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Further Information on UA 141/90 (10 April) Arrests in Kosovo Province

**Yugoslavia :** Halil Matoshi  
Blerim Shala  
Lulzim Shala  
Agron Jaha  
Fatmir Toplica  
Shaip Azemi  
Nexhat Buzuku  
**and new names :** Bajram Hoxha  
Naim Maloku  
**and :** Xhevat Rexha  
Isak Gubetini, and his two sons

Amnesty International has just learned that Bajram Hoxha, an electronics engineer, and Naim Maloku, a law student, were also arrested on 7 April together with the other members of "Youth Parliament" mentioned above.

Amnesty International has not yet received details of the grounds for their arrest, but understands that they relate to their activities in connection with the mysterious poisoning epidemic among ethnic Albanian schoolchildren which began on 19 March this year.

The arrest of members of the "Youth Parliament" has provoked protest both in Kosovo Province (where a committee for their defence has been set up by opposition groups) but also elsewhere in Yugoslavia. There have also been protests connected with allegations that Xhevat Rexha, president of the "Youth Parliament" in Pec was beaten by police and held for 40 hours in a local police station, after he tried to help some schoolchildren who showed symptoms of poisoning.

A local human rights committee has reported numerous recent incidents of alleged police brutality. These include an incident in early April when police conducted searches in the village of Nedakovce near Vucitrn. On this occasion they allegedly entered the house of Isak Gubetini, breaking the door and windows and beat Isak Gubetini and two sons, as a result of which one of the sons had to seek hospital treatment for injuries.

**Further Recommended Action:** telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing continued concern about reports of the recent arrest, on political charges, of Bajram Hoxha and Naim Maloku, as well as the other members of the "Youth Parliament" in Kosovo Province:
- asking for details of the grounds for their arrest and urging that they be granted full legal safeguards:
- urging that if they have been detained as a result of their non-violent political activity, they be released immediately and unconditionally:
- also expressing concern about allegations that police ill-treated Xhevat Rexha from Pec and Isak Gubetini and his sons from Nedakovce

in early April this year, and urging an investigation into these allegations.

**Appeals to:**

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Vice-President of the SFRJ Presidency  
Bulevar Lenjina 2  
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(Telexes: 11448 SIV YU) (Faxes: 11 636775)

**[Suggested Salutation]**  
**[Your Excellency]**

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(Federal Secretary  
of the Interior)  
[Dear Secretary]

**Copies to:**

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President of the Federal Executive Council  
Bulevar Lenjina 2  
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

(Prime Minister)

Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Budimir Loncar  
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Ambassador Dzevad Mujezinovic  
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