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Your Excellency,

In my ability as member of Amnesty International, one of the organizations that seeks the protection of internationally standardized human rights, I sincerely request you to investigate the cases of those people who "disappeared" or went missing following abduction during the civil war.

Although Amnesty International recognizes the fact that the Lebanese Government was unable to impose its jurisdiction over the entire territory of Lebanon during the war, it also believes that the Lebanese Government still has a responsibility to set up an independant commission of inquiry to determine the fate of those who went missing following abduction by the warring factions.

This commission should be empowered to consider appropriate compensation for victims and their families.

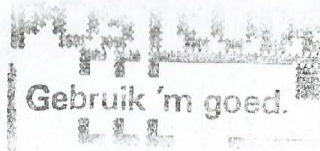
Hoping to receive soon information about the installation of this commision, I am, yours respectfully,



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This letter is a copy of the letter sent to Prime Minister Rafiq al-Hari and to the Minister for the Affairs of Displaced Persons, Mr. Walid Jumblatt.

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