

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 194/95 (MDE 31/02/95, 9 August 1995) - Fear of torture / Legal concern

**YEMEN Mubarak Salih al-Zaydi, aged about 16  
and others**

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According to press reports, security forces at Aden International Airport arrested a group of Yemeni passengers returning to Yemen from an Arab country on 9 August 1995. They were reportedly in possession of leaflets issued by the National Front for the Opposition (MOG), a front for the opposition abroad.

They were also reported to be carrying letters addressed to some former exiles who have returned to Yemen recently. The addressees are also said to have been arrested.

The whereabouts of all these detainees are unknown to Amnesty International. The organization fears that they may be tortured.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Arabic, English or in your own language:**

- seeking assurances that 16-year-old Mubarak Salih and all those currently arrested in connection with the National Front for the Opposition (MOG) are being treated humanely in accordance with international standards;
- urging that their whereabouts be made known and that they be granted immediate access to lawyers of their choice and to members of their families;
- calling for their immediate and unconditional release unless they are to be charged with recognizably criminal offences;
- requesting the names and details of those arrested on the 6 and 9 August 1995.

**APPEALS TO:**

His Excellency  
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President of the Republic of Yemen  
Sana'a  
The Republic of Yemen

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

**COPIES TO:**

to diplomatic representatives of Yemen accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 October 1995.