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**EAST AFRICA****AI Index:** AFR 04/02/96**Network:** UA-211/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 17 September 1996**Title:** Ethiopia /Djibouti: Further information on fear for safety / refolement and new concern: "disappearance"**Abstract:** Girmay Moges Newaye-Mariam, aged 38; new names: Muhyadin Muftah, Aydrus Hussein and six others: Girmay Moges Newaye-Mariam, an Ethiopian refugee, is still "disappeared" in Ethiopia after being sent back from Djibouti. Muhyadin Muftah, deputy general secretary of the Afar Revolutionary Democratic Unity Front, an armed opposition group, and Aydrus Hussein, former member of the Somali Regional Assembly, were arrested in Djibouti with six Ethiopian Somali businessmen on 1 September 1996. They were reportedly handed over to the Ethiopian authorities and have since "disappeared" while in secret detention.**Keywords:** BUSINESS PEOPLE / DISAPPEARANCES / DJIBOUTI / ETHIOPIA / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AS VICTIMS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / TEACHERS /**CONGO****AI Index:** AFR 22/03/96**Network:** UA-152/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 September 1996**Title:** Congo: Further information on medical concern /possible prisoner of conscience: Colonel Buissa Matoko**Abstract:** On 6 September 1996, the above was sentenced to two years in prison for an attack on state security. Although there are still concerns about his health, Colonel Buissa Matoko has now access to a doctor.**Keywords:** ILL-HEALTH / MEDICAL TREATMENT / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / POSSIBLE POC /**EQUATORIAL GUINEA****AI Index:** AFR 24/06/96**Network:** UA-128/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 28 August 1996**Title:** Equatorial Guinea: Further information on: legal concern /torture / medical concern**Abstract:** Francisca Nzang Ebasi (f) and Norberto Esono have been released.**Keywords:** PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE / WOMEN /**ETHIOPIA****AI Index:** AFR 25/13/96**Network:** UA-230/95**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 September 1996**Title:** Ethiopia: Further information on: fear of ill-treatment /legal concern /"disappearance": Five staff of the Oromo Relief Association

**Abstract:**Martha Arero (f), store-keeper, Fraol Galata, project officer, Hailu Gamachu, accountant,Mussa Uto, store-keeper; Ahmed Mohammed, Field Coordination Officer: Ahmed Mohammed remains "disappeared" but the other staff members of the Oromo Relief Association were released without charges in June 1996. The government has closed down the ORA and seized its assets.

**Keywords:**ACCOUNTANTS / BANNING / DISAPPEARANCES / RELEASE / RELIEF WORKERS / SHOP-KEEPERS / WOMEN /

## ETHIOPIA

**AI Index:** AFR 25/14/96

**Network:** UA-81/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 20 September 1996

**Title:**Ethiopia: Further information on fear of torture /"disappearance" / death in custody /legal concern

**Abstract:**Olana Bati, aged 75, retired lawyer, Asrat Buli, medical doctor, Baharsitu Obsa (f), singer, Shabbe Sheko (f), singer, Dalu Bekule, Abdella Ahmed Tesso, local government employee, Teshome Mutama, nurse, Challa Kebebe and many others: Olana Bati was provisionally released in July 1996, after having been seriously ill in prison. Dalu Bekule was also released but the others remain in detention.

**Keywords:**AGED / CONDITIONAL RELEASE / DEATH IN CUSTODY / DISAPPEARANCES / DOCTORS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / LAWYERS / LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES / MASS ARREST / MUSICIANS / NURSES / POLITICAL PRISONERS / RETIRED PEOPLE / WOMEN /

## GUINEA-BISSAU

**AI Index:** AFR 30/08/96

**Network:** UA-192/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 28 August 1996

**Title:**Guinea-Bissau /Spain: Further information on: fear of refoulement / ill-treatment /fear for safety /health concern

**Abstract:**Albert Mukesha Batwaro, Rwandese, and from Guinea-Conakry: Souleymane Diallo, Sulaymane Souare, Alpha Makmadou Barry, Abubacar Sall, and other African nationals: On 23 August 1996 Albert Mukesha Batwaro and the 45 other people deported to Guinea-Bissau from Spain, ended their hunger-strike. Amnesty International remains concerned about the health and safety of the 46 African nationals, as one of the deportees has developed mental problems, another has kidney problems and some are suffering from malaria. Amnesty International fears that some of these people may be at risk of serious human rights violations if they are returned to their countries.

**Keywords:**HUNGER-STRIKE / ILL-HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / SECOND GOVERNMENTS / SPAIN /

**RWANDA****AI Index:** AFR 47/21/96**Network:** UA-199/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 13 September 1996**Title:**Rwanda: Further information on fear for safety /fear of ill-treatment /arbitrary arrest**Abstract:**Amiel Nkuriza, director of Intego and editor of Le Partisan, Appolos Hakizimana, journalist at Intego, Isaie Niyoyita, editor of Intego: Appolos Hakizimana was released on or around 19 August 1996. There is no new information on the whereabouts of Isaie Niyoyita.**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / CENSORSHIP / EDITORS / JOURNALISTS / MILITARY / RELEASE /**SUDAN****AI Index:** AFR 54/22/96**Network:** UA-221/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 September 1996**Title:**Sudan: Torture /fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience**Abstract:**Abualabbas Dai al-Naim, lawyer, Khalid al-Mahi, lawyer, Muataz Hasaan, businessman, Adil Ibrahim Karrar, businessman, Ismail Azhari, al-Tayib 'Abd al-Kafi, al-Jalli, businessman, Zohair, medical doctor: The above were arrested in Khartoum on or around 4 September 1996, following riots in Khartoum and Omdurman on 1 and 2 September. They have not been brought to a court or charged and are reportedly being held incommunicado in Kober prison. Reportedly, lawyers Khalid al-Mahi and Abualabbas Dai al-Naim, supporters of banned political parties, have been tortured.**Keywords:**BANNING / BUSINESS PEOPLE / CIVIL UNREST / DOCTORS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / LAWYERS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /**SUDAN****AI Index:** AFR 54/23/96**Network:** UA-38/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 September 1996**Title:**Sudan: Further information on fear of torture /fear of "disappearance": Hassan Adam Ali**Abstract:**AI has learned that the above, a political activist from western Sudan who was arrested upon arrival in Khartoum in late January 1996 after he was deported from Jordan, was released on 29 March 1996.**Keywords:**DEPORTATION / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / JORDAN / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / RELEASE

