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Further information on 30/91 (MDE 30/04/91, 28 January 1991) - Torture in garde à vue incommunicado detention

TUNISIA: Monji Jouini

Monji Jouini, the 35-year old Tunisian government employee arrested on 19 December 1990, was released without charge on the afternoon of 30 January 1991.

He had been held in garde à vue incommunicado detention in police custody for 43 days, that is 33 days beyond the maximum 10-day period permitted by Tunisian law.

Monji Jouini was reportedly tortured and ill-treated during his prolonged garde à vue incommunicado detention at Bouchoucha Police station in Tunis. He is one of the several hundreds arrested in Tunisia during the last four months on suspicion of being a sympathizer of the unrecognized Islamic movement al-Nahda.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Express and airmail letters:

- welcoming Monji Jouini's release, but expressing concern that he was held in garde à vue detention 33 days beyond the 10-day period allowed by Tunisian law;
- expressing concern at reports that Monji Jouini was tortured during detention, and urging that a full investigation be initiated into these reports.

APPEALS TO:

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Président M. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali
Président de la République
Palais Présidentiel
Tunis/Carthage, Tunisie

M. Abdelhamid Escheikh
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Boulevard Bab Benat
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COPIES TO: Tunisian diplomatic representatives in your country.

PLEASE SEND ALSO COPIES OF SOME OF YOUR APPEALS, FOR INFORMATION, TO:

Ligue Tunisienne pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme
1, rue Canada

Tunis, Tunisie

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 19 March 1991.