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Torture

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ISRAEL AND THE

OCCUPIED TERRITORIES:

'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin

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'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin (Identification number 96594055 or 96595055), aged 32, has allegedly been beaten while in detention in Gaza Central Prison.

'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin is a book-shop owner and journalist. He was arrested on 30 August 1990 in the Beach Refugee Camp in the Gaza Strip. He was taken to Gaza Central Prison. After 18 days he was brought before a judge, without the presence of a lawyer, and his detention was extended by 70 days. He was not allowed to see a lawyer until 24 September 1990.

On 28 September 1990 he was visited by another lawyer to whom he alleged that he had been deprived of sleep for three weeks, with breaks only at weekends, and that three or four times, he had been beaten on his face, abdomen and genitals, usually with fists. Once he was beaten on the head with a plastic stick. His lawyer will be submitting a formal complaint to the Legal Adviser of the Southern Command.

'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin was apparently interrogated about membership of the Popular Front Liberation of Palestine) a faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization), the distribution of leaflets, and contacts with the West Bank. According to his lawyer, 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin has denied all these accusations.

Amnesty International is concerned about the allegations of torture of 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin, and is calling for them to be investigated swiftly and impartially, and for anyone found to be responsible to be brought to justice. It also calls on the authorities to take appropriate measures to prevent any further torture or ill-treatment of 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin.

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

- expressing concern at the allegations of torture of 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin while in Gaza Central Prison;
- calling for the investigation into these allegations to be swift and impartial, and for anyone found responsible to be brought to justice;
- calling for appropriate measures to be taken to prevent any further torture or ill-treatment of 'Abd al-Ra'uf Ghabin.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Israel in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 November 1990.