SUDAN**AI Index:** AFR 54/24/96**Network:** UA-140/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 September 1996**Title:** Sudan: Further information on fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience**Abstract:** Mahjoub al-Zubeir, former president of Sudanese Workers Trade Union Federation (SWTUF), Yahya Ali Abdallah, former SWTUF secretary general, Nasur Ali Nasur, former SWTUF treasurer, Awad al-Karim Mohamed Ahmed, trade unionist, engineer, Minallah Abdelwahab Eissa, former SWTUF press officer, Yahya Saleh Mukwar, medical doctor and former Doctors Union official: Amnesty International has learned that the six trade unionists named above, who had been arrested in Khartoum on 4 June 1996, had been released by early July.**Keywords:** CONDITIONAL RELEASE / DOCTORS / ENGINEERS / TRADE UNIONISTS /SUDAN**AI Index:** AFR 54/25/96**Network:** UA-170/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 September 1996**Title:** Sudan: Further information on: fear of ill-treatment /possible prisoners of conscience /health concern**Abstract:** Galal Hamid, former Director of the Gezira (agriculture) Scheme, Taj al-Sir Ahmad Abdallahi, President of Ahli Football Club, al-Kheir Ali Arbab, doctor, Abdeen Miheisi, architect and engineer, Osman Abdelgader, trade unionist, Mohamed Abdelghafar, businessman, Mubarak Mohamed al-Hassan and 22 other men; Adam Abdel Kabir, engineer: Amnesty International has learned that those listed above have been released.**Keywords:** ARCHITECTS / BUSINESS PEOPLE / DOCTORS / ENGINEERS / RELEASE / TRADE UNIONISTSSUDAN**AI Index:** AFR 54/26/96**Network:** UA-185/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 September 1996**Title:** Sudan: Further information on possible prisoners of conscience /fear of torture**Abstract:** Moneim Attia, engineer, Nagib Nejm al-Din, aged 46, medical doctor: Amnesty International has learned that the above were released. However, there are reports that Nagib Nejm al-Din was rearrested in early September.**Keywords:** CONDITIONAL RELEASE / DOCTORS / ENGINEERS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / TRADE UNIONISTS /

ZAIRE**AI Index:** AFR 62/10/96**Network:** EXTRA-141/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 3 September 1996**Title:**Zaire: Fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:**Kabande, local chief, Rugazura, local chief, Pasteur Muzizi, Pasteur Bugunzu, Pasteur Semutobo: The five elderly men named above, arrested by members of the Zairian Armed Forces on 20 August 1996, are being held incommunicado in a military camp at Luberizi. Amnesty International is concerned that they may be prisoners of conscience, held solely because of their ethnic origin. The organization is also seriously concerned for their safety, given that torture and beatings in custody are routine in Zaire, particularly in military camps.

**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / ARMED CONFLICT / BANNING / ETHNIC GROUPS / MILITARY / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / POSSIBLE POC / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - PROTESTANT / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / UNLAWFUL DETENTION /

ZAIRE**AI Index:** AFR 62/11/96**Network:** EXTRA-117/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 4 September 1996**Title:**Zaire: Further information on: fear of torture /prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:**Didi Mwati Bulambo; and new names: Kyalosho Kalunda, Donatien Mazambi, Lambert Mbunganyi, all workers at the Collectif d'action pour le developpement des droits de l'homme (CADDHOM): Amnesty International has received further information on the arrest of Didi Mwati Bulambo, and is concerned by the related arrests of the other three men named above. Amnesty International has confirmed reports of torture being used regularly in the prison.

**Keywords:**BANNING / CENSORSHIP / CONDITIONAL RELEASE / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / MEDICAL TREATMENT / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

ZAIRE**AI Index:** AFR 62/12/96**Network:** EXTRA-117/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 September 1996**Title:**Zaire: Further information on: fear of torture /prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:**Didi Mwati Bulambo, Kyalosho Kalunda, Donatien Mazambi, Lambert Mbunganyi, all workers at the Collectif d'action pour le developpement des droits de l'homme (CADDHOM): Kyalosho Kalunda, Donatien Mazambi and Lambert Mbunganyi were provisionally released from Kamituga prison on 16 September. They are receiving medical treatment, after having been subjected to whippings and living in extremely poor conditions.

**Keywords:**CENSORSHIP / CONDITIONAL RELEASE / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / MEDICAL TREATMENT / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

BAHAMAS**AI Index:** AMR 14/10/96

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**Network:** EXTRA-146/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 9 September 1996

**Title:** Bahamas: Fear of imminent execution: Trevor Nathaniel Fisher

**Abstract:** Trevor Nathaniel Fisher is due to be hanged on 12 September 1996. It is reported that the Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy advised the Governor General that Trevor Fisher's case was not one in which mercy should be exercised.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / PRISON CONDITIONS /

## BAHAMAS

**AI Index:** AMR 14/11/96

**Network:** EXTRA-146/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 12 September 1996

**Title:** Bahamas: Further information on death penalty: Trevor Nathaniel Fisher

**Abstract:** The above, who was scheduled to be executed in the Bahamas today, has received a temporary stay of execution until 30 September to allow for a constitutional appeal on his behalf to be heard on 25 September.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / STAY OF EXECUTION /

## BARBADOS

**AI Index:** AMR 15/03/96

**Network:** EXTRA-145/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 9 September 1996

**Title:** Barbados: Fear of imminent execution

**Abstract:** Leston Leroy Harewood and Vincent Murrell have had death warrants read to them for their executions, which are to be carried out on 10 September 1996.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE /

## BARBADOS

**AI Index:** AMR 15/04/96

**Network:** EXTRA-145/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 13 September 1996

**Title:** Barbados: Further information on death penalty

**Abstract:** Leston Leroy Harewood and Vincent Murrell, who were scheduled to be executed on 10 September 1996, have been granted a stay of execution pending the outcome of a constitutional appeal on their behalf.

**Keywords:** DEATH SENTENCE / STAY OF EXECUTION /

## BRAZIL

**AI Index:** AMR 19/29/96

**Network:** UA-213/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 28 August 1996

**Title:** Brazil: Fear for safety /possible extrajudicial executions

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**Abstract:** Gilvam Alves da Silva, Manuel Moraes de Souza, Sebastiao, Valerio and 200 squatter peasant families on the Sao Francisco estate: There is a deep concern for the safety of Gilvam Alves da Silva and some 200 squatter peasant families (posseiros) camped on the mentioned estate, following the abduction and shooting of the people above mentioned by eight armed gunmen on 20 August 1996. Manuel Moraes de Souza, Sebastiao and Valerio were apparently killed, Gilvam Alves da Silva, pretended to be dead and survived. Some 200 hundred families have reportedly been squatting on the Sao Francisco estate for almost a year

**Keywords:** ATTEMPTED KILLING / DISAPPEARANCES / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / LAND PROBLEMS / PEASANTS / PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS / SQUATTERS /

## CHILE

**AI Index:** AMR 22/10/96

**Network:** EXTRA-108/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 30 August 1996

**Title:** Chile: Further information on: death penalty: Cupertino Segundo Andaur Contreras

**Abstract:** On 29 August 1996 the death sentence against Cupertino Segundo Andaur Contreras was commuted by President Frei to life imprisonment.

**Keywords:** COMMUTATION /

## COLOMBIA

**AI Index:** AMR 23/47/96

**Network:** UA-241/95

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 24 September 1996

**Title:** Colombia: Further information on fear for safety: Civilian population of Remedios and Segovia, Antioquia

**Abstract:** New names: Leshe Elizabot Yali Giraldo (f), aged three months, Kenny Magiver Jimenez Gomez (f), aged six months, Eugenia Gomez (f), Beatriz Elena Giraldo (f): Serious human rights violations committed by paramilitary organizations continue, despite the announcement of new security measures and the increased presence of members of the security forces in Segovia and Remedios. On 21 September 1996 a group of unidentified men threw a bomb at a house in Segovia. The resulting explosion killed the two infants named above. Their mothers were seriously injured.

