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Further information on UA 29/98 (MDE 12/07/98, 29 January 1998) - Fear of torture / Prisoners of Conscience / Legal concern

EGYPT Ibrahim Khalil al-Za'farani, a medical doctor, aged 46
Mohammad Taha Wahdan, university lecturer, aged 31

Amnesty International has received information that the two people mentioned above have been issued with new detention orders by the Ministry of the Interior. They were given no reason as to why they were rearrested and detained after serving their three-year prison terms. They are detained in Mazra'at Tora Prison in Cairo. Amnesty International considers them to be prisoners of conscience.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Arabic, English, French or in your own language:

- expressing concern that Ibrahim Khalil al-Za'farani and Mohammad Taha Wahdan have been issued with new detention orders and urging their immediate and unconditional release.

APPEALS TO:

His Excellency General Habib al-'Adeli
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Al-Sheikh Rihan Street, Bab al-Louk, Cairo, Egypt
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Salutation: Dear Minister

His Excellency Faruq Sayf al-Nasr
Minister of Justice
Ministry of Justice
Midan Lazoghly, Cairo, Egypt
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Salutation: Dear Minister

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and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 23 March 1998.