
AI Index: AFR 02/25/95

Pages: 3

Date: 25 October 1995

Title: Rwanda/Burundi: recent research visit highlights need for human rights protection for refugees returning to Rwanda and Burundi, (AI News Service 201/95)

Abstract: AI calls on the international community to assist Rwandese and Burundi refugees to return home voluntarily and to encourage the improvement of the human rights situations in Rwanda and Burundi. It expresses concern at the unrealistic deadline imposed on refugees by Zaire to return home.

Keywords: BURUNDI / MISSIONS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RWANDA / ZAIRE /

BURUNDI

AI Index: AFR 16/19/95

Pages: 2

Date: 9 November 1995

Title: Burundi: Why is the international community allowing Burundi to bleed? (AI News Service 214/95)

Abstract: On 26 October another massacre by government forces took place in northern Burundi. AI is shocked that in the face of such killings the UN and EU are still failing to mobilise resources to deploy human rights observers in Burundi.

Keywords: EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION /

GUINEA

AI Index: AFR 29/05/95

Pages: 21

Date: 9 November 1995

Title: Guinea: Does the political will exist to improve human rights?

Abstract: When he came to power in 1984, President Lansana Conté, promised to promote human rights. AI has found that human rights violations are continuing despite the fact that the 1990 Constitution prohibits torture. Arbitrary arrests, torture, deaths in detention, extrajudicial executions and death sentences are documented in this report which urges the Guinean authorities to take decisive measures to safeguard human rights in accordance with international standards.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARRESTS / TORTURE/IL-TREATMENT / CENSORSHIP / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DEATH PENALTY / DEMONSTRATIONS / ELECTIONS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / IMPUNITY / INFANTS / JOURNALISTS / LEGISLATION / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POLICE / PREGNANCY / PRISON CONDITIONS / STUDENTS / TRADE UNIONISTS / WOMEN /

GUINEA

AI Index: AFR 29/07/95

Pages: 1

Date: 9 November 1995

Title: Guinea: Does the political will exist to improve human rights? (AI News Service 215/95)

Abstract: An AI report documents continuing human rights abuses in Guinea. AI is calling on the Guinean authorities to put an immediate stop to the use of torture and improve prison conditions. It also calls for full investigations into human rights violations and an end to impunity.

Keywords: CENSORSHIP / DEATH SENTENCE / IMPUNITY / POLICE / PRISON CONDITIONS / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT /

NIGERIA

AI Index: AFR 44/25/95

Pages: 21

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Nigeria: A travesty of justice: secret trials and other concerns

Abstract: About 43 prisoners have been convicted of treason and related offences after secret and unfair trials in Nigeria. AI believes most of them to be prisoners of conscience. Coup plotting appears to have been fabricated as a pretext to imprison key political opponents of the government, in particular General Olusegun Obasanjo and Major-General Shugu Musa Yar'Adua. The real reason for their conviction appears to have been their non-violent pro-democracy activities. Friends and relatives of the defendants, as well as journalists and human rights activists who have exposed the injustices of these arrests and trials, have themselves been arrested and convicted. They include Dr Boko Ransome-Kuti, Chairman of the Campaign for Democracy. Other prisoners of conscience who remain in prison in Nigeria include Moshood Abiola and Ken Saro-Wiwa. There have also been more than 180 executions since the present military government came to power.

Keywords: ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION / DEATH PENALTY / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JOURNALISTS / LONG-TERM IMPRISONMENT / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / TRIALS / AGED / BUSINESS PEOPLE / CENSORSHIP / CONFESSIONS / COUPS / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / EDITORS / EXTORTION / FAMILIES / ILLEGAL-HEALTH / LAWYERS / MILITARY TRIBUNALS / POLITICIANS / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISONERS' LISTS / RETIRED PEOPLE / TRADE UNIONISTS / TREASON / WOMEN / WRITERS /

NIGERIA

AI Index: AFR 44/26/95

Pages: 2

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Nigeria: AI condemns death sentences imposed on Ken Saro-Wiwa and other Ogoni detainees after blatantly unfair trials (AI News Service, 207/95)

Abstract: AI condemns the death sentences passed on Ogoni minority rights leader, Ken Saro-Wiwa, and eight others found guilty of murder this week, and is urgently calling on the Nigerian authorities to commute these sentences immediately.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / ETHNIC GROUPS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIALS /

NIGERIA

AI Index: AFR 44/30/95

Pages: 1

Date: 8 November 1995

Title: Nigeria: AI condemns confirmation of death sentences on Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others (AI News Service 215/95)

Abstract: AI denounces the confirmation of the death sentences on Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni minority activists in Nigeria.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / MINORITIES /

NIGERIA

AI Index: AFR 44/31/95

Pages: 1

Date: 10 November 1995

Title: Nigeria: AI condemns execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other

Abstract: AI reacted with horror to the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other supporters of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP).

Keywords: EXECUTION / MINORITIES /

NIGERIA

AI Index: AFR 44/34/95

Pages: 2

Date: 16 November 1995

Title: Nigeria: AI is seriously concerned about the fate of 17 other Ogoni activists (AI News Service 224/95)

Abstract: AI fears for the safety of 17 other Ogoni activists who may be unfairly tried, sentenced to death and executed without the right of appeal to a higher court. The 17 were arrested as supporters of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) in May 1994. No official reason has been given for the arrests and the detainees are not known to have been charged with any offence.

Keywords:MINORITIES/

SENEGAL

AI Index: AFR 49/01/95

Pages: 7

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Senegal: Comments by Amnesty International on the second periodic report submitted to the United Nations Committee against Torture

Abstract: In November 1995 the UN Committee against Torture will study the second periodic report presented by Senegal concerning the application of the UN Convention against Torture. The report details the measures taken by Senegal to prevent torture. AI is concerned about the information it receives that indicate the practice of torture in Senegal is widespread. AI urges the Senegalese authorities to comply with the obligations entered into by ratification of the UN Convention against Torture and makes recommendations to that effect.

Keywords: IMPUNITY / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / AMNESTIES FOR VIOLATORS / ARMED CONFLICT / CIVIL UNREST / CONFESSIONS / DEATH IN CUSTODY / FARMERS / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES / PARLIAMENTARIANS / RE-ARREST / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / SEXUAL ASSAULT / SUBMISSIONS / TEACHERS / TRADERS / UN CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE / WOMEN /

SENEGAL

AI Index: AFR 49/02/95

Pages: 2

Date: 15 November 1995

Title: Senegal: Widespread use of torture continues to be tolerated by the authorities (AI news Service 218/95)

Abstract: Torture and ill-treatment have escalated in Senegal in the last few years. AI has submitted information on torture in Senegal to the committee examining Senegal's report on the implementation of the UN Convention against Torture.