**Keywords:** BOMB ATTACKS / EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / INFANTS / PARAMILITARIES / WOMEN /



COSTA RICA**AI Index:** AMR 24/01/96**Network:** UA-216/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 5 September 1996**Title:**Costa Rica: Fear for safety

**Abstract:**Reina Xiomara Zelaya Gonzalez and her daughters: Maryuri Johanna Zelaya Gonzalez, aged 6 (f), Stephania Xiomara Caballero Zelaya, aged 12 (f), Cynthia Lorena Caballero Zelaya, aged 13 (f): Reina Xiomara Zelaya, who fled to Costa Rica with her daughters in February 1996 after receiving death threats in her native Honduras, is once again in fear for her life. During the past two weeks she has been subjected to surveillance and harassment in Heredia, Costa Rica, apparently by members of the Honduran security forces. The targeting of Reina Zelaya is believed to be a result of the fact that the father of two of her daughters is Florencio Caballero, a former member of the Honduran military intelligence unit who has testified during investigations into past human rights violations in Honduras and is currently seeking asylum in Canada.

**Keywords:**CHILDREN / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / HONDURAS / INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES / REFUGEES / SURVEILLANCE / WITNESSES / WOMEN /

CUBA**AI Index:** AMR 25/36/96**Network:** UA-215/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 5 September 1996

**Title:**Cuba: Health concern /possible prisoner of conscience /legal concern: Carlos Lores Martinez

**Abstract:**The above, a university engineering lecturer who has not been allowed to see a lawyer since his arrest more than four months ago, is reported to be seriously ill in detention. He is currently being held in a punishment cell at the Department of State Security in Pinar del Rio province. Carlos Lores is believed to be under investigation on a charge of "enemy propaganda".

**Keywords:**ACADEMICS / ILL-HEALTH / POSSIBLE POC / PRISON CONDITIONS /

GUATEMALA**AI Index:** AMR 34/28/96**Network:** UA-173/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 September 1996

**Title:**Guatemala: Further information on fear for safety: Carlos Federico Reyes Lopez and his family

**Abstract:**Amnesty International remains concerned for the safety of the above, a 26-year-old member of the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Team, and his family, following continuing harassment and threats.

**Keywords:**ANTHROPOLOGISTS / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT /

MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/50/96**Network:** EXTRA-103/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 August 1996**Title:**Mexico: Further information on: fear for safety /fear of torture / torture /ill-treatment and new concern: prisoner of conscience**Abstract:**Hilario Mesino Acosta, peasant leader and human rights defender, and his three daughters: Norma Mesino Mesino (f), peasant activist and human rights defender, Rocio Mesino Mesino (f), peasant activist and human rights defender, Maria del Carmen Mesino Mesino (f): Amnesty International is gravely concerned about latest reports confirming that Hilario Mesino Acosta has been tortured at least twice since his arrest, he was also threatened with the "disappearance" and death of two of his daughters (Norma and Rocio), both of whom are also members of the Southern Sierra Peasant Organization, as well as of Maria del Carmen. Rocio Mesino Mesino was the victim of an attempted abduction on 7 February 1996.**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / PEASANT LEADERS / PEASANTS / PHOTOGRAPHS / POLICE / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/51/96**Network:** UA-200/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 29 August 1996**Title:**Mexico: Further information on death threats /fear for safety**Abstract:**Pilar Noriega (f), and Digna Ochoa (f), both human rights lawyers: On 28 August 1996 the above received an anonymous letter announcing their death in a week's time. This is the latest of a series of threats against members of the Human Rights Centre Agustin Pro-Juarez (PRODH), which appear to be related to the lawyers' work in defending seven people imprisoned under unfounded charges of having links with an armed opposition group (EZLN, Zapatista National Liberation Army).**Keywords:**ARMED CONFLICT / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS / LAWYERS /MEXICO**AI Index:** AMR 41/52/96**Network:** UA-102/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 4 September 1996**Title:**Mexico: Further information on: possible extrajudicial execution / fear for safety**Abstract:**Killed: Marcos Olmedo Gutierrez; Wounded: Luis Cortez Salas, Pablo Artista Meja, Gregorio Vidal Juarez, Remedios Ortiz Fernandez (f), Miguel Angel Delgado Vargas, Ignacio Cortez, Elia Aguilar Rios (f), Luis Mendoza Cruz, Juan Cruz Suarez; Arrested: 34 people, names unknown; Leticia Moctezuma Vargas (f): The threats against Leticia Moctezuma Vargas appear to have stopped. It is believed that this is a result of international appeals. No one has yet been

brought to justice for the killing of Marcos Olmedo Gutierrez and wounding of nine others.

**Keywords:**COMMUNITY WORKERS / DEMONSTRATIONS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / LAND PROBLEMS / MASS ARREST / PEASANTS / TEACHERS / WOMEN /

**MEXICO**

**AI Index:** AMR 41/53/96

**Network:** UA-172/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 4 September 1996

**Title:**Mexico: Further information on: fear for safety: Fabiola Cancino de los Santos (f), journalist

**Abstract:**There have been no more attacks or threats against the journalist, and for the present no further action is requested.

**Keywords:**HARASSMENT / IMPUNITY / JOURNALISTS / WOMEN /

**MEXICO**

**AI Index:** AMR 41/54/96

**Network:** UA-174/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 4 September 1996

**Title:**Mexico: Further information on: fear for safety

**Abstract:**Liliana Flores Benavides, (f) aged 41, activist, Viridiana Villareal (f), aged 17, Liliana's daughter, Nancy Rodriguez Villareal (f), aged 32, activist, Marta Rodriguez Martinez (f), aged 37, activist: There have been no reports of further threats against members of the NGO El Barzon, and no more appeals by the Urgent Action Network are requested for the time being. No one has been brought to justice for the planting of the bomb in El Barzon's office in early July 1996.

**Keywords:**BOMB ATTACKS / HARASSMENT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / IMPUNITY / LAND PROBLEMS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / WOMEN /

**MEXICO**

**AI Index:** AMR 41/55/96

**Network:** EXTRA-144/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 6 September 1996

**Title:**Mexico: Arbitrary arrest /"disappearance" /fear for safety: Silverio Lopez Ramos, peasant rights activist

**Abstract:**Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Silverio Lopez Ramos who was arrested - reportedly violently - on 4 September by members of the state police, the Mexican army and the federal judicial police. His whereabouts remain unknown.

**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / ARMED CONFLICT / DISAPPEARANCES / PEASANTS / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

**TRINIDAD & TOBAGO****AI Index:** AMR 49/10/96**Network:** EXTRA-37/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 5 September 1996**Title:**Trinidad and Tobago: Further information on: death penalty**Abstract:**Michael Wanzar, Kenneth Teesdale, Raffick Sahadath, Elvis Penny, Franklyn Gonzales: Amnesty International has learned that the death sentences of the above prisoners have been commuted to 75 years imprisonment with hard labour.**Keywords:**COMMUTATION /**USA****AI Index:** AMR 51/82/96**Network:** EXTRA-138/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 28 August 1996**Title:**USA (Illinois): Death penalty: Raymond Lee Stewart**Abstract:**Raymond Lee Stewart, black, is scheduled to be executed on 17 September 1996 in Illinois. He was sentenced to death in 1981 and in 1982 received a second death sentence.**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE / MINORITIES /**USA****AI Index:** AMR 51/83/96**Network:** EXTRA-55/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 3 September 1996**Title:**USA (Georgia): Further information on: death penalty: Ellis Wayne Felker**Abstract:**The above, who was scheduled to be executed in Georgia on 2 May 1996, received a new death warrant and is scheduled to be executed on 10 September 1996.**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE /**USA****AI Index:** AMR 51/84/96**Network:** EXTRA-123/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 6 September 1996**Title:**USA (Oregon): Further information on death penalty: Douglas Wright**Abstract:**Douglas Wright was executed as scheduled on 6 September 1996.**Keywords:**EXECUTION /

