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Further information on UA 417/91 (EUR 48/29/91, 28 November 1991) - Arrest of doctors, journalists and others

YUGOSLAVIA: Dr Vesna Bosanac (f)
 Dr Juraj Njavro
 Siniša Glavaševi_
 Branimir Polovina
 Marin Vidi_-Bili and others

Amnesty International has been informed that Dr Vesna Bosanac and Dr Juraj Njavro were released on 10 December in a prisoner exchange carried out by the Yugoslav National Army (JNA) and the Croatian authorities and that they have returned to Croatia. Reports indicate that at least some of the medical staff and patients from Vukovar hospital detained with them were also released, but so far Amnesty International does not have details. Further prisoner exchanges are taking place today on 11 December.

There is still no further news of the journalist Siniša Glavaševi_, and at a press-conference on 10 December released members of Vukovar hospital medical staff reportedly expressed fears that he had been killed by JNA troops.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/faxes/airmail letters:

- welcoming the release of Drs. Bosanac and Njavro;
- urging that all other medical staff and patients from Vukovar hospital who have neither used nor advocated violence and who were detained on 20 November be released or failing this, that they be granted full legal safeguards, including access to their families, and to lawyers and doctors of their choice.

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