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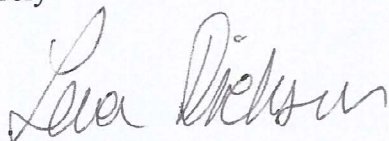
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His Excellency Salim al-Huss
Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
Grand Serail
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Sanayeh, Beirut
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Dear Prime Minister,

It is with relief and delight that our Amnesty Group received the news that Your Government has set up a commission of Inquiry into the disappearances of 17,415 people during the war in Lebanon between 1975 and 1990. Families of the disappeared may now hope for a beginning to the healing of their heartache. We do however feel a grave concern as to the seriousness of the commission. The need for members of the commission to be independent of the government, and to be given the time and resources necessary to accomplish it's task in a satisfactory manner, seem obvious. We await your personal reassurance that International standards and criteria for the commission will be fulfilled and the report be made public.

Yours sincerely



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on behalf of Amnesty International, Group 43, Swedish Section.

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