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Further information on UA 438/94 (MDE 11/09/94, 9 December 1994) and follow-up (MDE 11/10/94, 19 December) - Fear of torture / Legal concern / Possible unlawful killings and new concern: Forcible Exile

BAHRAIN:al-Shaikh 'Ali Salman
Ibrahim Hassan

Hani 'Abbas Khamis, student, aged 23
Hani Ahmed al-Wasti, aged 22

new names: Hamza al-Dayri, aged 45
Haydar al-Sitri, aged 40

Amnesty International has received reports that al-Shaikh 'Ali Salman, Hamza al-Dayri and Haydar al-Sitri were forcibly exiled to Dubai (the United Arab Emirates) on 15 January 1995.

Hamza al-Dayri and Haydar al-Sitri were arrested at their homes during the same day and taken to the airport. Al-Shaikh 'Ali Salman, who was arrested on 5 December 1994, was taken from prison to the airport. The three were put on a plane destined to Dubai.

Forcible exile of Bahraini nationals suspected of political opposition activities remains one of Amnesty International's concerns in Bahrain. According to information received by Amnesty International, victims of forcible exile from Bahrain are frequently given no reason for the measures taken against them and are denied the opportunity to appeal the decision to expel them or challenge its legality through the courts. Not only is such practice in contravention of international human rights standards, but it would also appear to be in violation of Article 17 (c) of Bahrain's Constitution, which states that it is forbidden to expel or to prevent Bahraini citizens from returning to Bahrain.

Amnesty International has no further information on the situation of Ibrahim Hassan who was also arrested on 5 December. The organization has learned that 150 people have recently been released from custody, but that many others were arrested around 12 and 13 January.

Amnesty International is not aware of any investigations having been initiated into the killing on 17 December of Hani 'Abbas Khamis and Hani Ahmed al-Wasti. The two men were killed when the security forces opened fire on demonstrators who were calling for, among other things, the release of political detainees, who had been, and continue to be, arrested in connection with the signing of a petition calling on the Amir of Bahrain to reinstate the parliament.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- expressing regret that al-Shaikh 'Ali Salman, Hamza al-Dayri and Haydar al-Sitri have been forcibly exiled in contravention of international human rights standards;
- urging that the practice of forcible exile of Bahraini nationals be stopped;
- requesting clarification of the current situation of Ibrahim Hassan, arrested on 5 December and of others arrested on 12 and 13 January, and seeking assurances

that all the detainees are being treated humanely in accordance with international standards.

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