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Further information on UA 314/99 (EUR 70/130/99, 6 December 1999) -
"Disappearance" / Fear for safety

Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY)

Teke Bokshi - ethnic Albanian lawyer and human rights activist from Kosovo

Teke Bokshi was released on 16 December 1999 after his family paid a ransom of 100,000 German Marks which was demanded by his captors.

It is now apparent that Teke Bokshi was kidnapped on 3 December when his car was stopped just outside Belgrade by three men presenting themselves as police officers and driving a car with police registration.

He was then held in a private apartment in Belgrade by five men who kept him tied up most of the time. He believes that at least two of them were Serbian police officers, one of whom had served in Kosovo, and that the others were Serbs from Bosnia-Herzegovina. The matter has been formerly reported to the Serbian police as well as to the United Nations civilian police operating in Kosovo.

Amnesty International is concerned that the safety of other Kosovo Albanian lawyers working in Serbia is assured and as such would welcome further appeals by: E-mail/fax/express/airmail letters in English, French, German, Russian or your own language:

- welcoming the news that Teke Bokshi was released on 16 December 1999;
- expressing concern that he was kidnapped with the involvement of Serbian police officers;
- calling for an immediate, thorough, independent and impartial investigation into his kidnapping;
- urging that those involved be brought to justice;
- asking for assurances that all necessary measures, including a review of police chains of command, be taken to ensure that such an event is prevented in future.

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and to diplomatic representatives the FRY accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 January 2000.