabia: An Upsurge in Public Executions, AI Index: MDE 23/04/93. The document and weekly update item will be embargoed for 1 July and will be sent out to selected international media by the IS Press Office. Please note that the document has been sent out in the weekly mailing.

2. IOR 41/WU 09/93 EXTERNAL FOR RESPONSE
11 June 1993

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OUTRAGED BY UN MANOEUVRES TO STOP DALAI LAMA SPEAKING AT WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Amnesty International's Secretary General Pierre Sané said he was outraged at the United Nation's manoeuvring to stop His Holiness the Dalai Lama speaking at the NGO forum at the World Conference on Human Rights.

This is a clear-cut issue of his right to speak at a human rights conference -- human rights organisations will not stand by and let this happen. There are moves in the NGO Forum to issue its own invitation to the Dalai Lama.

Amnesty International has already offered its tent which is adjacent to the World Conference as the venue for the Dalai Lama's address. This offer has been communicated to the Dalai Lama. A response is expected today.

**3. EUR 44/WU 03/93 EXTERNAL
EMBARGOED FOR TUESDAY 15 JUNE 1993**

INTERNAL

This item has been embargoed for 15 June because a new Prime Minister is being elected on Monday and media will be focusing on this. This item will be sent to Turkish media by the IS, and may be highlighted during the World Conference in Vienna.

EXTERNAL

TURKEY: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL URGENTLY APPEALS TO NEW TURKISH PRIME MINISTER AND KURDISH WORKERS' PARTY (PKK) TO PREVENT FURTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN SOUTHEAST TURKEY

A new Prime Minister of Turkey will be appointed on 14 June. On 11 June 1993 Amnesty International sent the following message to the Turkish government and to the leadership of the PKK following a declaration by the PKK on 8 June that they were to lift the unilateral cease-fire originally declared in March this year:

"Although Amnesty International takes no position on armed conflicts as such, it is clear that the continuing armed clashes in southeast Turkey since 1984 have provided a context for grave and widespread human rights abuses by both sides. Amnesty International has documented and clearly condemned the practice of torture and extrajudicial execution by government forces, and the killing of prisoners and civilians by the PKK.

"Amnesty International has noted that since the PKK's declaration of a unilateral ceasefire there has been a significant reduction, though by no means a complete halt, in human rights abuses by both sides. This, we note, was warmly welcomed by both the media and the general public throughout Turkey. For its part, Amnesty International, believing that both sides in the conflict were sincere in wishing an end to the misery which the fighting brought about, was encouraged to hope that this new development was the first step on a path which would finally halt torture, killings and other abuses.

"However, at the very time that the government was expected to enact a number of confidence building measures, including lifting the state of emergency currently in force in southeast Turkey, this optimism was thrown into doubt by the killing of 33 prisoners by the PKK in Bingöl on 24 May - an act condemned by Amnesty International. Subsequent intense military activity resulted in the PKK's announcement on 8 June that their unilateral ceasefire was at an end. Although Amnesty International believes that the PKK and the Turkish government are reluctant to accept the return to persistent and widespread human rights abuses which renewal of the conflict would inevitably bring, we fear that both sides are being drawn unwillingly by the course of events back into a human rights crisis. These tragic consequences can only be avoided if both sides pull back from the brink and take steps to ensure the protection of human rights and basic humanitarian standards.

"It is for this reason that Amnesty International is appealing today to the Turkish Government, and to the leadership of the PKK, asking that every effort should be made now to prevent further pain, injury and loss of life which will certainly be paid by civilians as the price of such a conflict. In making this appeal we ask that both sides remember the hundreds of women, children, civilians and prisoners who have already died at the hands of both sides in the conflict since 1984."