

Dear Sir,

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Both the Times and the B.B.C. have issued your statement concerning the torture of Arabs in Israel. I am not qualified to discuss the arguments put forward by Mr. Aharon Remez, the Israeli Ambassador. I would only like to point out that this matter deals with events which are said to have occurred during the six days war in 1967..

Spain is nearer home than Israel and the Spanish Civil War ended in 1939. Nevertheless, prisons in the Basque Country and those in Spain, at towns such as Teruel, Soria, Burgos and Zamora, are full of Basques who were born after the end of that war. The cases in which torture is not applied are an exception. In Zamora ~~about~~ twenty ~~Basque~~ priests are being held prisoners for the crime of having denounced torture as contrary to scripture and the rights of man. Hundreds of young Basques who have fled from Franco's Spain. are living in Paris and Bayonne. Many of these young men underwent the torture which is applied systematically by the police in every part of Spain, and could easily be questioned as Delegations of the Basque government ^{in both these cities} know where to contact them. The International Commission of Jurists, the International Red Cross and the International League of Human Rights also have information concerning these facts, which are not unknown to Amnesty International.. I invite you, sir, to place yourself at the service of those Basques who undergo torture in Franco's Spain.

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