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ALGERIA: Rashid Mouhouche
Abdenmour Laras
Tahar Lyazed
Moussa Djebbare

Amnesty International has learned that Rashid Mouhouche and Abdenmour Laras are no longer kept in chains following a petition by a group of Algerian lawyers to the Algerian Ministry of Justice protesting at the conditions of restraint under which the two prisoners on death row were kept. Rashid Mouhouche and Abdenmour Laras were sentenced to death by the criminal court in Algiers on 19 March 1991 (together with Tahar Lyazed and Moussa Dhebbare who were sentenced in absentia) for embezzling public funds, corruption and mismanagement,

Amnesty International welcomes the lifting of the restriction on these prisoners but remains opposed to their death sentence.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/express and airmail letters:

- welcoming the lifting of the restriction on the two prisoners but continuing to express concern about all four death sentences.

APPEALS IN ARABIC OR FRENCH IF POSSIBLE TO:

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS AS SOON AS YOU CAN.