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

BAHRAIN      Al-Shaikh 'Ali Salman  
                 Ibrahim Hassan  
                 and others

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

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Amnesty International has received reports that Hani 'Abbas Khamis and Hani Ahmed al-Wasti were killed on 17 December 1994 in circumstances suggesting that they may have been unlawfully killed by the security forces.

The two men were taking part in demonstrations in al-Sanabis in Manama when the Bahraini security forces opened fire, killing them and injuring a number of others. The United Nations Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials state that "intentional lethal use of firearms may only be made when strictly unavoidable in order to protect life."

The demonstrators were calling for, among other things, the release of political detainees arrested in connection with the signing of the petition calling on the Amir of Bahrain to reinstate the parliament. The detainees include al-Shaikh 'Ali Salman who was arrested on 5 December. Since that date a number of demonstrations have taken place in different parts of Bahrain, some of which turned violent. Scores of people have been arrested.

Amnesty International fears that all those detained are at risk of torture while in custody. The organization has received no new information about al-Shaikh 'Ali Salman, Ibrahim Hassan and others arrested in early December, most of whom are believed to be in detention in al-Qal'a Prison.

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

- expressing concern that Hani 'Abbas Khamis and Hani Ahmed al-Wasti may have been unlawfully killed by the security forces;
- urging an immediate thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding their deaths and that the conclusions and methods of the investigation be made public;
- urging that those held for political reasons are being humanely treated in accordance with international human rights standards, and are being granted access to lawyers and relatives;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of any detainee who is being held solely for the non-violent expression of their conscientiously held beliefs;
- calling for the whereabouts of all those detained to be made known to their families.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Al-Shaikh 'Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa  
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P.O. Box 555  
The Amiri Court  
Rifa'a Palace  
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and to diplomatic representatives of Bahrain accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 January 1995.