USA**AI Index:** AMR 51/85/96**Network:** EXTRA-55/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 17 September 1996**Title:**USA (Georgia): Further information on death penalty: Ellis Wayne Felker**Abstract:**The above, who was scheduled to be executed in Georgia on 10 September 1996, has received a stay of execution following the discovery of four boxes of evidence that should have been made available to the defence attorneys.**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE / STAY OF EXECUTION /USA**AI Index:** AMR 51/86/96**Network:** EXTRA-138/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 September 1996**Title:**USA (Illinois): Further information on death penalty: Raymond Lee Stewart**Abstract:**Raymond Lee Stewart was executed as scheduled in Illinois on 17 September 1996.**Keywords:**EXECUTION /VENEZUELA**AI Index:** AMR 53/09/96**Network:** EXTRA-140/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 30 August 1996**Title:**Venezuela: Prisoner of conscience /fear of torture /ill-treatment / health concern: Jose Antonio Landaeta Gatica, carpenter**Abstract:**Amnesty International considers that he is a prisoner of conscience, administratively detained, on account of his town of origin, under the Law of Vagrants and Crooks, which allows for administrative detention and imprisonment without detainees having access to court hearing, legal defence or a fair trial. He was severely beaten at the time of his arrest and has reportedly still not received medical treatment for the injuries he sustained as a result. He is feared to be facing imminent transfer to a prison where the conditions are known to be appalling and where he would be at risk of further ill-treatment or torture.**Keywords:**ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION / ARBITRARY ARREST / ARTISANS / ILL-HEALTH / LEGISLATION / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /BANGLADESH**AI Index:** ASA 13/09/96**Network:** UA-162/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 28 August 1996**Title:**Bangladesh: Further information on: fear for safety /unacknowledged detention: Kalpana Chakma (f)**Abstract:**There is still no news of the whereabouts of Kalpana Chakma reportedly forcibly detained by security personnel. The Prime Minister and the Home Minister had

given assurances that a judicial inquiry committee would be set up to investigate the incident. However to Amnesty International's knowledge, this committee has not yet been officially established.

**Keywords:**HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION / WOMEN /

**INDIA**

**AI Index:** ASA 20/40/96

**Network:** UA-39/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 30 August 1996

**Title:**India: Further information on death penalty

**Abstract:**Gantela Vijayavardhana Rao, aged 25, Satuluri Chalapathi Rao, aged 24: The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal and upheld the death sentence passed on the above. No date has yet been set for their execution.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE /

**INDIA**

**AI Index:** ASA 20/43/96

**Network:** UA-39/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 13 September 1996

**Title:**India: Further information on death penalty

**Abstract:**Gantela Vijayavardhana Rao, aged 25, Satuluri Chalapathi Rao, aged 24: AI fears for the lives of the above after receiving news that the date for their execution has been set for 30 September 1996.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE /

**INDONESIA**

**AI Index:** ASA 21/63/96

**Network:** UA-217/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 5 September 1996

**Title:**Indonesia: Fear of torture and ill-treatment: Suwigno

**Abstract:**Suwigno was arrested in Jakarta on 3 September 1996 after he had visited the Indonesian Legal Aid Institute. He is believed to have been arrested for his alleged connections with the unofficial political group PRD. Amnesty fears he is being held in military custody, and it is assumed that he does not have access to lawyers, placing him at serious risk of ill-treatment or torture, as is frequent in political cases in Indonesia.

**Keywords:**POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /

INDONESIA**AI Index:** ASA 21/64/96**Network:** UA-198/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 13 September 1996

**Title:**Indonesia: Further information on fear for safety /possible prisoners of conscience /torture /medical concern /prisoner of conscience

**Abstract:**Released: Hendrik Dikson Sirait, aged 24 student activist, Abadi Halawa, student, Ganda Manurung, student, Freddy Manurung, student, Mangasi, student, Simson Simanjuntak, student, Ronald Naibaho, student, Parlindungan Sibuea, Benny Sumardi (previously listed as Benny S), Budi Pratong, Syamsul Bachri, 28 alleged PRD activists in Bali: Thirty-nine people arrested in the past weeks for their alleged involvement in the disturbances in Jakarta on 27 and 28 July have been released from detention. Some of them were released on bail and are still facing charges. It seems that others are being questioned as witnesses in relation to other cases.

**Keywords:**BANNING / CIVIL UNREST / CONDITIONAL RELEASE / MASS ARREST / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / RELEASE / STUDENTS /

INDONESIA**AI Index:** ASA 21/65/96**Network:** UA-198/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 16 September 1996

**Title:**Indonesia: Further information on fear for safety /possible prisoners of conscience /torture /medical concern /prisoner of conscience

**Abstract:**New names: I Gusti Anom Astika, Wilson: Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of the above, who were arrested on 9 or 10 September by the security forces in Semarang in Central Java for their alleged involvement in the PRD. They are being held in police detention in Jakarta.

**Keywords:**BANNING / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC /

INDONESIA**AI Index:** ASA 21/66/96**Network:** UA-198/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 20 September 1996

**Title:**Indonesia: Further information on fear for safety /possible prisoners of conscience /torture /medical concern /prisoner of conscience

**Abstract:**I Gusti Anom Astika, Wilson; new names: Nia Damayanti (f) student, Bulan (f), student, one other male student - name not known: Amnesty International fears for the safety of three students arrested in the East Java town of Surabaya who are being held incommunicado in military custody. All three are alleged to be members of the PRD.

**Keywords:**BANNING / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / STUDENTS / WOMEN /

PHILIPPINES**AI Index:** ASA 35/07/96**Network:** UA-163/96

**Pages:** 1**Date:** 6 September 1996**Title:**Philippines: Further information on death penalty: Leo Pilo Echegaray

**Abstract:**Amnesty International understands that the Supreme Court is still considering the appeal lodged by Pilo Echegaray's lawyer against his death sentence. A leading association of human rights lawyers in Philippines (FLAG) filed a supplementary appeal on his behalf. The judge concerned has gained notoriety in the country for founding an organization known as the "Guillotine Club" whose members are all reported to be judges who have passed death sentences and are perceived by the public to be strong advocates of the death penalty.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE /**SRI LANKA****AI Index:** ASA 37/15/96**Network:** UA-219/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 13 September 1996**Title:**Sri Lanka: Deliberate and arbitrary killings /fear of further killings: Eleven bus passengers, killed; Civilian population in areas of conflict

**Abstract:**According to independent sources, members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) deliberately killed 11 bus passengers, including four women and a two-year-old child, on 12 September at Arantalawa, Amparai district. It is believed that among those killed are two Muslim men; all others are members of the Sinhalese community. AI is concerned that civilians appear to have been arbitrarily killed solely on the basis of their ethnicity.

