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**Further information on UA 232/93 (ASA 25/27/93, 15 July 1993) - and follow-up (ASA 25/28/93, 22 July) - Fear of ill-treatment/legal concern**

**SOUTH KOREA:NOH Tae-hun, human rights activist**

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Noh Tae-hun was released on 20 October at the end of his trial before Seoul District Criminal Court. He was given a one-year prison sentence, suspended for two years. Amnesty International welcomes Noh Tae-hun's release, but is concerned that his release is conditional.

Noh Tae-hun had been charged under the National Security Law for possessing and distributing publications written by former political prisoners. His arrest provoked protests from human rights groups, lawyers and ordinary citizens in South Korea and other countries. It is believed that these protests helped protect Noh Tae-hun against ill-treatment by his interrogators.

In September the South Korean human rights group Minkahyop wrote the following message to all people who participated in this action:

*"I would like to express my sincere thanks to you and the members of your organization for your kind efforts in calling for the unconditional release of Mr Noh Tae-hun. Your efforts were a great boost to the many people working for Mr Noh's release in Korea. Minkahyop has received hundreds of letters from many conscientious people from countries all over the world calling for the unconditional and immediate release of Mr Noh Tae-hun. Some of the letters were translated and published in a few of the Korean newspapers. Minkahyop intends to submit all the letters received to the Minister of Justice and to the presiding judges once the trial of Mr Noh starts. We believe that this would be a great step in proving Mr Noh's innocence."*

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Noh Tae-hun on 20 October but expressing concern that his release is conditional.

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