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Further information on UA 271/98 (ASA 28/32/98, 16 October 1998) and follow up, (ASA 28/34/98, 27 October 1998) - Prisoners of conscience / Fear of ill-treatment

MALAYSIA Abdul Malek Hussein, member of United Malays National Organization (UMNO), and former president of opposition *parti Islam Se malaysia Youth*

Abdul Malek Hussein was released from detention over the weekend of 21 and 22 November 1998.

Abdul Malek Hussein was arrested on 29 September as the authorities detained a number of other political associates (since released) of former deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

Abdul Malek Hussein was detained under the Internal Security Act (ISA) -- an arbitrary and draconian act allowing for the detention, without charge or trial, of any person suspected of "threatening" national security or the economic life of Malaysia. Amnesty International considered him to be a prisoner of conscience.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who took part.