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Further information on UA 108/01 (MDE 18/006/2001, 3 May 2001) - Torture / Incommunicado detention / Medical concern

LEBANON **Jawwad Muhammad 'Alyan [m] aged 37**
Ahmad Muhammad 'Alyan [m], aged 32, uncle of Jawwad and Huyam,
not brother as stated in previous UA
Huyam 'Ali 'Alyan [f], aged 29, cousin of Jawwad

Jawwad Muhammad 'Alyan was released from detention on 7 May. He had been detained in the Ministry of Defence Detention Centre.

Ahmad Muhammad 'Alyan and Huyam 'Ali 'Alyan remain in detention in Rumieh Prison and Barbar al-Kahzin barracks respectively. They are reportedly allowed to receive visits, but Amnesty International remains concerned about the conditions they are held in, and the state of their health. We have received reports that since the original Urgent Action Ahmad Muhammad 'Alyan has been seen by a doctor.

Ahmad Muhammad 'Alyan and Huyam 'Ali 'Alyan have been referred to the Military Court but no trial date has been fixed.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Jawwad Muhammad 'Alyan. Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English, Arabic, French or your own language:

- welcoming the release of Jawwad Muhammad 'Alyan;
- expressing concern that Ahmad Muhammad 'Alyan and Huyam 'Ali 'Alyan have reportedly been tortured or ill-treated, seeking assurances that they will be humanely treated, and urging the authorities to continue allowing them unrestricted access to their families, lawyers and any medical care they may require;
- calling for an independent investigation into the torture allegations, with the results made public and the perpetrators brought to justice;
- expressing concern that the detainees may have made confessions under duress, and reminding the Lebanese authorities that such confessions are inadmissible as evidence against them;
- reminding the Lebanese authorities that they ratified the Convention against Torture in October 2000.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Lebanon accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 19 June 2001.