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Further information on UA 271/98 (ASA 28/32/98, 16 October 1998) - Prisoners of conscience/Fear of ill-treatment

MALAYSIAShaari Sungip, President, Jamaah Islah Malaysia (JIM - an Islamic non-governmental organization), arrested on 13 October 1998
Zulkifli Nordin, lawyer
Abdul Malek Hussein, member of United Malays National Organization (UMNO), and former president of opposition parti Islam Se Malaysia youth

Shaari Sungip and Zulkifli Nordin have been released from custody under the Internal Security Act. Shaari Sungip was released on the afternoon of 26 October 1998, after spending two weeks in detention. Zulkifli Nordin, a member of the Bar Council of Malaysia, was released on 27 October, after just under a month in detention. Please stop appeals on their behalf.

Please continue appeals for Abdul Malek Hussein, who remains in detention. Family members have reportedly been granted access to him.

For further information please refer to AI document *Malaysia: The arrest of Anwar Ibrahim and his political associates - an external briefing* (AI Index ASA 28/27/98, 3 October 1998).

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/ airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- requesting that Abdul Malek Hussein be granted immediate access to independent lawyers and medical personnel;
- urging that he is not ill-treated while in detention;
- calling for his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience detained solely for his non-violent political activities.

APPEALS TO:

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Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad
Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs
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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

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and to diplomatic representatives of Malaysia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 December 1998.