Keywords: TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / UN CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE /

SENEGAL

AI Index: AFR 49/03/95

Pages: 2

Date: 15 November 1995

Title: Senegal: widespread use of torture continues to be tolerated by the authorities (AI News Service 220/95)

Abstract:The UN Committee against Torture was due to examine Senegal's report on its compliance with the Convention against Torture today. However, the Senegalese government missed the opportunity due to the unavailability of its main expert. AI regrets this as it is concerned about the continued allegations of torture and ill-treatment received from Senegal.

Keywords:TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / UN CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE /

SOMALIA

AI Index: AFR 52/03/95

Pages: 25

Date: 21 November 1995

Title:Somalia: Building human rights in the disintegrated state

Abstract:The challenge in Somalia is how to achieve protection of basic human rights after years of massive human rights abuses, civil war and famine, intervention by the UN, political conflicts and clan wars. AI proposes a strategy for building human rights which would include holding Somali political authorities and organizations responsible for protecting human rights and pressing them to stop and prevent abuses, promoting universal human rights standards, mobilizing international concern and action. AI's part in the human rights program will be to campaign against abuses of human rights with its mandate and to promote these rights in cooperation with other organizations.

Keywords:HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION / PEACE KEEPING / POLITICAL BACKGROUND / AMPUTATION / ARMED CONFLICT / CORPORAL PUNISHMENT / DEATH PENALTY / EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FISHERMEN / FOREIGN NATIONALS / HOSTAGE TAKING / ICRC / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JOURNALISTS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / REFUGEMENT / RESTRAINTS / TREASON / TRIALS / UN / WOMEN /

SOUTH AFRICA **AI Index:** AFR 53/12/95

Pages: 1

Date: 30 October 1995

Title:South Africa: AI News advisory: South Africa visit (AI News Service 204/95)

Abstract:There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords:INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS / MISSIONS /

SOUTH AFRICA **AI Index:** AFR 53/13/95

Pages: 2

Date: 7 November 1995

Title:South Africa: AI delegation in South Africa issues call for urgent steps to end killings in Kwazulu Natal (AI News Service 214/95)

Abstract: AI believes that the continuous human rights crisis in KwaZulu Natal Province is in large part the crisis of impunity. In AI delegation visiting South Africa has visited the region out of concern for the continuing tragic loss of life. The organization is alarmed by evidence that killings take place without any effective investigations by the police and makes recommendations to bring the perpetrators of such killings to justice.

Keywords: EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / IMPUNITY /

SOUTH AFRICA AI Index: AFR 53/14/95

Pages: 1

Date: 9 November 1995

Title: South Africa: AI calls on the government to put pressure on Nigeria (AI News Service 216/95)

Abstract: AI appealed to the South African government to plead for clemency for Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other activists sentenced to death in Nigeria.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / NIGERIA /

SOUTH AFRICA AI Index: AFR 53/15/95

Pages: 6

Date: 9 November 1995

Title: South Africa: Address by Pierre Sanz, Secretary-General of AI; Transvaal Northern Technikon, Shoshanguve, South Africa, 9 November 1995

Abstract: In this speech Pierre Sanz, Secretary General of AI, discusses human rights concerns in South Africa. He expresses AI's belief that a return to the use of torture and state executions will not provide a solution to dealing with problems of crime. The death penalty is discussed with an appeal to South Africans to back the ruling of the Constitutional Court establishing that the death penalty is contrary to the fundamental principles of the new Constitution.

Keywords: DEATH PENALTY / TORTURE / MIS-TREATMENT /

SOUTH AFRICA AI Index: AFR 53/16/95

Pages: 1

Date: 9 November 1995

Title: South Africa: AI Media advisory: public events planned in Cape Town: 11 to 14 November

Abstract: There is no abstract for this document.

SOUTH AFRICA AI Index: AFR 53/17/95

Pages: 3

Date: 14 November 1995

Title: South Africa: reforms promise solid foundation for a new society based on human rights but questions remain on other issues (AI News Service 221/95)

Abstract: During the visit of an AI delegation to South Africa, AI Secretary General Pierre Sanz listed six major areas of concern including human rights and foreign policy, the arms trade, the death penalty, political violence in KwaZulu Natal, torture and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Keywords: DEATH PENALTY / MSP / TORTURE / ILLEGAL TREATMENT /

SOUTH AFRICA AI Index: AFR 53/18/95

Pages: 6

Date: 11 November 1995

Title: South Africa: Speech delivered by Pierre Sanz at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, 11 November (AI News Service 222/95)

Abstract: AI's Secretary General, Pierre Sanz outlines three examples of change in South Africa which will benefit human rights; the issues of the death penalty, impunity and the arms trade. AI calls on South Africa to ensure that its foreign policy promotes human rights values.

Keywords: ACADEMICS / DEATH PENALTY / IMPUNITY / MSP /

BRAZIL

AI Index: AMR 19/24/95

Pages: 5

Date: 1 October 1995

Title: Brazil: Witness protection: Wagner dos Santos

Abstract: AI has received information from the Brazilian government that Wagner dos Santos, the only adult witness to the Candalaria massacre in which seven street children and one adult were killed in Rio de Janeiro on 25 July 1993, was escorted by police officials to a secret location in order to secure his safety, by decision of President Fernando Cardoso. AI welcomes this protection and hopes that the government will ensure that an effective national witness protection program will be implemented. This report details several initiatives that have been taken by national and inter-governmental organizations to try and secure Wagner dos Santos's safety, and that of the child witnesses to the massacre. AI believes that the case sets an important precedent for the protection of all witnesses testifying in cases of human rights violations in Brazil.