**Keywords:**ARMED CONFLICT / ETHNIC GROUPS / EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION / INFANTS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES / WOMEN /**SRI LANKA****AI Index:** ASA 37/16/96**Network:** UA-220/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 16 September 1996**Title:**Sri Lanka: "Disappearances"

**Abstract:**Ponnuthurai Sinnathurai, aged 47, tailor, Muhunthan, tailor's assistant: The above, a tailor and his assistant from Sangathanai, Jaffna district, "disappeared" after they were seen being taken away in an army truck on 31 July 1996. Despite numerous appeals at various army camps, their whereabouts remain unknown.

**Keywords:**ARMED CONFLICT / ARTISANS / DISAPPEARANCES / MILITARY / RETAIL WORKERS /



SRI LANKA**AI Index:** ASA 37/17/96**Network:** UA-222/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 20 September 1996**Title:** Sri Lanka: "Disappearances"

**Abstract:** Krishanthi Kumarasamy (f), aged 18, student, Rasammah Kumarasamy (f), Pranaban Kumarasamy, aged 16, student, Kirupakaran Sithamparam, aged 35, peon (office messenger), Subramaniam, municipal council worker, Ganeshu Sri Ram, student: Krishanthi Kumarasamy, from "Kumaralayam", Kaitadi, Jaffna, was taken into custody at an army sentry point on 7 September 1996. Her mother, brother and a friend of the family, Kirupakaran Sithamparam went in search of her and have not been seen since. Soldiers denied taking any of them into custody. AI also learned that on 12 August, Subramaniam and Ganeshu Sri Ram were seen being taken into custody by the army at Kaitadi. Local army officials, however, deny these two people are in their custody.

**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / CLERICAL WORKERS / DISAPPEARANCES / JUVENILES / LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES / STUDENTS / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION / WOMEN /

ALBANIA**AI Index:** EUR 11/19/96**Network:** UA-50/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 12 September 1996**Title:** Albania: Further information on possible prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** (1) Sulejman Rrahman Mekollari, Dilaver Ibrahim Dauti, Lirim Servet Veliu, Gani Koro; (2) Elvira Shaplo (f), Vladimir Qiraiqi, Jani Bardho and Thomas Ngjelo; (3) Sami Meta, Kristaq Mosko, Timoshenko Pekmezi and Tare Isufi: The trial of Sami Meta and his co-defendants (3), charged with "creating anti-constitutional parties and associations in collaboration" is reaching its final stages. The information so far available indicates that they have neither used nor advocated violence. If they are found guilty, Amnesty International will consider them to be prisoners of conscience. Sulejman Rrahman Mekollari and Lirim Servet Veliu, prisoners of conscience, are currently serving their prison sentences.

**Keywords:** ACADEMICS / AGED / ARTISTS / BANNING / BUSINESS PEOPLE / CENSORSHIP / POSSIBLE POC / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

ALBANIA**AI Index:** EUR 11/20/96**Network:** UA-50/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 17 September 1996**Title:** Albania: Further information on possible prisoners of conscience

**Abstract:** (1) Sulejman Rrahman Mekollari, Dilaver Ibrahim Dauti, Lirim Servet Veliu and Gani Koro; (2) Elvira Shaplo (f), Vladimir Qiraiqi, Jani Bardho and Thomas Ngjelo; (3) Sami Meta, Kristaq Mosko, Timoshenko Pekmezi and Tare Isufi: On 16 September Sami Meta and his three co-defendants were found guilty of conspiring to re-create the former Albanian communist party, banned since 1992. The presiding judge reportedly told the court that the defendants aimed "to take power by violence".

**Keywords:**BANNING / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / TRIALS /

**ROMANIA**

**AI Index:** EUR 39/17/96

**Network:** UA-218/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 11 September 1996

**Title:**Romania: Consensual homosexual relations continue to be punished under amended legislation

**Abstract:**On 10 September 1996, the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament adopted an amendment to Article 200 of the Penal Code punishing homosexual relations. In October 1993, Romania was accepted as a member of the Council of Europe on condition that the Penal Code should be amended so that homosexual acts in private between consenting adults were no longer penalized.

**Keywords:**COUNCIL OF EUROPE / HOMOSEXUALS / LEGISLATION /

**TURKEY**

**AI Index:** EUR 44/128/96

**Network:** EXTRA-139/96

**Pages:** 2

**Date:** 30 August 1996

**Title:**Turkey: Fear of "disappearance" /fear for safety: Duzgun Zengin, veterinary student, aged 20

**Abstract:**On 13 August 1996, police surrounded the house where Duzgun Zengin and three more people were staying. Two of them, Elif Nazan Seker (f) and Dongan Subasi were detained and transferred to Kocaeli Police Headquarters for interrogation, allegations of torture were made by Elif Nazan Seker. Duzgun Zengin has not been seen or heard of since then. In a press statement, police claimed that he was responsible for the killing of two police officers. Upon inquiries by his family as to his whereabouts, prosecutors denied that Duzgun Zengin had been detained and that he had escaped arrest.

**Keywords:**DISAPPEARANCES / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

**TURKEY**

**AI Index:** EUR 44/129/96

**Network:** EXTRA-125/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 30 August 1996

**Title:**Turkey: Further information on fear of torture /fear of "disappearance": M. Hanefi Isik, teacher, member of Turkish Human Rights Association

**Abstract:**Turkish newspapers reported on 29 August 1996 that M.Hanefi Isik has been formally arrested and committed to prison to await trial.

**Keywords:**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DETENTION / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / REAPPEARANCE / TEACHERS /

TURKEY**AI Index:** EUR 44/131/96**Network:** EXTRA-139/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 3 September 1996**Title:** Turkey: Further information on fear of "disappearance" /fear for safety: Duzgun Zengin**Abstract:** Amnesty International remains concerned for the safety of Duzgun Zengin, a 20-year-old veterinary student, who has not been seen since 13 August.**Keywords:** DISAPPEARANCES / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /TURKEY**AI Index:** EUR 44/132/96**Network:** EXTRA-142/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 3 September 1996**Title:** Turkey: Prisoner of conscience /fear of arrest as POC**Abstract:** Akin Birdal, President of Turkish Human Rights Association; Mehmet Ihsan Arslan, vice-President of Mazlum-Der (human rights organization): Amnesty International is deeply concerned about the detention of Akin Birdal, by plainclothes police on 2 September 1996, in connection with a failed humanitarian mission to Northern Iraq to secure the release of Turkish soldiers held by armed opposition group (PKK). Amnesty International considers he is a prisoner of conscience and fears that another delegate to Northern Iraq, Mehmet Ihsan Arslan, may be arrested as a prisoner of conscience.**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /TURKEY**AI Index:** EUR 44/133/96**Network:** EXTRA-142/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 5 September 1996**Title:** Turkey: Further information on prisoner of conscience /fear of arrest as POC**Abstract:** Akin Birdal, President of Turkish Human Rights Association; Mehmet Ihsan Arslan, vice-President of Mazlum-Der (human rights organization) and Fetullah Erbas, Member of Parliament: According to reports Akin Birdal and Mehmet Ihsan Arslan, have been interrogated at the Anti-Terror Branch of Ankara Police Headquarters. It has also been reported that the prosecutor's office intended to demand that parliamentary immunity for Fetullah Erbas be lifted so that he, too, could be detained.**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PARLIAMENTARIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /

