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Dear Mrs Halwani

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the President, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice in Lebanon. I hope that it will help you to be reunited with your husband.

I am writing to you as a member of Amnesty International which is, as you may know, an international organisation, non-political and non-sectarian, which works for the release of non-violent political prisoners all over the world.

I am deeply concerned about the "disappearance" of 'Adnan Musbah Halwani, a secondary history teacher, who was arrested at his home in Beirut on 24 September 1982.

As a member of the Lebanese Organisation for Communist Action, he had been active in organising civilian resistance in Beirut and in ensuring that public services kept functioning during the Israeli invasion of 1982. It is believed that members of the Lebanese army may have handed him over to the Lebanese Front.

When Wedad, his wife, was given permission to visit him in March 1983, the meeting had to be cancelled since his actual whereabouts could not be established. He had been "disappeared".

I am convinced that your good office could be used to establish the whereabouts of 'Adnan Musbah Halwani, to have him released if in detention and to set up an immediate and impartial inquiry into the circumstances of his "disappearance", ensuring that those guilty of human rights offences are brought to justice.

I urgently request you to take steps to these ends and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely and respectfully



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