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Further information on UA 348/91 (AFR 20/04/91, 21 October 1991) - Extrajudicial Executions/Legal Concern

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**Chad:Maldom Bada ABBAS  
and an unspecified number of his suspected supporters**

The Chadian authorities announced on 24 January 1992 the release of all political prisoners, including those held in connection with an alleged coup attempt on 13 October 1991. The authorities did not make public the identities or numbers of those released. The authorities did not comment on reports made before the releases of torture and unconfirmed secret killings of some prisoners by members of the security forces. Those reported to have been released include Maldom Bada Abbas, Vice-President of the ruling Mouvement patriotique du salut (MPS), the Salvation Patriotic Movement, and the Minister of the Interior and Security at the time of his arrest. The authorities accused him of masterminding the alleged coup attempt.

None of those arrested in October 1991 are known to have been charged with any specific offences. However, in December 1991 and January 1992 the Minister of Justice informed Amnesty International that the cases of those arrested were being investigated by a judicial authority known as the Brigade judiciaire (Judicial Brigade) and that they would be referred without delay to the Procuracy in the capital, N'Djamena. In his December 1991 letter, the Minister said that torture was abolished in Chad and denied reports that some political prisoners had been subjected to torture and other forms of cruel, unhuman or degrading treatment. The Minister added, in his January 1992 letter, that in November 1991 the government set up a commission to investigate, identify and arrest all those responsible for various offences at the time of the 13 October 1991 alleged coup attempt. He said that the commission was then about to finalise its investigations. It is not clear whether the commission is still carrying out investigations into reports of human rights violations, such as extrajudicial executions, torture and "disappearances", by members of the Chadian security forces at the time of the alleged coup attempt.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/airmail letters, in FRENCH if possible:**

- welcoming the release of political prisoners, including those held in connection with the alleged coup attempt on 13 October 1991 and asking the authorities to reveal the identities of all those released;
- expressing concern about reports that some prisoners were secretly killed or tortured by members of the security forces and asking if the authorities have investigated those reports;
- urging the authorities, if no investigation has yet occurred, to order an independent and impartial investigation into reports that some prisoners were tortured or secretly

killed by members of the security forces and to bring those found responsible for such abuses to justice;

- inquiring whether the commission set up in November 1991 to investigate offences committed at the time of the 13 October 1991 alleged coup attempt has finalized its work and, if so, asking to know what the findings of the commission were and whether those found to have been responsible for human rights violations, including extrajudicial executions, will be brought to justice.

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**APPEALS TO:**

1) President:

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**Monsieur le Président de la République /  
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Dear Prime Minister**

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Dear Minister**

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4) Minister of the Interior:

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Ministre de l'Intérieur et de la Sécurité  
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**Monsieur le Ministre /  
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and to diplomatic representatives of Chad in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 12 March 1992.