Keywords: INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / WITNESSES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / ILLEGALITY /

CUBA

AI Index: AMR 25/16/95

Pages: 1

Date: 6 November 1995

Title: Cuba: Authorities refuse visas to AI (AI News Service 210/95)

Abstract: AI expressed disappointment at the Cuba's refusal to grant visas to four delegates to attend the First International Meeting on the Legal Protection of Citizen's Rights in Havana. This was despite having been invited to attend by the Cuban Attorney General's Office.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS /

GUATEMALA

AI Index: AMR 34/28/95

Pages: 14

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Guatemala: Maquila workers among trade unionists targeted

Abstract: Workers and trade unionists seeking union recognition and improved working conditions in Guatemala are being subjected to a renewed increase in violence against them, including extrajudicial execution, abduction, rape and beatings, as well as threats to their lives. This persecution appears to be the work of gunmen hired by employers and factory owners and indicates the participation of the security forces. An AI delegation met with trade unionists and workers at maquila plants and collected first-hand testimonies of increasing intimidation and harassment, particularly against women. AI is concerned that until effective government action is taken to ensure that those responsible for these actions are brought to justice, trade unionists will continue to be a major target of human rights violations.

Keywords: HARASSMENT / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / TRADE UNIONISTS / WOMEN / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / FAMILIES / IMPUNITY / MEC / MISSIONS / MSP / NURSES / PHOTOGRAPHS / PREGNANCY / PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS / SEXUAL ASSAULT / STRIKES / SURVEILLANCE /

HONDURAS

AI Index: AMR 37/09/95

Pages: 1

Date: 19 October 1995

Title: Honduras: AI welcomes the steps being taken in Honduras to bring to justice those responsible for past human rights violations, (AI News Service 200/95)

Abstract: AI welcomes the steps being taken in Honduras to bring to justice those responsible for past human rights violations. The first security officials charged with committing human rights violations were arrested this week. AI considers this case to be a demonstration of judicial authorities' readiness to meet the challenge

of ending impunity and ensuring Honduras complies with its obligations under international and domestic law.

Keywords:MILITARY/

MEXICO

All Index: AMR 41/21/95

Pages: 54

Date: 15 November 1995

Title:Mexico: Human rights violations in Mexico: a challenge for the nineties

Abstract:All has followed with concern a continuing pattern of human rights violations against wide sectors of the population in Mexico over the past two decades. Despite the adoption in recent years of administrative measures for the protection and observance of fundamental human rights gross human rights violations continue to be reported on an alarming scale. The underprivileged, particularly indigenous peasants, continue to be the most frequent victims of human rights violations. Events in the state of Chiapas are highlighted in the report but it is emphasised that human rights abuses have been widespread throughout the country. The report makes a number of recommendations to the Mexican government and urges them to ensure full respect for human rights by the year 2000.

Keywords:ARBITRARY ARRESTS / CONFESSIONS / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS / HARASSMENTS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / IMPUNITY / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / MILITARY / PEASANTS / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENTS / AGED / ARMED CONFLICT / ATTACKS / CHILDREN / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DEMONSTRATIONS / DEPORTATION / DISABLED PEOPLE / DISABLEMENT / ELECTIONS / EXTORTION / FORCED EVICTION / FOREIGN NATIONALS / HABEAS CORPUS / HUNGER-STRIKE / ICRC / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / JUDGES / JUVENILES / LAND PROBLEMS / MEDICAL CONFIRMATION / MENTAL HEALTH / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / MISSIONS / MUSICIANS / PEASANT LEADERS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICIANS / POST MORTEMS / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISON STAFF / PRISON VIOLENCE / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / REFUGEES / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - CATHOLIC / SEXUAL ASSAULT / TEACHERS / TRADE UNIONISTS / TRADERS / TRIALS / WOMEN

MEXICO

All Index: AMR 41/30/95

Pages: 1

Date: 10 November 1995

Title:Mexico: All high level delegation to visit Mexico and meet authorities, Amnesty International News Service 206/95

Abstract:There is no abstract for this document.

Keywords:MISSIONS/

MEXICO

All Index: AMR 41/31/95

Pages: 2**Date:** 15 November 1995**Title:** Mexico: AI presents report on serious human rights situation**Abstract:** AI said in a report released today that human rights violations are continuing in Mexico fuelled by virtual impunity for violators. An AI delegation visiting Mexico comments on the serious human rights situation and makes recommendations including respect for procedural guarantees, accountability for those responsible for human rights violations, and compliance with international human rights legislation.**Keywords:** DISABLED PEOPLE / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / MENTAL HEALTH / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS / TORTURE/IL-TREATMENT /

MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/32/95**Pages:** 3**Date:** 15 November 1995**Title:** Mexico: AI presents report on human rights situation**Abstract:** AI's report on Mexico presents a panorama of long-lasting and continuing gross human rights violations. Impunity and the mal-functioning of the administration of justice, including the full independence of the judiciary, are factors contributing to this situation, in which all citizens are at risk. The underprivileged, particularly indigenous peasants, continue to be the most frequent victims.**Keywords:** DISABLED PEOPLE / FOREIGN NATIONALS / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / IMPUNITY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / LEGISLATION / MENTAL HEALTH /

PERU**AI Index:** AMR 46/06/95**Pages:** 28**Date:** 1 October 1995**Title:** Peru: Reforms of anti-terrorism laws fail to match international human rights standards**Abstract:** AI is concerned that Peru's criminal laws aimed at controlling terrorism-related crimes continue to fall short of international human rights standards. Despite positive but limited amendments to the anti-terrorism laws passed by the Democratic Constituent Congress between 1993-5, thousands of prisoners detained and tried since May 1992 for terrorism-related crimes have been denied the right to a fair trial. The laws also provide a framework which facilitates the imprisonment of prisoners of conscience. AI urges the Government of Peru to review its anti-terrorism laws and to release prisoners of conscience immediately and unconditionally. It also condemns human rights abuses by armed opposition

groups and urges them to fully respect and abide by international human rights standards.

Keywords: EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / ACHR / AI AND GOVERNMENTS / ARMED CONFLICT / BOMB ATTACKS / CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE / DEATH PENALTY / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / DRIVERS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HABEAS CORPUS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY TRIBUNALS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / PEASANTS / PREGNANCY / PRISONERS' LISTS / REARREST / TRIALS / WOMEN /

PERU

AI Index: AMR 46/19/95

Pages: 21

Date: 8 November 1995

Title: Women in Peru: Rights in jeopardy

Abstract: Peru has experienced a war between the government and armed opposition groups since the early 1980's. Women have been subjected to human rights violations as targets of both parties to this conflict. This report documents the extent of these abuses and makes recommendations to the Peruvian government to improve the human rights situation for women.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARRESTS / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS / FAMILIES / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / IMPUNITY / WOMEN / ACADEMICS / AMNESTIES FOR VIOLATORS / ARMED CONFLICT / CHILDREN / CONFESSIONS / DIRECTORS / EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / ENVIRONMENTALISTS / HABEAS CORPUS / HARASSMENT / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / JOURNALISTS / JUVENILES / LAWYERS / LEGISLATION / NURSES / PEASANTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PREGNANCY / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES / PSYCHOLOGISTS / SEXUAL ASSAULT / STUDENTS / TORTURE/IL-TREATMENT /

PERU

AI Index: AMR 46/23/95

Pages: 4

Date: 30 October 1995

Title: Peru: Police and Navy personnel based in Ucayali department accused of human rights abuses

Abstract: AI is seriously concerned about the reported death of Justiniano Hurtado Torres on 11 December 1994 and Indalceio Pomatanta Alvarran on 6 April 1995 as well as the reported torture of Tomas Flores Huanico. All three persons were said to have been detained initially by members of the Peruvian Navy. Two of the detainees were transferred into the custody of the Peruvian National Police.

