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Further information on EXTRA 51/02 (MDE 15/108/2002, 10 July 2002) and follow-up (MDE 15/110/2002, 12 July 2002) - Medical concern

ISRAEL/Shahir Mansur (m), aged 31

OCCUPIED TERRITORIES Munjid Mansur (m), aged 17 months

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Shahir Mansur's lawyer has informed Amnesty International that, until today, the Mansur family has not been able to travel the United States due to restrictions on travel imposed on the West Bank. As a result of closures and curfews imposed on the area, they have not been allowed to travel from their village, Kufir Qalil (near Nablus), to the Allenby Bridge leading to Jordan, from where they will travel to the United States.

Shahir Mansur needs to travel to hospital in the United States with his son Munjid, who urgently needs a life-saving liver transplant operation. Munjid's mother, Ilham, and his twin sister, Sajida, are to accompany them on the trip.

The lawyer has appealed to Israel's Attorney-General and the Military Attorney General to grant travel permission to the four members of the family, so that they can leave their village and travel to Jordan. Amnesty International also wrote to the Attorney-General and the Military Attorney General with the same request on 18 July. Up until now there have been no responses. The lawyer has now submitted a petition to the Israeli High Court of Justice for authorization for the family to travel.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in English, Hebrew or your own language:**

- welcoming the release from administrative detention of Shahir Mansur on humanitarian grounds;
- pointing out that the curfews and closures in the West Bank have impeded the family from travelling and asking the Israeli authorities to urgently facilitate their travel to Jordan, especially in view of the critical circumstances of Munjid Mansur's medical condition.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 September 2002.