TURKEY**AI Index:** EUR 44/134/96**Network:** EXTRA-143/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 5 September 1996**Title:** Turkey: Fear of "disappearance" /fear of torture: Masallah Yalcin, Kurdish worker**Abstract:** Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of Masallah Yalcin who has been in unacknowledged detention in Mersin since 30 August 1996.**Keywords:** MINORITIES / REARREST / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION /TURKEY**AI Index:** EUR 44/135/96**Network:** EXTRA-142/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 6 September 1996**Title:** Turkey: Further information on prisoner of conscience /fear of arrest as POC**Abstract:** Akin Birdal, President of Turkish Human Rights Association; Mehmet Ihsan Arslan, vice-President of Mazlum-Der (human rights organization) and Fetullah Erbas, Member of Parliament: Amnesty International has been informed that Akin Birdal and Mehmet Ihsan Arslan have been released today, 6 September. There is no further information on the possible lifting of Fetullah Erbas' parliamentary immunity**Keywords:** ARMED CONFLICT / HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PARLIAMENTARIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /TURKEY**AI Index:** EUR 44/139/96**Network:** EXTRA-147/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 18 September 1996**Title:** Turkey: Fear of torture: Mukrime Tepe (f)**Abstract:** On 13 September 1996, the above, a law student and official of HADEP (People's Democracy Party), was detained as she left Sagmalcilar Prison in Istanbul after visiting her sister there. Amnesty International fears that she may be tortured in police custody. The organization is particularly concerned for her safety given that both her brother and her cousin died apparently at the hands of the security forces.**Keywords:** ARBITRARY ARREST / EMERGENCY LEGISLATION / FAMILIES / HARASSMENT / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / STUDENTS / WOMEN /TURKEY**AI Index:** EUR 44/140/96**Network:** EXTRA-147/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 September 1996**Title:** Turkey: Further information on fear of torture: Mukrime Tepe (f)

**Abstract:**The above, a law student and official of HADEP (People's Democracy Party) has been released.

**Keywords:**POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / RELEASE / STUDENTS / WOMEN /

## TURKEY

**AI Index:** EUR 44/143/96

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**Date:** 20 September 1996

**Title:**Turkey: Further information on fear of "disappearance" /fear for safety: Duzgun Zengin, veterinary student, aged 20

**Abstract:**Amnesty International has learned that the above, a 20-year-old veterinary student, is reportedly alive and in hiding.

**Keywords:**REAPPEARANCE / STUDENTS /

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**AI Index:** EUR 46/40/96

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**Date:** 30 August 1996

**Title:**Russian Federation: Further information on: prisoner of conscience / conscientious objection: Uvanchaa Dozur-ool Mongushevich

**Abstract:**Amnesty International is concerned that the above continues to be denied the option of lawfully registering his objection, and therefore he is still at risk of imprisonment if he should obey his conscience and desert again.

**Keywords:**CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS / MINORITIES / RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - BUDDHIST /

## KAZAKHSTAN

**AI Index:** EUR 57/14/96

**Network:** UA-214/96

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**Date:** 3 September 1996

**Title:**Kazakhstan: Fear of torture /possible prisoner of conscience: Nina Sidorova

**Abstract:**Amnesty International is concerned about allegations that the above, a 42-year-old woman, has been tortured and ill-treated in the custody of the State Investigative Committee of Kazakstan, and fears that this alleged treatment is continuing. AI is also concerned that Nina Sidorova's detention on criminal charges may be spurious, and may represent an attempt to punish her for political activism

**Keywords:**ARBITRARY ARREST / MINORITIES / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES / POSSIBLE POC / SOLITARY CONFINEMENT / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /

**KAZAKHSTAN****AI Index:** EUR 57/15/96**Network:** UA-214/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 24 September 1996**Title:** Kazakhstan: Further information on fear of torture /possible prisoner of conscience: Nina Sidorova**Abstract:** Nina Sidorova was released from detention on 22 September 1996.**Keywords:** POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / RELEASE / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT / WOMEN /**BAHRAIN****AI Index:** MDE 11/25/96**Network:** EXTRA-27/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 19 September 1996**Title:** Bahrain: Further information on fear of forcible exile: Salah Abdalla Ahmed al-Khawaja**Abstract:** Amnesty International has learned that the above was released in mid-September 1996.**Keywords:** POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / RELEASE /**EGYPT****AI Index:** MDE 12/24/96**Network:** UA-207/96**Pages:** 2**Date:** 10 September 1996**Title:** Egypt: Further information on fear of torture /death in custody**Abstract:** Sayyid 'Abbas Sayyidd, Taha Mansour, Sa'id Taghour, Hisham Mohammad 'Abdu, 'Abd al-Hamid Mahmoud Qutb Khalil: In addition to the five individuals named above, at least 52 other individuals are reportedly being held in the State Security Investigations Department headquarters in Cairo, where they have allegedly been subjected to torture. All of those detained are suspected members of al-Talal' al-Fatah, a splinter group of the banned Islamist group al-Gihad (Holy Struggle).**Keywords:** PRISONERS' LISTS / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /**ISRAEL****AI Index:** MDE 15/60/96**Network:** UA-203/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 27 August 1996**Title:** Palestinian Authority: Further information on prisoner of conscience / legal concern: Muhammad Dahman - human rights activist**Abstract:** Muhammad Dahman was released on 27 August 1996. While Amnesty International welcomes his release, the organization remains seriously concerned that his detention appears to have been another example of attempts by the Palestinian Authority to put pressure on human rights activists who openly criticize it.

**Keywords:**HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / RELEASE /

**ISRAEL**

**AI Index:** MDE 15/61/96

**Network:** EXTRA-126/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 27 August 1996

**Title:**Israel/Palestinian Authority: Further information on torture /fear of torture /legal concern

**Abstract:**'Ayman Sliman Muhammad al-Sabbah, Jamal al-Nabulsi, Naser Juma' , Mu'ammam Mabrukeh, 'Abd al -Halim Mabrukeh: On 11 August a lawyer and a fieldworker from the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment (LAWE) visited Jneid Prison in Nablus. They were allowed to visit the prisoners named above (all except 'Ayman Sliman Muhammad al-Sabbah). All four are believed to have been tortured by the naval police. The detainees gave affidavits and signed papers giving lawyer Hosni Kalboni power of attorney to represent them. However, the naval police confiscated the legal documents stating that the detainees would not be allowed any legal advice. Concerns about the torture of these detainees and the other hundred held in Jneid Prison have not ceased.

**Keywords:**DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MILITARY / PRISON CONDITIONS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

**KUWAIT**

**AI Index:** MDE 17/07/96

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**Date:** 23 September 1996

**Title:**Kuwait: Further information on death penalty: Badr 'Abd al-Karim Sultan al-Bashir, Kuwaiti police officer

**Abstract:**The above was executed on 22 September 1996, after having been convicted of premeditated murder and the possession of drugs.

**Keywords:**DRUG TRAFFICKING / EXECUTION / POLICE AS VICTIMS /

**LEBANON**

**AI Index:** MDE 18/04/96

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**Date:** 19 September 1996

**Title:**Lebanon: Further information on fear of execution: Ahmed Hallaq

**Abstract:**The death sentence against Ahmed Hallaq has been approved by President Elias Hrawi and that his execution will be carried out on 21 September 1996.