Keywords: DEATH IN CUSTODY / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY / POLICE / TORTURE/IL-TREATMENT /

PERU

AI Index: AMR 46/26/95

Pages: 2

Date: 8 November 1995

Title: Peru: Women's human rights in jeopardy (AI News Service 211/95)

Abstract: Statements by the Peruvian government in favour of strengthening the human rights of women have not been matched by recent government measures, according to an AI report on Women in Peru. Many women have "disappeared" and women suspects have been tortured, raped and sexually abused while in detention. They have also been accused of terrorism-related crimes and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment on the basis of little or no evidence.

Keywords: WOMEN /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/135/95

Pages: 5

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: USA: Reintroduction of chain gangs - cruel and degrading

Abstract: Chain gangs - the forcing of prisoners to do hard manual labour while shackled together, last used in USA thirty years ago, were re-introduced into the prison systems of Alabama and Arizona this year. AI believes that the operation of chain gangs violates international standards on the treatment of prisoners. AI is also concerned about the use of the "hitching rail" - a metal restraining post to which inmates are handcuffed if they refuse to join a chain gang.

Keywords: PRISON CONDITIONS / RESTRAINTS / TORTURE / MIS-TREATMENT / PHOTOGRAPHS /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/137/95

Pages: 1

Date: 6 November 1995

Title: USA (Arizona): Allegations of systematic sexual abuse of female prisoners by Department of Correction employees

Abstract: AI has written to the Arizona authorities to express its concern at allegations of systematic sexual abuse of female prisoners by employees of the Arizona Department of Corrections (DOC). AI urges the state authorities to take preventative measures to protect female inmates in Arizona from possible abuse by DOC employees; to make clear the sexual abuse of female prisoners will not be tolerated, and has called for anyone found responsible for such abuse to be brought to justice. It has also asked to be informed of the outcome of any investigation which may have been carried out into the allegations.

Keywords: PRISON STAFF / SEXUAL ASSAULT / SEXUAL HARASSMENT / WOMEN /

USA

AI Index: AMR 51/146/95

Pages: 4

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: USA: Guinevere Garcia: a case of state assisted suicide

Abstract: Guinevere Garcia, 35, is scheduled to be executed in Illinois on 17 January 1996. She was sentenced to death for the murder of her husband who had brutally abused her. She chose to drop her appeals and has requested that she be executed. The execution of women in the USA is rare with over 95% of those sentenced since 1975 gaining commutation of their sentence. Guinevere Garcia has had a tragic life marked by consistent abuse and problems of mental illness. AI opposes the death penalty in all cases and believes that the execution of a prisoner who has chosen to abandon their appeals and allow the state to execute them is no less a gross human rights violation than any other execution.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / MENTAL HEALTH / WOMEN /

ST LUCIA

AI Index: AMR 56/04/95

Pages: 1

Date: 19 October 1995

Title: St Lucia: AI expresses its regret at the first execution in nine years (AI News Service 200/95)

Abstract: AI expresses its regret at the execution of Joseph Solomon on 17 October 1995, the first execution to take place in St Lucia for nine years.

Keywords: DEATH PENALTY / EXECUTION /

AFGHANISTAN AI Index: AS 11/09/95

Pages: 83

Date: 29 November 1995

Title: Afghanistan: International responsibility for human rights disaster

Abstract: This report examines the political background to the establishment of the Islamic State and the continuing civil war. From the Soviet invasion to the present, military supplies have been brought into Afghanistan and have been used in deliberate and indiscriminate attacks on civilians by all factions in the civil war. AI urges the governments of all countries which have provided arms to Afghanistan to acknowledge their responsibility for the current human rights disaster and to help bring such abuses to an end. The report documents extensive human rights violations and makes a number of recommendations to all parties in the Afghan conflict the international community and intergovernmental bodies to help end the cycle of human rights abuse.

Keywords: EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / MSP / PRISON CONDITIONS / TORTURE / MIS-TREATMENT / AMPUTATION / ARMED CONFLICT / CHILDREN / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRALEGAL COURTS /

HOSTAGE TAKING / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICAL
BACKGROUND / REFUGEES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / SEXUAL ABUSE / WOMEN /

AFGHANISTAN AI Index: AISA 11/10/95

Pages: 10

Date: 29 November 1995

Title: Afghanistan: the world's responsibility: an Amnesty International briefing

Abstract: 1. A forgotten people: aftermath of 16 years of war 2. A generation of conflict: chronology of events 3. When will the killing end?: Details of artillery attacks on civilians, human rights abuses by armed guards 4. The world's responsibility: AI urges governments to take seriously the human rights catastrophe in Afghanistan which has been exacerbated by military support of the international community to the various sides in the conflict 5. Time for action: AI calls for action to keep Afghanistan in public eye by pressing governments to put pressure on Afghanistan to respect basic human rights and humanitarian law.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / MSP / CHILDREN / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICAL
BACKGROUND / SEXUAL ABUSE / WOMEN /

AFGHANISTAN AI Index: AISA 11/16/95

Pages: 2

Date: 29 November 1995

Title: Afghanistan: Foreign-sponsored human rights disaster ignored by the world (AI News Service 226/95)

Abstract: In a report released today AI details human rights abuses in Afghanistan. The international community continues to ignore the human rights disaster in Afghanistan, and those governments which have flooded the country with arms and used the 16-year-old conflict for their own political ends hold a grave responsibility.

Keywords: ARMED CONFLICT / MSP / WOMEN /

CHINA

AI Index: AISA 17/95/95

Pages: 2

Date: 21 November 1995

Title: China: AI protests at charge and continued arbitrary detention of Wei Jingsheng (AI News Service 227/95)

Abstract: AI has protested about today's formal "arrest" of Wei Jingsheng, one of China's leading dissidents, after 19 month's of arbitrary and illegal detention.

