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Further Information on UA 276/08 (ASA 12/003/2008, 26 September 2008) and follow-up (ASA 13/010/2008, 28 November 2008) – Medical concern/Torture/Legal concern

BANGLADESH

Rang Lai Mro (m), Indigenous community leader

Rang Lai Mro was released on bail on 8 January, on the orders of the Bangladesh High Court. The head of a community of indigenous Mro people, he had been detained since 22 February 2007 charged with possessing a pistol without a license.

He was tortured in army custody after his arrest: he was at risk of a heart attack, and his health was deteriorating. His release on bail now allows him to receive the medical treatment he requires.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.