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Further information on UA 323/97 (MDE 15/90/97, 15 October 1997) and follow-up (MDE 15/100/97, 8 December 1997) - Fear of Torture/Legal Concern

ISRAEL/SOUTH LEBANON
Taysir Dabaja (under 16), school student
Na'ima Faysel Jaber (f) (under 16), school student
Khaled Idris, (under 16), school student
Bisam 'Ali Hamdeh (under 16), school student
Bilal Ibrahim al-Ashqar (under 16), school student
Bilal Kayed Faraj (under 16), school student
Zeinab Naser (f) (32)
Mazen 'Abdallah (12)

The South Lebanon Army (SLA) reportedly released Taysir Dabaja, Na'ima Faysel Jaber, Khaled Idris, Bisam 'Ali Hamdeh, Bilal Ibrahim al-Ashqar and Bilal Kayed Faraj from Khiam Detention Centre on 19 January 1998. Appeals for them should now cease.

Amnesty International remains concerned about the well-being of Mazen 'Abdallah, aged 12, who is believed to remain in detention at Khiam.

There has been a large amount of interest from AI members in these cases. We would like to thank all those who sent appeals on behalf of the seven detainees who have been released.

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

- urging that Mazen 'Abdallah be granted immediate and continuing access to his family, lawyer and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
- urging full respect for the Convention on the Rights of the Child in his treatment;
- seeking assurances that Mazen 'Abdallah will be protected from any form of torture or ill-treatment;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Mazen 'Abdallah if he is not charged with criminal offences and tried according to international standards for a fair trial.

APPEALS TO:

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General Yitzhak Mordechai
Minister of Defence, Ministry of Defence
7 'A' Street, Hakirya, Tel Aviv, Israel
Faxes: + 972 3 697 6218
Salutation: Dear Minister

General Antoine Lahad
South Lebanon Army
c/o General Yitzhak Mordechai
Minister of Defence, Ministry of Defence
7 'A' Street, Hakiryia, Tel Aviv, Israel
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Salutation: Dear General

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Israel accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 9 March 1998.