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UA 80/92 Fear of Torture

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IRAN: Sardar Yousef Naroui
 Amir Naroui

Amnesty International has received reports that Sardar Yousef Naroui, aged 45, and Amir Naroui, aged 48, two brothers who belong to the Naroui tribe of Baluchistan, in south-eastern Iran, were arrested on 15 February 1992 in Tabriz.

They are believed to have been arrested on political grounds, although the precise reasons are unclear and their whereabouts remain unknown. There are fears that they may be subjected to torture.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During recent months Amnesty International has received an increasing number of reports of the arbitrary arrest, detention and ill-treatment of people from the Naroui tribe in the Baluchistan-Sistan region in south-eastern Iran. In addition, the execution of 42 Baluchis, including minors, have been reported since November 1991, the most recent of which were the execution of eight people, all believed to be Narouis, in February 1992.

In November 1991 Amnesty International sought urgent clarification from Iranian authorities regarding the reasons for the execution of 20 people in Zahedan and the arrest of scores of members of the Naroui tribe. So far no response has been received.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- expressing concern at the reported incommunicado detention, since 15 February 1992 of Sardar Yousef Naroui and Amir Naroui;
- seeking assurances that they are being humanely treated and urging that they be given immediate access to lawyers of their own choice, their family members, and medical doctors if necessary;
- seeking information about the exact reasons for their arrest and whether or not they have been charged, as well as their place of detention.

APPEALS TO

1) His Excellency Hojjatoleslam

Your Excellency

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2) His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi **Your Excellency**
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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 April 1992.