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Mr. Senan Baraj
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Norway, September 1997

Dear Mr. Senan Baraj
The Committee of the Families of the Kidnapped,

As a member of Amnesty International (AI), I am trying to find out what has happened to the following persons and where they are:

SHAWQI 'ALI JAMUL, Shi'ite Muslim, born 1954
HASSAN MUHAMMAD ZAHWI, Muslim, born 1951
'ISSAM 'ALI AL-MASRI, Sunni Muslim, born 1964
MOHIE ED-DIN HASHISHO, The Communist Party, born 1927
MUHAMMAD MAHMOUD MANSOUR, born 1955
SAMIA MUHAMMAD AL-MAHMOUD, Muslim, born 1958
MUHAMMAD ABU ZEID, Muslim, born 1943
HAMZA MUHAMMAD ABU ZEID, Muslim, born 1965
TAYSSIR MUHAMMAD ABU ZEID, Muslim, born 1964
MASSER MUHAMMAD ABU ZEID, Muslim, born 1967

AI is concerned for the safety of these ten individuals who "disappeared" between September 1982 and August 1983.

AI is opposed to the "disappearance" of prisoners in all cases, irrespective of the reasons for their arrest. AI seeks an immediate end to all "disappearances". AI states that a "disappearance" has occurred when a person is arrested, detained or abducted against his or her will or otherwise deprived of his or her liberty.

I strongly support your efforts to urge the Lebanese Government to set up a commission of inquiry to establish the fate of the "disappeared". I also support your work to determine the appropriateness of the compensation for the victims and their families. In this connection, please find enclosed a copy of the letter I have sent to the Government authorities.

Please keep me updated on this issue if you happen to know anything about the above mentioned individuals.

Yours sincerely,


Ingvil Kaalhus