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**Further information on UA 330/93 (ASA 25/35/93, 17 September 1993) -
Ill-treatment/possible prisoners of conscience**

South Korea:KIM Sam-sok, 28

KIM Un-ju (female), 24

According to his lawyer, Kim Sam-sok tried to commit suicide on 20 September by hitting his head against a wall to the point where he lost consciousness. He was apparently traumatised by his interrogation and ill-treatment and said that he had been forced to admit to things he had not done. After he regained consciousness, he was again interrogated and threatened by a group of some 15 officials.

Kim Sam-sok's wife was permitted to visit him on 21 September. She reported that his neck was in a cast, his head was swollen and his face was badly bruised. He was unable to sit down because of a back injury.

Amnesty International is also concerned at reports that Kim Un-ju may have been forced under interrogation to make a confession.

Since 8 September Kim Sam-sok and his sister Kim Un-ju have been under interrogation by the Agency for National Security Planning (ANSP). They have been subjected to sleep deprivation and beatings. They are reportedly suspected of contacting a Korean resident of Japan who was allegedly involved in a 1974 "spying" case. The National Security Law gives a broad definition to "spying" which includes all unauthorized contacts with North Korea or pro-North Korean groups. Amnesty International is concerned that Kim Sam-sok and Kim Un-ju may face long prison terms as prisoners of conscience.

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

- urging the authorities to immediately transfer Kim Sam-sok to hospital and to suspend his interrogation until his state of health has been determined by medical doctors independent of the ANSP;
- expressing concern at reports that Kim Sam-sok and Kim Un-ju were forced to make confessions under torture and ill-treatment and that these confessions may be used to sentence them to long prison terms on national security charges.
- urging the authorities to investigate publicly the circumstances in which Kim Sam-sok and Kim Un-ju were interrogated and to ensure that no further ill-treatment takes place;

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