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Further information on UA 44/91 (MDE 12/05/91, 11 February 1991) - Fear of Torture

EGYPT:Dr Mohammed MANDOUR
Dr 'Emad 'ATREES

Amnesty International has received further information concerning Dr Mohammed Mandour, Head of Psychiatry at the Palestinian Red Crescent Hospital in Cairo, and member of the board of trustees of the Egyptian Organization of Human Rights (EOHR). According to the EOHR, who were able to send a representative to visit him ten days after his arrest and detention in the State Security Intelligence Police Directorate in Lazoghly, Cairo, he has been subjected to "persistent and savage torture".

Methods of torture are reported to have included suspension, beating, and electric shocks. He was also threatened that he would be killed if he spoke out about his torture. He is now held at Abu Za'bal Prison. Amnesty International believes he is in prison for the non-violent expression of his conscientiously held beliefs.

There is no further information concerning Dr 'Emad 'Atrees.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing grave concern at the reported torture of Dr Mohammed Mandour in clear contravention of the UN Convention against Torture and Other Forms of Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- seeking urgent clarification of measures taken to investigate this report and bring to justice those responsible;
- urging that he be given all necessary medical treatment;
- urging his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience;
- continuing to express concern at the arrest of Dr 'Emad 'Atrees, and seeking assurances that he is being humanely treated.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 March 1991.