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Further information on UA 98/93 (EUR 60/06/93, 5 April 1993) - Fear of torture

**TADZHIKISTAN: Bozo SOBIROV, poet**

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Amnesty International has learned that Bozo Sobirov has been charged with treason (Article 61 of the Tadjik Criminal Code), an offence which carries a possible death sentence. No further details on why he was charged with treason are available at present. Bozo Sobirov is also said to suffer from a serious but unspecified kidney illness.

Bozo Sobirov, one of Tadjikistan's finest poets, was arrested at the airport of Dushanbe, the capital of Tadjikistan, on about 26 March 1993. He had gone to the airport to send a parcel to his son, who is living in exile in Moscow.

He is being held at the investigation-isolation prison (in Russian Sledizolator or SIZO) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Dushanbe and Amnesty International fears that he is being tortured in detention.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Bozo Sobirov who was arrested around 26 March 1993 and who is being held in the investigation-isolation prison of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Dushanbe;

- urging that he is not subjected to torture or any other form of ill-treatment;

- appealing for him to be granted immediate access to his lawyer and family and to necessary medical assistance.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) Chairman of the Supreme Council, Imamali Rakhmonov:

Respublika Tadjikistan

g. Dushanbe

Verkhovny sovet Respubliki Tadjikistan

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**Telegrams: Tadjikistan, Dushanbe, Predsedatelyu VS  
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**Salutation: Dear Chairman**

2) Procurator General of Tadjikistan, Mamadnazar Soliyev:

Respublika Tadjikistan

g. Dushanbe

Prokuratura Respubliki Tadjikistan  
Generalnomu Prokuroru Soliyevu M.

**Telegrams: Tadjikistan, Dushanbe, Gen. Prokuroru Soliyevu M.**

**Salutation: Dear Minister**

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3) Minister of Internal Affairs, Yakub Salimov:

Respublika Tadjikistan

g. Dushanbe

MVD Respubliki Tadjikistan

Ministru Salimovu Ya.

**Telegrams: Tadjikistan, Dushanbe, MVD, Ministru Salimovu Ya.**

**Salutation: Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Prime Minister, Abdumalik Abdullodzhanov:

Respublika tadjikistan

g. Dushanbe

Kabinet Ministrov

Premyer-ministru Abdullodzhanovu A.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rashid Olimov:

Respublika Tadjikistan

g. Dushanbe

MID Respubliki Tadjikistan

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 May 1993.