Keywords: INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION /

INDIA

AI Index: AISAI 20/33/95

Pages: 11

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: India: Torture continues in Jammu and Kashmir

Abstract: Despite denials by the Indian government, AI believes that torture continues to be widespread in Jammu and Kashmir. Since the publication of its January 1995 report, India: Torture and deaths in custody in Jammu and Kashmir, AI has continued to receive numerous reports of torture and human rights violations by members of the security forces. This report documents the cases of three men who reportedly suffered severe torture at the hands of the security forces while in detention during the first two months of 1995. All three victims have undergone amputation as a result of torture. AI is calling on the government to order independent and impartial investigations into these and all other allegations of torture in the state and to bring those responsible to justice.

Keywords: DISABLEMENT / TORTURE/ILLEGAL-TREATMENT / AI AND GOVERNMENTS / DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MEDICAL CONFIRMATION / MILITARY / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES / SOLITARY CONFINEMENT /

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISAI 21/53/95

Pages: 2

Date: 9 November 1995

Title: Indonesia: East Timor: AI calls for concrete action on fourth anniversary of Santa Cruz massacre (AI News Service 216/95)

Abstract: As East Timor marks the fourth anniversary of the Santa Cruz massacre in Dili, AI renews its call for the Indonesian government to fully and impartially investigate the massacre and hold those responsible for the killing to account. Killings and "disappearances" are continuing in East Timor and there is a lack of systematic investigation into these human rights violations.

Keywords: ANNIVERSARIES / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION /

INDONESIA

AI Index: AISAI 21/55/95

Pages: 2

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Indonesia: the 1965 prisoners - update

Abstract: On 31 July 1995 AI issued a document entitled The 1965 Prisoners: A Briefing (AISAI 21/36/95). Attached to it was a list of prisoners still believed to be held in

connection with the alleged coup attempt by the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) in October 1965. AI has since received confirmation that several of those in the original list were previously released. This document is an updated list.

Keywords: PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / COUPS / ILL-HEALTH / LONG-TERM IMPRISONMENT / PRISONERS' LISTS /

SOUTH KOREA

AI Index: ASA 25/25/95

Pages: 62

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: South Korea: International standards, law and practice: the need for human rights reform

Abstract: This report examines a number of fundamental human rights in relation to domestic law and practice in South Korea. It discusses the National Security Law and the provisions in the law which may lead to human rights violations. It emphasises the need for practical measures to safeguard prisoners' rights and protect them from torture and ill-treatment and comments on the lack of an effective remedy for the victims of human rights violations. The report concludes that there is an urgent need for human rights reform in South Korea. The National Security Law should be amended so that it is no longer used to detain people for the non-violent exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and association. Safeguards to protect detainees from torture and ill-treatment are needed and victims of human rights violations should be given rights of redress.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARREST / BANNING / CENSORSHIP / CONFESSIONS / ESPIONAGE / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / LEGISLATION / LONG-TERM IMPRISONMENT / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / PRISONERS' TESTIMONIES / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / ACADEMICS / AGED / AI AND GOVERNMENTS / COMPENSATION / DEATH PENALTY / DETENTION FOR RE-EDUCATION / ILL-HEALTH / IMPUNITY / MISSIONS / MUSICIANS / PARLAMENTARIANS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLITICAL PRISONERS / PUBLISHERS / RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT / SEXUAL ASSAULT / SEXUAL HARASSMENT / TRADE UNIONISTS / TRIALS / WOMEN / WRITERS /

SOUTH KOREA

AI Index: ASA 25/25/95

Pages: 2

Date: 25 November 1995

Title: South Korea: AI calls for human rights reforms (AI News Service 214/95)

Abstract: Human rights reforms are needed in South Korea to stop the arrests of hundreds of people for peacefully expressing their opinions. In recent years hundreds of people have been arrested under Article 7 of the National Security Law. AI calls for the amendment of this law in line with international standards on the rights to freedom of expression and association.

Keywords: LEGISLATION /

SOUTH KOREA

AI Index: ASI 25/29/95

Pages: 4

Date: 20 November 1995

Title: South Korea: National Security Law arrests continue

Abstract: Dozens of people have been arrested in South Korea in recent months under the National Security Law, including students, trade unionists, activists and academics. AI is concerned that they may be prisoners of conscience.

Keywords: ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION / ACADEMICS / AGED / ILL-HEALTH / LEGISLATION / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / STUDENTS / TRADE UNIONISTS / WOMEN /

PAKISTAN

AI Index: ASI 33/25/95

Pages: 6

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Pakistan: Appeal to ban public flogging

Abstract: AI welcomes the decision of the federal cabinet on 2 October 1995 to approve a bill which seeks to abolish public flogging of prisoners in all cases in which whipping is not imposed as a "hadd" or mandatory punishment prescribed by Islamic law. However, AI believes that the punishment of whipping is a cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and should be abolished altogether. This document describes recent cases of public whipping and summarizes the legal provisions relating to the punishment of whipping. It then sets out the international human rights standards that prohibit such punishments and the participation of medical staff in the infliction of such punishments.

Keywords: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT / LEGISLATION /

VIETNAM

AI Index: ASI 41/07/95

Pages: 2

Date: 8 November 1995

Title: Viet Nam: AI condemns imprisonment of party critics (AI News Service 215/95)

Abstract: AI is calling on the Vietnamese government to release Hoang Minh Chinh and Do Trung Hieu, two prominent critics of the Communist Party of Viet Nam. Both men are suffering from serious health problems. AI is also concerned about the fairness of their one-day trial.

Keywords: ILL-HEALTH / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

AI Index: EUR 05/02/95

Pages: 10

Date: 4 October 1995

Title: Destination unknown: 'Disappeared' in former Yugoslavia: Amnesty International briefing

Abstract: "Disappearances" are just one aspect of the human cost of the conflict in former Yugoslavia. The political and military authorities have shown little enthusiasm for trying to get information about individuals who may have "disappeared". Those responsible for "disappearances" are rarely investigated, let alone prosecuted. Relatives of the "disappeared" face huge obstacles as many are displaced or are refugees. The investigation and clarification of the fate and whereabouts of the "disappeared" is a prerequisite for any reconciliation that might lead to a lasting peace. The political will of the governments and de facto authorities of former Yugoslavia, as well as the international community, to cooperate through investigations into "disappearances" is vital to this process.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / ARMED CONFLICT / BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA / CHILDREN / CROATIA / ETHNIC GROUPS / FAMILIES / PHOTOGRAPHS / WOMEN / YUGOSLAVIA /

DENMARK

AI Index: EUR 18/02/95

Pages: 1

Date: 10 November 1995

Title: Denmark: UN Committee against torture review of government report (AI News Service 218/95)

Abstract: The report of the Danish government detailing the measures the country has taken to give effect to their obligations under the UN Convention against Torture is being examined on 14 November. AI has submitted its report Denmark: Police ill-treatment published in June 1994 and other relevant information to the examining Committee.

