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**Further information on UA 102/02 (MDE 28/008/2002, 4 April 2002) - Possible "disappearance" / Incommunicado Detention / Fear of torture or ill-treatment**

**ALGERIA**                      **Abdelkrim Khider (m) aged 34**  
**Fateh Ladada (m) aged 30**

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Fateh Ladada and Abdelkrim Khider were reportedly tortured while they were held in secret detention. They have apparently been charged with having links with armed groups. Their families have now been told where they are held, and allowed to visit them in prison, but Amnesty International is concerned that they are still at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

The two men were arrested within an hour of each other on 23 March, and the authorities refused to reveal where they were held. On 11 April their families heard that they were detained at Serkadji prison in Algiers. Two days later the authorities gave the families permission to visit the men there.

Amnesty International fears that the real reason the men were arrested and are still in custody is that they passed reports of human rights abuses to observers outside the country.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals, to arrive as quickly as possible, in French, Arabic, English or your own language:**

- expressing concern at reports that Fateh Ladada and Abdelkrim Khider were tortured in custody, and urging the authorities to guarantee that the men will not suffer any further harm;
- asking that any allegations of torture or ill-treatment be investigated promptly and independently and that the men are given all medical attention they may require;
- urging the authorities to guarantee that both men will be tried in accordance with international standards for fair trial, given that since 1992 thousands of Algerians have been convicted in unfair trials on vague and generalized accusations of links with "terrorism".

**APPEALS TO:**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Algeria accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 June 2002.