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### *Invitation to Press Conference in Moscow*

#### *CHECHNYA -- Amnesty International's latest findings from "filtration camps"*

Amnesty International's researcher on the Russian Federation, Mariana Katzarova, who has just returned from a visit to Ingushetia, a neighbouring republic of Chechnya, will present new information on Russian "filtration camps".

The organization has documented reports of the following methods of torture being used in "filtration camps" during the current conflict: rape of male and female detainees -- including children, the use of electric shocks and tear gas, beatings with hammers and clubs, and other torture methods including sawing off detainees' teeth and simultaneous beating around both ears to burst the ear-drums.

Human rights and campaigning organizations who have been working on issues surrounding the conflict on Chechnya, Human Rights Center "Memorial", Civic Assistance Committee, Fund "Glasnost", and the Moscow Helsinki Group, will also be participating in the press conference.

**1330 hours Moscow time (+4 GMT)**

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