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Fear of Torture

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IRAN: Shahpour Naroui, teacher, aged around 40

Hamid Naroui, aged around 34

Amnesty International has received reports that two Baluchis, Shahpour Naroui and Hamid Naroui, were arrested approximately one week ago in Kerman. The reasons for their arrest are unclear and their whereabouts have remained unknown since their arrest. Amnesty International fears that they may be subjected to torture or ill-treatment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amnesty International remains concerned about the continuing reports of arbitrary arrests, detention, torture and execution of members of the Naroui tribe in Baluchistan-Sistan region in Iran, particularly in the Nosratabad district. According to reports, over 20 Baluchis have been executed in the last three months, 17 of whom were executed in Zahedan Prison in December 1992 and February 1993. Although the majority were members of the Naroui tribe, the victims included at least three members of the Barahoui tribe. No information with regard to their trials is available; some of them had reportedly been in detention without charge or trial for over a year, while others were reportedly charged with drug trafficking, armed robbery and/or counter-revolutionary activities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:

- expressing concern that the whereabouts of Shahpour Naroui and Hamid Naroui have remained unknown since their arrest approximately one week ago in Kerman, and seeking information about their precise place of detention;
- urging that they be given immediate access to lawyers of their own choosing, family members, and independent medical care if necessary;
- seeking information about the precise charges that have been brought against them and any information with regard to their trials;
- seeking assurances that they are being humanely treated.

APPEALS TO

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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2) His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi
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Salutation: Your Excellency

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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office if sending appeals after 6 May 1993.