**Keywords:**DEATH SENTENCE /

**SAUDI ARABIA** **AI Index:** MDE 23/10/96

**Network:** EXTRA-111/96

**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 9 September 1996**Title:** Saudi Arabia: Further information on fear of torture /possible prisoners of conscience**Abstract:** Abdullah Abbas al-Ahmad, aged 40, employee of Aramco, Kamil Abbas al-Ahmad, aged 25, university student, Muhammad Ibrahim al-Ibrahim, aged 40, employee of Aramco, Nasser 'Ali Rahim, 39, employee of Aramco, Ali Hassan al-Dawood, 32, employee of Aramco: Amnesty International has learned that Nasser 'Ali Rahim was released without charge on 20 July 1996. The others all reportedly remain without charge in incommunicado detention. Amnesty International fears that these detainees may be at risk of torture.**Keywords:** DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / MASS ARREST / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POLITICAL VIOLENCE / POSSIBLE POC / RELEASE / RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC / STUDENTS /**SYRIA****AI Index:** MDE 24/14/96**Network:** EXTRA-137/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 28 August 1996**Title:** Syria /Hungary: Fear of refoulement /fear for safety**Abstract:** Anthony Zakaria Laki and Samuel Lado Zakaria, Sudanese asylum-seekers: Amnesty International has learned with grave concern that within the next few days the above mentioned may be forcibly returned from Syria to Sudan where they would be at serious risk of detention and torture, after having had their claims for asylum in Hungary rejected, and were expelled within a matter of days to Syria, the country through which they had travelled. Since then they have been in detention in Syria, mainly in Yarmuk immigration prison. If carried out, the forcible expulsion would be a grave violation of the internationally recognised principle of non-refoulement.**Keywords:** CONSCRIPTION / HUNGARY / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / SUDAN /**SYRIA****AI Index:** MDE 24/15/96**Network:** EXTRA-137/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 2 September 1996**Title:** Syria /Hungary: Further information on fear of refoulement /fear for safety**Abstract:** Anthony Zakaria Laki and Samuel Lado Zakaria, Sudanese asylum-seekers: According to information obtained by Amnesty International, the two brothers named above, are to be refouled to Sudan by the Syrian authorities as early as 6 September 1996. Despite repeated requests, the Syrian authorities have refused to allow representatives of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Syria to visit them in detention.**Keywords:** CONSCRIPTION / HUNGARY / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / SUDAN /**SYRIA****AI Index:** MDE 24/16/96



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**Network:** EXTRA-137/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 16 September 1996**Title:** Syria /Hungary: Further information on fear of refoulement /fear for safety**Abstract:**Anthony Zakaria Laki and Samuel Lado Zakaria, Sudanese asylum-seekers: The above were refouled to Sudan from Syria early last week. This was done despite repeated requests from the UNHCR office in Syria to the authorities not to refoule the two brothers.**Keywords:**CONSCRIPTION / HUNGARY / MILITARY AS VICTIMS / REFOULEMENT / REFUGEES / RELIGIOUS GROUPS / SUDAN /

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**TUNISIA****AI Index:** MDE 30/24/96**Network:** UA-208/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 27 August 1996**Title:**Tunisia: Further information on fear of torture or ill-treatment / probable prisoners of conscience /fear of arrest as POC**Abstract:**Mohamed Tahar Brahmi (note corrected spelling), student, Lotfi Hammami, student, Bourhan Gasmi, student, Tahar Gargoura, student, Abdel Moumen Belanes, student; new names: Raja Chamekh (f), student, Mohamed Dridi, student, Ali Jallouli, student: Mohamed Tahar Barhoumi, Lotfi Hammami, Bourhan Gasmi, Raja Chamekh, Mohamed Dridi and Ali Jallouli were released on bail on 25 August 1996. All of them were held incommunicado and were reportedly tortured in detention. Tahar Gargoura and Abdel Moumen Belanes remain in hiding and it is feared that they are also at risk of arrest.**Keywords:**CONDITIONAL RELEASE / INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION / POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / POSSIBLE POC / STUDENTS / TORTURE/ILL-TREATMENT /

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**TUNISIA****AI Index:** MDE 30/25/96**Network:** EXTRA-71/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 27 August 1996**Title:**Tunisia: Further information on: legal concern /prisoner of conscience: Khemais Chammari**Abstract:**The above, a human rights activist and parliamentarian, was tried and sentenced to five years' imprisonment on 17 July 1996. Amnesty International, whose observer attended his trial on 18 July, concluded that no convincing evidence was produced to substantiate the charges. The organization considers him to be a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely for his conscientiously-held beliefs, and calls for his immediate and unconditional release.**Keywords:**HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PARLIAMENTARIANS / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIAL OBSERVATION /

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**TUNISIA****AI Index:** MDE 30/26/96**Network:** EXTRA-71/96**Pages:** 1

**Date:** 30 August 1996**Title:**Tunisia: Further information on: legal concern /prisoner of conscience:  
Khemais Chammari**Abstract:**The sentence of five years' imprisonment passed on prisoner of conscience Khemais Chammari on 17 July 1996 was upheld by the Tunisian Supreme Court which, on 29 August, rejected defence lawyers' petitions for the overturning of the verdict through the "cassation" procedure. Requests by the defence lawyers for a postponement of the Supreme Court's review of the case were rejected. Moreover the lawyers were not allowed free access to their client.**Keywords:**HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / PARLIAMENTARIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIAL OBSERVATION /**TUNISIA****AI Index:** MDE 30/27/96**Network:** EXTRA-71/96**Pages:** 1**Date:** 17 September 1996**Title:**Tunisia: Further information on: legal concern /prisoner of conscience and  
new health concern: Khemais Chammari**Abstract:**Prisoner of conscience Khemais Chammari began a hunger-strike on 10 September 1996 to protest at the conditions of his detention. Amnesty International fears that his health may further deteriorate as a result of his hunger-strike.**Keywords:**HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS / HUNGER-STRIKE / ILL-HEALTH / PARLIAMENTARIANS / PHOTOGRAPHS / PRISON CONDITIONS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE /**TUNISIA****AI Index:** MDE 30/28/96**Network:** EXTRA-118/95**Pages:** 1**Date:** 17 September 1996**Title:**Tunisia: Further information on: legal concern and new health concern:  
Mohamed Mouadda**Abstract:**The above, a leader of the opposition party Mouvement des Democratres Socialistes (MDS), started a hunger-strike on 13 September 1996 in solidarity with fellow prisoner of conscience, Khemais Chammari. He is also protesting at the closing of the offices of the MDS.**Keywords:**BANNING / HUNGER-STRIKE / ILL-HEALTH / OPPOSITION POLITICIANS / PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE / TRIALS /

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    ASA 13/09/96      EUR 44/129/96      EUR 44/132/96      EUR      44/133/96  
    EUR 44/135/96      MDE 15/60/96      MDE 30/25/96      MDE      30/26/96  
    MDE 30/27/96

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

AMR 41/51/96

HUNGER-STRIKE

AFR 30/08/96      MDE 30/27/96      MDE 30/28/96

ILL-HEALTH

AFR 22/03/96      AFR 30/08/96      AMR 25/36/96      AMR 53/09/96      MDE      30/27/96  
    MDE 30/28/96

IMPUNITY

AMR 41/53/96      AMR 41/54/96

INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION

AFR 25/14/96      AFR 54/22/96      AFR 54/23/96      AMR 41/50/96      ASA      21/66/96  
    EUR 44/139/96      MDE 15/61/96      MDE 23/10/96      MDE 30/24/96

