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**Further information (1) on UA 124/96 (MDE 13/17/96, 17 May 1996) - Unacknowledged detention / Fear of "disappearance"**

**IRAN Ayatollah Ya'sub al-Din Rastgari**

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Unconfirmed reports suggest that Ayatollah Ya'sub al-Din Rastgari, detained in late February 1996, is currently being held in a prison in Qom. Amnesty International has no information about his legal status, but fears that he may be held as a prisoner of conscience.

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

- seeking clarification of Ayatollah Ya'sub al-Din Rastgari's current whereabouts;
- seeking information about his current legal status, including any charges or trial proceedings, and calling for his release if he is not to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence and given a fair and prompt trial;
- urging that he be granted access to a lawyer of his choice, an independent doctor, and to a prompt judicial review of his detention;
- seeking assurances that he is being humanely treated and that he is not at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) Leader of the Islamic Republic

His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei  
The Presidency, Palestine Avenue  
Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Ayatollah Khamenei, Tehran, Iran**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

2) The President

His Excellency Hojjatoleslam  
Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani  
The Presidency, Palestine Avenue  
Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, The Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: President Rafsanjani, Tehran, Iran**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

3) Head of the Judiciary

His Excellency Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi  
Ministry of Justice  
Park-e Shahr, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Head of the Judiciary, Tehran, Iran**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

4) Minister of Information

His Excellency Hojjatoleslam Ali Fallahian  
Ministry of Information  
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Telegrams: Information Minister, Tehran, Iran**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES TO:**

Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Dr Ali Akbar Velayati

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Abdolmajid Keshk-e Mesri Avenue  
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Chairman of the Islamic Consultative Assembly's Human Rights Committee  
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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 17 September 1996.