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*"DISAPPEARANCE"*

**Mansur KIKHIYA**  
**LIBYA**

Mansur Kikhiya is a prominent member of the Libyan opposition who went missing in December 1993 from a hotel in Cairo. Amnesty International fears that he may have been abducted by Libyan government agents and possibly taken back to Libya. He is a former Libyan Foreign Minister who resigned as Libya's permanent representative to the United Nations in September 1980 and had since been an active opponent of the government, living in exile in France. Aged 61, he is married with two children and is an insulin-dependant diabetic.

A few days before his "disappearance", Mansur Kikhiya was in Cairo attending the general conference of the Arab Organization for Human Rights. He was a founding member of the organization and, during the conference, was re-elected to its Executive Committee. According to information received by Amnesty International, he was last seen on the evening of 9 December 1993 at *al-Safir* (Ambassador) Hotel, in Cairo. The following day when he did not arrive for a meeting with his brother, the alarm was raised.

In 1990 another two prominent members of two separate Libyan opposition groups "disappeared" in Cairo and there has since been no news of their whereabouts. The fears that Mansur Kikhiya may have been abducted and returned to Libya were heightened when, two days later, Libyan authorities described opposition members abroad as traitors and called for their "annihilation". It is believed that Mansur Kikhiya may have been abducted because he had recently held meetings with the leaders of other Libyan opposition parties.

The Egyptian authorities are reported to have launched an investigation into Mansur Kikhiya's disappearance, but the outcome of the investigation has not been disclosed.

Amnesty International is approaching both the Libyan and Egyptian heads of state for any information they may have which could lead to clarification of Mansur Kikhiya's whereabouts and fate.

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*MEDICAL LETTER WRITING ACTION*

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**Keywords**

Theme: Disappearance/medical care

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**Summary**

Mansur Kikhiya, a prominent member of the Libyan opposition, went missing on 10 December 1993 from a hotel in Cairo. Amnesty International fears that he may have been abducted by Libyan government agents and possibly taken back to Libya. Concern for his welfare is heightened by the fact that he is a diabetic dependant on insulin.

**Recommended Actions**

Letters are requested from medical professionals to the Libyan government:

- raising Mansur Kikhiya's disappearance in Cairo and noting with concern the statements made shortly afterwards that opposition members living outside Libya were to be regarded as traitors deserving "annihilation"
- seeking assurances that Mansur Kikhiya has not been abducted and taken back to Libya

His Excellency Mu'ammara al-Gaddafi  
Leader of the Revolution  
Office of the Revolution  
Tripoli  
Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Letters to the Egyptian President are also requested:

- raising the case of Mansur Kikhiya's disappearance in Cairo, expressing fears for his well-being and urging the Egyptian government to make known the results of the investigation into his disappearance

His Excellency  
Muhammad Hosni Mubarak  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
'Abdin Palace

Cairo, Egypt