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Further information on UA 305/01 (EUR 71/004/2001, 29 November 2001) - fear of forcible deportation/fear of torture

CZECH REPUBLIC/UZBEKISTAN Muhammad Salih (m), aged 52

Exiled Uzbek opposition leader Muhammad Salih was remanded in custody for 40 days by Prague City Court today, while the extradition request from Uzbekistan is being examined.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue appeals as before, in Czech, English or your own language:

- urging the Czech authorities not to forcibly return Muhammad Salih to Uzbekistan, where he would be in grave danger of torture and cruel and inhuman treatment;
- reminding the authorities that the Czech Republic is a party to the UN Refugee Convention; the United Nations Convention against Torture, and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;
- reminding them that Muhammad Salih has been recognized as a refugee in Norway and that he should be released and returned to Norway for the Norwegian authorities to deal with the extradition request.

APPEALS TO:

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COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of the Czech Republic and Uzbekistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 January 2001.