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**Amnesty International has only limited information about the situation of Shykri Kahki, a teacher of English. According to information received from sources in Yugoslavia, Shykri Kahki was arrested and searched by the Serbian police on his way to Skopje, Macedonia, on or around 19 April 1991.**

**It is reported that the police found an issue of the periodical Zeri (possibly Zeri Kosovës, an Albanian emigré periodical published in Switzerland) and a scheme for studies issued by the Croatian Ministry of Education in his possession. He was allegedly sentenced to 60 days' imprisonment, without trial or access to a lawyer. He is believed to be in prison in Kosovo.**

**Reason for Amnesty International concern:**

**Amnesty International believes that Shykri Kahki was arrested and imprisoned solely for his non-violent political activity. Therefore the organization considers him to be a prisoner of conscience, detained in violation of Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which guarantees freedom of expression. Yugoslavia ratified this Covenant in 1971. Amnesty International is appealing to the Yugoslav authorities for Shykri Kahki's immediate and unconditional release.**