Keywords: UN CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE /

DENMARK

AI Index: EUR 18/03/95

Pages: 1

Date: 20 November 1995

Title: Denmark: AI welcomes Christiania investigation (AI News Service 226/95)

Abstract: AI welcomes the investigation into 11 cases of ill-treatment which were alleged to have occurred in the course of a 15-month police operation in Christiania in 1992/3.

Keywords: TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

DENMARK

AI Index: EUR 18/04/95

Pages: 2

Date: 21 November 1995

Title: Denmark: AI welcomes initiatives following Christiania investigation (AI News Service 228/95)

Abstract: AI welcomes the prompt announcement by the Director of Copenhagen Police of initiatives to be taken in relation to criticism raised in the report of the investigation of 11 cases of alleged ill-treatment in Christiania.

Keywords: TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT/

FRANCE

AI Index: EUR 21/04/95

Pages: 4

Date: 28 November 1995

Title: France: Fatal shooting by police near Sospel (Alpes-Maritimes) of child refugee, Todor Bogdanovic

Abstract: Todor Bogdanovic, an eight-year-old child, was travelling in a convoy of Roma who claim to have been fleeing the conflict in Serbia. On 20 August 1995 two border police officers manning a roadblock on a mountain road leading to the village of Sospel, attempted to stop the convoy. When the first two cars failed to stop, one of the policemen fired three shots at the convoy, two were metal bullets. One of these hit the child and he died as a result of his injuries. An internal police inquiry reportedly concluded that the officer had fired his gun prematurely. A judicial inquiry was opened on 21 August 1995.

Keywords: CHILDREN / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / MINORITIES / POLICE / REFUGEES /

ITALY

AI Index: EUR 30/06/95

Pages: 3

Date: 6 November 1995

Title: Italy: The alleged ill-treatment of Salvatore Rossello by Carabinieri officers in Sicily

Abstract: AI is concerned about the alleged ill-treatment of Salvatore Rossello by officers attached to the carabinieri escort of a local judge in Sicily in May 1995 and the reported delay in the judicial investigation of the formal complaint which he lodged against them. Salvatore Rossello alleges that he was ill-treated on 25 May 1995 at the local carabinieri barracks. A medical certificate issued on 2 June 1995 recorded a perforated left ear-drum and bruising to the left jaw and shoulder. On 6 June 1995 Salvatore Rossello lodged an official complaint with the Public

Prosecutor but received no indication that a judicial investigation had been opened for over four months.

Keywords: MEDICAL CONFIRMATION / NURSES / POLICE / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

ROMANIA

AI Index: EUR 39/22/95

Pages: 10

Date: 1 October 1995

Title: Romania: Romanian authorities respond to Amnesty International's May 1995 report

Abstract: In October 1995 the Romanian authorities released three reports in response to AI's document "Romania: Broken commitments to human rights" (EUR 39/01/95) which contained details of continued human rights violations in Romania. AI welcomes the response as evidence of continued cooperation with the Romanian government but is concerned that one of the reports, from the Ministry of Interior, confirms that investigations into allegations of police abuse have not been thorough or impartial. The reports from the General Prosecutor's Office and the Ministry of Justice, however, show that new investigations have been initiated in cases of alleged torture or ill-treatment by police officers. This report presents a case by case summary of new information received as well as comments about AI's outstanding concerns.

Keywords: AI AND GOVERNMENTS / HOMOSEXUALS / MINORITIES / ARBITRARY ARREST / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / MISSIONS / POLICE / RACIAL DISCRIMINATION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

ROMANIA

AI Index: EUR 39/23/95

Pages: 1

Date: 23 November 1995

Title: Romania: Excessive use of firearms by Romanian police

Abstract: There is concern that Romanian police officers on patrol reportedly shot and injured Marcel Ghinga, a 17-year-old Rom from Ganzasa, in circumstances not warranting the use of firearms.

Keywords: JUVENILES / MINORITIES / POLICE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

ROMANIA

AI Index: EUR 39/24/95

Pages: 1

Date: 23 November 1995

Title: Romania: Excessive use of firearms by Romanian police

Abstract: There is concern that Romanian police officers on patrol on 25 August 1995 reportedly shot and injured Marian Constantin Visan in circumstances not warranting the use of firearms.

Keywords: POLICE / TORTURE / ILL-TREATMENT /

ROMANIA

AI Index: EUR 39/25/95

Pages: 1

Date: 25 November 1995

Title: Romania: Excessive use of firearms by Romanian police

Abstract: There is concern that Romanian police officers reportedly shot and injured Mihai Ciobanu in circumstances not warranting the use of firearms.

Keywords: POLICE / TORTURE / ILL-TREATMENT /

SPAIN

AI Index: EUR 41/04/95

Pages: 1

Date: 15 November 1995

Title: Spain: AI welcomes abolition of the death penalty (AI News Service 223/95)

Abstract: Spain voted to abolish the death penalty on 15 November 1995 joining a growing number of countries that have irrevocably renounced under all circumstances the use of this cruel and inhuman punishment.

Keywords: DEATH PENALTY /

TURKEY

AI Index: EUR 44/120/95

Pages: 1

Date: 30 October 1995

Title: Turkey: Disappointing legal changes will not restore freedom of expression (AI News Service 205/95)

Abstract: AI expressed deep disappointment over the modifications to Article 8 of the Anti-Terror Law agreed by the Turkish parliament and president. "Separatist propaganda" remains an imprisonable offence. As pressure for change increases, prosecutors have switched to alternative articles of the Turkish Penal Code in their prosecution of dissident writers, artists, journalists and human rights activists.

