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Deliberate and arbitrary killings/Fear of further killings

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ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES Five civilians and one suicide bomber
killed in bus bombing

According to the latest information received by Amnesty International, six civilians were killed, including a suicide bomber, and about 33 were wounded on the morning of 24 July 1995 when a bomb exploded on a bus in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan. The Islamic Resistance Movement (*Hamas*) has reportedly claimed responsibility for the attack. In the past *Hamas* has claimed responsibility for similar attacks against civilians, and Amnesty International fears it may carry out further attacks against civilian targets.

Amnesty International strongly condemns such deliberate and arbitrary killings, which violate fundamental principles of international humanitarian law. Respect for such principles must be unconditional. Amnesty is calling on *Hamas* to halt attacks against civilians immediately.

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

- expressing deep regret about the killings of civilians in Tel Aviv on 24 July 1995;
- calling on *Hamas* to demonstrate respect for fundamental principles of international humanitarian law and halt attacks against civilians immediately.

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