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Further information (2) on UA 29/96 (MDE 11/03/96, 8 February 1996) and follow-up MDE 11/10/96, 18 April 1996 - Legal Concern

BAHRAIN Ahmad al-Shamlan, aged 54, lawyer

Amnesty International has learned that on 21 April 1996, the State Security Court ordered the release pending trial of Ahmad al-Shamlan. It scheduled a hearing for the ruling on 5 May 1996.

Ahmad al-Shamlan appeared before the State Security Court for the first session in his trial on 17 April 1996. He was charged with possessing and acquiring literature containing false information, and spreading it abroad. He has denied the charges.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English, Arabic or your own language:

- urging that Ahmad al-Shamlan be tried in accordance with international standards for fair trial;
- requesting details of the charges against Ahmad al-Shamlan.

If possible, please organize appeals from lawyers.

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