Keywords: CENSORSHIP / LEGISLATION /

TURKEY

AI Index: EUR 44/126/95

Pages: 2

Date: 7 November 1995

Title: Turkey: AI gravely concerned as hunger-strikers opposing police brutality are hospitalized (AI News Service 213/95)

Abstract: AI is seriously concerned about the health of prisoners in Turkish prisons who are on hunger-strike. The hunger-strikers are appealing for an end to ill-treatment and for those responsible for the beating to death of three remand prisoners to be brought to justice.

Keywords: HUNGER-STRIKE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

AI Index: EUR 46/18/95

Pages: 2

Date: 25 November 1995

Title: Russian Federation: Mikhail Yurochko, Evgeny Mednikov and Dmitry Elsakov

Abstract: Mikhail Yurochko and Evgeny Mednikov are in detention, under investigation for murder, facing possible death sentences. Dmitry Elsakov is also under detention for aiding and abetting the crime. Relatives, friends and lawyers maintain that they are innocent, and that they were tortured into making false confessions. AI is calling on the authorities to conduct a full and impartial investigation into these allegations.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

BELARUS

AI Index: EUR 49/08/95

Pages: 3

Date: 20 November 1995

Title: Republic of Belarus: Igor Yurzevich Kopytin

Abstract: Igor Kopytin, a 24-year-old radio technician, was sentenced to death by Vitebsk Regional Court on 20 January 1995. The Supreme Court of Belarus upheld his death sentence on 1 September 1995. Amnesty International is appealing to the President of Belarus to commute his death sentence.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE / TECHNICIANS /

UKRAINE

AI Index: EUR 50/16/95

Pages: 1

Date: 18 October 1995

Title: Ukraine: AI welcomes Ukraine's decision to abolish the death penalty and institute an immediate moratorium on executions, Amnesty International News Service 199/95

Abstract: AI welcomes the Ukrainian government's commitment to halt executions immediately and abolish the death penalty as part of its preparation to join the Council of Europe.

Keywords: DEATH PENALTY /

ARMENIA

AI Index: EUR 54/05/95

Pages: 5

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Armenia: Allegations of ill-treatment - an update

Abstract: In November 1995 the UN Committee against Torture examines Armenia's initial report under the Convention against Torture. This report outlines several allegations of torture and ill-treatment that have been made in 1995. AI is also concerned about allegations that a number of opposition journalists, lawyers and members of religious minorities have been physically assaulted by persons with links to official structures which have not been fully investigated by the police.

Keywords: TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / CONFESSIONS / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DEATH PENALTY / ELECTIONS / IMPUNITY / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / JOURNALISTS / LAWYERS / MISSIONS / POST MORTEMS / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / TRIALS / UN CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE /

AZERBAIJAZHIAN

AI Index: EUR 55/11/95

Pages: 1

Date: 24 October 1995

Title: Azerbaijan: AI opposes imprisonment of four journalists for "insulting the President", Amnesty International News Service 101/95

Abstract: AI considers that the sentences of up to five years of imprisonment imposed on 19 October 1995 on four journalists found guilty of "insulting the President" violate the right to freedom of expression.

Keywords: CENSORSHIP / JOURNALISTS /

KAZAKHSTAN

AI Index: EUR 57/09/95

Pages: 3

Date: 13 November 1995

Title: Kazakhstan: E.Khalgkov, S.Tagev, D. Bagarbekov, E.Uskumbagev, Aleksander Pavlyuk, I.Shitkov

Abstract: It is appealing to the authorities in Kazakhstan to commute the death sentences imposed on the above.

Keywords: DEATH SENTENCE /

TADZHIKISTAN AI Index: EUR 60/07/95

Pages: 1

Date: 9 November 1995

Title: Tadjikistan: Government troops held as opposition hostages should be released (AI News Service 216/95)

Abstract: It said that government troops being held hostage by opposition insurgents to force the government back into peace negotiations should be released immediately. It calls on the leader of the Islamic Renaissance Party, Said Abdullo Nuri, to release the captured soldiers on the grounds that they are not prisoners of war but hostages.

Keywords: HOSTAGE TAKING / MILITARY AS VICTIMS /

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

AI Index: EUR 63/28/95

Pages: 2

Date: 17 November 1995

Title: Bosnia-Herzegovina: Nura Berbic and Hasnija Demirovic (note corrected name): whereabouts unknown (revised and updated information)

Abstract: There is serious concern for Nura Berbic, aged 51, and her mother Hasnija Demirovic, aged 69, ethnic Muslims from Banja Luka whose whereabouts are unknown. The two were allegedly taken from Hasnija Demirovic's apartment on the night of 14 August 1995 by two men, one of whom was in military uniform. They have not been heard of since and there is grave concern for their safety.

Keywords: DISAPPEARANCES / WOMEN / AGED / ARMED CONFLICT / PHOTOGRAPHS / / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC /

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

AI Index: EUR 63/29/95

Pages: 1

Date: 17 November 1995

Title: Bosnia-Herzegovina: AI calls on parties to ensure human rights guarantees (AI News Service 225/95)

Abstract: AI calls on all parties to the Bosnia-Herzegovina peace negotiations in Dayton, Ohio, USA to ensure that the peace agreement contains strong human rights guarantees. It also encourages the international community to give full financial and political assistance to the proposed international civilian human rights monitoring presence.

Keywords: PEACE KEEPING /

CROATIA

AI Index: EUR 64/12/95

Pages: 4

Date: 21 November 1995

Title: Croatia: Violent evictions by uniformed personnel: D.P. and S.P., Vjekoslav and Nikolina Vukman, and Zdenka Bibernik

Abstract: There is concern that in recent months Amnesty International has received numerous reports that military personnel have used violence or intimidation to evict civilians from their apartments. The targets of these evictions have been most frequently those of Serbian or other non-Croatian ethnic background.

Keywords: FORCED EVICTIONS / TORTURE/ILLEGAL TREATMENT / ARMED CONFLICT / ETHNIC GROUPS / IMPUNITY / MILITARY / WOMEN /

EGYPT

AI Index: MDE 12/23/95

Pages: 2

Date: 21 November 1995

Title: Egypt: AI calls for an end to mass trials of civilians before military courts (AI News Service 225/95)

Abstract: Dozens of alleged members of the Muslim Brothers organization are being tried by a Supreme Military Court near Cairo. They include prominent figures such as opposition politicians, doctors and journalists. AI believes that mass trials of civilians before military courts is a violation of some of the most fundamental requirements of international law.

