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Fear of torture

JORDAN

Ahmad Hikmat Shakir (m), aged 37

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Iraqi citizen Ahmad Hikmat Shakir, who is being held by the Jordanian General Intelligence Department at an unknown detention centre. He is held incommunicado detention and is at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Ahmad Hikmat Shakir was arrested at Amman airport by Jordanian security forces on 21 October, during a transit stop from Doha, the capital of Qatar to Iraq. The reason for his arrest is not known.

He was returning to Iraq following his deportation from Qatar, where the authorities had arrested him on 17 September. He was held without charge for several days, before being moved to an immigration centre in preparation for his deportation on 21 October.

ORECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English, Arabic or your own language:

- seeking assurances that Ahmad Hikmat Shakir is being well-treated and not subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- urging that Ahmad Hikmat Shakir is allowed immediate access to his family, a lawyer and whatever medical care he may require;
- asking for the reasons for his detention, and calling for his immediate release unless he is to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and given a fair trial according to international standards for fair trial.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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Salutation: Your Majesty

and to diplomatic representatives of Jordan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 31 December 2001.