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Further information on UA 141/88 (MDE 13/09/88, 3 June) - Health/Legal
Concern

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Amnesty International continues to be concerned about the men named above, who it believes to be prisoners of conscience, and has learned that the last three named were also among those arrested on 31 May following their appeal for the war with Iraq to be ended.

Some reports recently received indicate that some of the above are held at Gohar Dasht Prison, and that they are under pressure to give televised interviews to publicly "repent" their actions. None appears to have done so. Other reports state that some of those detained are suffering ill health, including Ali Ardalan and Mohammad Tavassoli.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- expressing concern that these men are being held to force them to recant their conscientiously-held beliefs, and urging their immediate and unconditional release as prisoners of conscience;
- urging that in the interim they be granted access to their families and to medical doctors where necessary.

Telephone 01-833 1771 Telegrams: Amnesty London WC1 Telex: 28502

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Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the *release* of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used or advocated violence. These are termed *prisoners of conscience*. It works for *fair and prompt trials* for all *political prisoners* and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial. It opposes the *death penalty* and *torture* or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of *all prisoners*.

APPEALS TO:

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COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Iran in your country.

Please try to organize appeals from MEDICAL and LEGAL professionals in your country. It would be good if some appeals could be sent in a personal as well as a professional capacity.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 August 1988.

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action. If possible, send a telegram or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

— In Urgent Action cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly to prevent the ill-treatment of prisoners. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action coordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.