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Dear Family Zahwi,

I am an 20 year old Swedish student, and I write to you as a member of Amnesty International, Swedish section, Group 43.

Amnesty International is a worldwide human rights movement which works impartially for the release of prisoners of conscience, men and women detained anywhere for their beliefs, colors, sex, ethnic origin, religion or language, provided they have never used nor advocated violence. We also work for prompt and fair trial for political prisoners, and for an end to torture, "disappearance", extrajudicial execution and death penalty in all cases.

We have turned to Government Authorities in Lebanon to express our concern about 9 people who appear to have "disappeared" in Lebanon during 1982-1983. Among them is your husband Hassan Muhammad Zahwi, who disappeared on the 5 September 1983. We write regularly to the Lebanese Government, and we have demanded to set up an independent commission of inquiry to investigate the fate of the "disappeared".

Although you don't know me, I hope that you will accept my sympathy for you in your ordeal. I hope you will let me know if there is anything I can do to help your family in this time of distress. My interest in your welfare is purely humanitarian and not in any way political, so I hope you will feel free to let me know how you are.

kindest regards

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