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Further information on UA 248/90 (MDE 13/09/90, 15 June 1990) and follow-ups MDE 13/10/90, 27 June and MDE 13/12/90, 13 July) - Prisoners of Conscience and Fear of Torture (new concern)

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**Abdolali Bazargan** and **Mohammad Tavassoli Hojati** have been detained without charge or trial since June 1990. They were among a group of more than 20 prisoners of conscience, arrested for signing a critical open letter to President Rafsanjani or for their peaceful activities in the context of the Association for the Defence of Freedom and Sovereignty of the Iranian Nation (ADFSIN), dissolved on 14 June.

In recent weeks and months some of the detainees were released. However, it is not clear whether their release is unconditional or only temporary, pending trial. Reports indicate that some of them, at least, had given televised "confessions" or interviews, as a result of coercion, prior to their release.

Amnesty International is now particularly concerned that Abdolali Bazargan and Mohammad Tavassoli Hojati are reported to be under continuing pressure to give similar "confessions", and fears that they may be subjected to physical or psychological torture or ill-treatment.

Abdolali Bazargan is reported to have been moved from Evin Prison back to a detention centre in Tehran for further interrogation. He is believed to have received only one visit from his family since his arrest. He was reportedly beaten during the early stages of his detention.

Mohammad Tavassoli Hojati is believed to be held in Evin Prison, but has reportedly not received any visits during his months of detention.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:**

- welcoming the release of other members of this group and urge that all those who remain in detention be immediately and unconditionally released, as prisoners of conscience;
- expressing concern at the continuing incommunicado detention of Abdoli Bazargan and Mohammad Tavassoli Hojati and seeking assurances that they are being humanely treated;
- urging they be given immediate access to relatives, lawyers of their own choosing and medical doctors, if necessary.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 February 1991.