Keywords: MILITARY TRIBUNALS / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC /

ISRAEL

AI Index: MDE 15/40/95

Pages: 2

Date: 19 October 1995

Title: Israel and the occupied territories: AI condemns new draft law effectively legalizing torture, Amnesty International News Service 200/95

Abstract: AI called on Israel not to pass the "Prohibition on Torture" bill which effectively legalises torture in Israel and the Occupied Territories. AI is concerned that the bill will simply reinforce the impunity of the General Security Service (GSS), the main security service involved in interrogating Palestinian "security" offenders.

Keywords: LEGISLATION / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

TUNISIA

AI Indx: MDC 30/19/95

Pages: 40

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Tunisia: Repression thrives on impunity (includes addendum)

Abstract: Human rights violations have increased in Tunisia since the crackdown on the unauthorized Islamist opposition party at the end of 1990. The Tunisian authorities have responded to criticism of their human rights record by establishing human rights bodies but these have failed to adequately investigate cases of human rights abuses brought to their attention. Arbitrary detention and imprisonment are widespread with the detention of human rights activists, Islamist political activists, government critics and their relatives. Torture and ill-treatment continue to be reported in police and security centres across Tunisia. Complaints made by victims, their families and lawyers, and human rights organizations have not been acted upon. No effective measures have been taken to prevent further violations. The report makes recommendations to the Tunisian authorities to improve the human rights situation.

Keywords: ARBITRARY ARRESTS / BANNING / CENSORSHIP / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / IMPUNITY / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / TRIALS / ACADEMICS / CONDITIONAL RELEASE / DEPORTATION / DOCTORS / ELECTIONS / ENGINEERS / FAMILIES / HOUSE/TOWN ARREST / HUNGER-STRIKE / ICCPR / JOURNALISTS / JUDGES / LAWYERS / MISSIONS / PARDONS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / POLITICIANS / POST MORTEMS / PRISON STAFF / REFUGEES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT / SURVEILLANCE / TEACHERS / TRIAL OBSERVATION / UNLAWFUL DETENTION

TUNISIA

AI Indx: MDC 30/24/95

Pages: 2

Date: 2 November 1995

Title: Tunisia: repression thrives on impunity (AI News Service 202/95)

Abstract: AI said in a report issued today that human rights violations in Tunisia are continuing. Members of the security forces who have committed violations have been afforded impunity and victims denied the right to redress. The number of prisoners of conscience has continued to grow. New laws curtailing freedom of expression and associations were introduced in November 1995. Torture and ill-treatment have been widespread, especially since 1990. AI calls on the Tunisian authorities to release immediately all prisoners of conscience, retry or release political prisoners convicted in unfair trials, put an end to the imposition of

administrative control on released prisoners of conscience, and investigate thoroughly cases of torture and ill-treatment in custody and prison.

Keywords:ADVERSE DISCRIMINATION / CHILDREN / EDITORS / IMPUNITY / LEGISLATION / MILITARY / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / STUDENTS / TEACHERS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

TUNISIA

AI Index: MDC 30/26/95

Pages: 1

Date: 7 November 1995

Title:Tunisia: AI welcomes the release of Hamma Hammami and Mohamed Kilani (AI News Service 219/95)

Abstract:Hamam Hammami and Mohamed Kilani, leading figures of the illegal Tunisian Workers' Communist Party, were released yesterday, on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali's coming to power. AI welcomes their release, but remains concerned that hundreds of others remain detained, and that serious human rights concerns have not yet been addressed.

Keywords:OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / RELEASE /

AI Index: ACT 76/03/95

Pages: 7

Date: 1 August 1995

Title:Children's Day action 20 November 1995

Abstract:This action consists of cases from seven countries, illustrating the types of violations suffered by children and young people around the world. The cases are as follows: Argentina: appeal for clarification of the fate of children born in captivity to mothers who have "disappeared"; China (Tibet): Jampa Chogjor, 16, a novice monk, one of many Tibetan children arrested for peacefully expressing their political views; India (Jammu and Kashmir): Nisar Ahmad Mir, 13 and two other boys, shot dead in the custody of the Border Security Force; Iraq (Northern Iraq): Fariq Tawfiq 'Ali, 11, reportedly killed in the custody of members of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan; Israel: 'Usama Jum'a Kayjali, 14, Muhammad Mahmoud Ibrahim Shafoud, 15 and Hamid al Kuni, 17, tortured in detention; Romania: Virgiliu Ilies, 15, beaten by police in detention; Rwanda: Children, victims of gross human rights violations.

Keywords:CHILDREN / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS / JUVENILES / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / ARGENTINA / ARMED CONFLICT / CHINA / COMPENSATION / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DISAPPEARANCES / ESCAPES / INDIA / INFANTS / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / IRAQ / ISRAEL / MILITARY / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / PREGNANCY / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - BUDDHIST / ROMANIA / RWANDA / WOMEN /

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AI Index: IOR 30/04/95**Pages:** 2**Date:** 16 November 1995**Title:** AI calls on APEC leaders to underpin economic growth with respect for all human rights (AI News Service 215/95)**Abstract:** AI calls on the heads of state and governments at the third Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) summit in Osaka, Japan, to match rhetoric on the region's shared values with action to fully promote and protect human rights.**Keywords:** APEC /

AI Index: IOR 40/13/95**Pages:** 2**Date:** 20 October 1995**Title:** United Nations: AI urges world leaders to take concrete steps to establish a permanent international criminal court (AI News Service 198/95)**Abstract:** AI urges the UN to establish a permanent international criminal court which could bring to justice those responsible for genocide, other crimes against humanity and serious violations of humanitarian law.**Keywords:** INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / UN /

AI Index: IOR 60/01/95**Pages:** 2

Date: 26 November 1995

Title: AI calls for human rights to be central in Euro-Mediterranean summit (AI News Service 227/95)

Abstract: AI urges that human rights should be central to any agreement on security and cooperation in the region. The aim of the summit of 27 European, Middle East and North Africa heads of state is to establish a new long-term partnership.

Keywords: INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS /

AI Index: NWS 21/11/95

Pages: 8

Date: 1 November 1995

Title: Amnesty International Newsletter November 1995

Abstract: 1. Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women: Women confront the world; 2. Nepal: Prisoners of conscience; 3. Egypt: Civilians targeted for killings; 4. Uzbekistan: Former prisoner of conscience starts new life; 5. Brazil: Compensation without truth; 6. Sierra Leone: Civilians come under attack; 7. Portugal: Lawyer alleges assault by police officers; 8. Worldwide appeals on cases in Ecuador, Iran and Nigeria; 9. Focus: Childhood is no protection.

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