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

AMR 41/50/96      AMR 41/52/96      ASA 13/09/96

INFANTS

AMR 23/47/96      ASA 37/15/96

INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES

AMR 24/01/96

JOURNALISTS

AFR 47/21/96      AMR 41/53/96

JUVENILES

අයිඅ 37/17/96

LAND PROBLEMS

අමර 19/29/96      අමර 41/52/96      අමර 41/54/96

LAWYERS

අආර 25/14/96      අආර 54/22/96      අමර 41/51/96

LEGISLATION

අමර 53/09/96      ඊඊර 39/17/96

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

අආර 25/14/96      අයිඅ 37/17/96

MASS ARREST

අආර 25/14/96      අමර 41/52/96      අයිඅ 21/64/96      මඳඋ 23/10/96

MEDICAL TREATMENT

අආර 22/03/96      අආර 62/11/96      අආර 62/12/96

MENTAL HEALTH

අආර 30/08/96

MILITARY

අආර 47/21/96      අආර 62/10/96      අයිඅ 21/66/96      අයිඅ 37/16/96      මඳඋ 15/61/96

MILITARY AS VICTIMS

අආර 22/03/96      මඳඋ 24/14/96      මඳඋ 24/15/96      මඳඋ 24/16/96

MINORITIES

අමර 51/82/96      ඊඊර 44/134/96      ඊඊර 46/40/96      ඊඊර 57/14/96

MUSICIANS

අආර 25/14/96

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

අයිඅ 37/15/96

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AS VICTIMS

අආර 04/02/96

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

අආර 62/10/96      අමර 41/54/96

NURSES

අආර 25/14/96

OPPOSITION POLITICIANS

මඳඋ 30/28/96

PARAFAMILIARIES

අමර 23/47/96

PARLIAMENTARIANS

ඊඊර 44/133/96      ඊඊර 44/135/96      මඳඋ 30/25/96      මඳඋ 30/26/96      මඳඋ 30/27/96

PEASANT LEADERS

අමර 41/50/96

PEASANTS

AMR 19/29/96

AMR 41/50/96

AMR 41/52/96

AMR 41/55/96

PHOTOGRAPHS

AMR 41/50/96

MDE 50/25/96

MDE 50/27/96

POLICE

AMR 41/50/96



POLICE AS VICTIMS

MÐE 17/07/96

POLITICAL ACTIVISTS

AFR 54/22/96	AFR 54/23/96	AFR 54/26/96	AMR 41/50/96	AMR	41/55/96
	ASÄ 21/63/96	ASÄ 21/64/96	ASÄ 21/65/96	ASÄ	21/66/96
	EUR 11/20/96	EUR 44/139/96	EUR 44/140/96	EUR	57/14/96
	EUR 57/15/96	MÐE 11/25/96	MÐE 23/10/96	MÐE	30/24/96

POLITICAL PRISONERS

AFR 25/14/96

POLITICAL VIOLENCE

MÐE 23/10/96

POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIMINAL CHARGES

AMR 41/50/96 EUR 57/14/96

POSSIBLE POC

AFR 22/03/96	AFR 54/22/96	AFR 54/26/96	AFR 62/10/96	AMR	25/56/96
	ASÄ 21/64/96	ASÄ 21/65/96	ASÄ 21/66/96	EUR	11/19/96
	EUR 11/20/96	EUR 57/14/96	EUR 57/15/96	MÐE	23/10/96
	MÐE 30/24/96				

PRISON CONDITIONS

AFR 62/11/96	AFR 62/12/96	AMR 14/10/96	AMR 25/56/96	AMR	41/50/96
	AMR 53/09/96	MÐE 15/61/96	MÐE 30/27/96		

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

AFR 24/06/96	AFR 62/11/96	AFR 62/12/96	AMR 41/50/96	AMR	53/09/96
	EUR 11/19/96	EUR 44/132/96	EUR 44/133/96	EUR	44/135/96
	MÐE 15/60/96	MÐE 30/25/96	MÐE 30/26/96	MÐE	30/27/96
	MÐE 30/28/96				

PRISONERS' LISTS

MÐE 12/24/96

PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS

AMR 19/29/96

RE-APPEARANCE

EUR 44/129/96 EUR 44/143/96

RE-ARREST

EUR 44/134/96

REFOULEMENT

AFR 04/02/96	AFR 30/08/96	MÐE 24/14/96	MÐE 24/15/96	MÐE 24/16/96
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REFUGEES

AFR 04/02/96	AFR 30/08/96	AMR 24/01/96	MÐE 24/14/96	MÐE	24/15/96
	MÐE 24/16/96				

RELEASE

AFR 24/06/96	AFR 25/13/96	AFR 47/21/96	AFR 54/23/96	AFR	54/25/96
	ASÄ 21/64/96	EUR 44/135/96	EUR 44/140/96	EUR	57/15/96
	MÐE 11/25/96	MÐE 15/60/96	MÐE 23/10/96		

RELIEF WORKERS

AFR 25/13/96

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

MDE 24/14/96

MDE 24/15/96

MDE 24/16/96

RELIGIOUS GROUPS - ISLAMIC

MDE 12/24/96

MDE 23/10/96

RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - BUDDHIST

EUR 46/40/96

RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS - PROTESTANT

AFR 62/10/96

RETAIL WORKERS

ASA 37/16/96

RETIRED PEOPLE

AFR 25/14/96

SECOND GOVERNMENTS

AFR 30/08/96

SHOP-KEEPERS

AFR 25/13/96

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

EUR 57/14/96

SQUATTERS

AMR 19/29/96

STAY OF EXECUTION

AMR 14/11/96

AMR 15/04/96

AMR 51/85/96

STUDENTS

ASA 21/64/96

ASA 21/66/96

ASA 37/17/96

EUR 44/128/96

EUR

44/131/96

EUR 44/139/96

EUR 44/140/96

EUR 44/143/96

MDE

23/10/96

MDE 30/24/96

SURVEILLANCE

AMR 24/01/96

TEACHERS

AFR 04/02/96

AMR 41/52/96

EUR 44/129/96

TORTURE/ILLEGAL TREATMENT

AFR 54/22/96

AFR 62/10/96

AFR 62/11/96

AFR 62/12/96

AMR

41/50/96

AMR 41/55/96

AMR 53/09/96

EUR 44/128/96

EUR

44/131/96

EUR 44/134/96

EUR 57/14/96

EUR 57/15/96

MDE

12/24/96

MDE 15/61/96

MDE 30/24/96

TRADE UNIONISTS

AFR 54/24/96

AFR 54/25/96

AFR 54/26/96

TRIAL OBSERVATION

MDE 30/25/96

MDE 30/26/96

TRIALS

EUR 11/20/96            MDE 50/28/96

UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION

AFSA 13/09/96            AFSA 21/63/96            AFSA 37/17/96            EUR 44/151/96            EUR 44/154/96

UNLAWFUL DETENTION

AFR 62/10/96

WITNESSES

AMR 24/01/96

WOMEN

AMR 24/06/96

AMR 25/13/96

AMR 41/50/96

AMR 13/09/96

EUR 44/139/96

AMR 25/14/96

AMR 41/52/96

AMR 21/66/96

EUR 44/140/96

AMR 25/47/96

AMR 41/53/96

AMR 37/15/96

EUR 57/14/96

AMR

AMR

AMR

EUR 57/15/96

24/01/96

41/54/96

37/17/96