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Further Information on EXTRA 87/02 (AMR 51/176/2002, 22 November 2002) Incommunicado Detention/fear of torture or ill-treatment

USA/AFGHANISTAN

Baryalai (m) aged 18 - Satellite telephone booth operator

The US military authorities in Afghanistan have informed Baryalai's family that he is currently being held at the US military base at Bagram, north of Kabul. He has been held in incommunicado detention by the US authorities for approximately 6 weeks, after US military personnel raided the main bazaar in Sharan, the capital of Paktika province in eastern Afghanistan.

His family have had no communication with him since he was taken into custody on 12 November, neither has he had access to a lawyer. It is not known why he is being detained or whether any charges have been made against him.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- expressing concern at the continued detention of Baryalai at the US military base at Bagram;
- asking the US authorities to charge Baryalai with a recognizable criminal offence or release him immediately;
- seeking assurances that he is being treated humanely and expressing concern that he may have been subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment during his arrest by the US military on 12 November;
- urging that Baryalai be given immediate access to family and friends and to the assistance of a lawyer as well as to representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

APPEALS TO:

Robert P. Finn
US Ambassador
US Embassy
Great Masood Road between Radio Afghanistan and the Ministry of Public Health
Kabul, Afghanistan
email: AmendKE@state.gov (with note asking to forward to Robert Finn)
Salutation: **Dear Ambassador Finn**

General Tommy Franks
Commander
US Central Command
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Salutation: **Dear Commander Tommy Franks**

COPIES TO:

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Salutation: Dear Secretary of Defence

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Salutation: Dear Secretary of State

and to diplomatic representatives of USA/Afghanistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 January 2003.