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Further Information on UA 317/04 (EUR 46/062/2004, 22 November 2004) Fear for safety

RUSSIAN Ruslan Susaev (m), human rights defender

FEDERATION His family

(Chechen Republic)

Amnesty International is saddened by the news that human rights defender Ruslan Susaev died in a traffic accident in Chechnya on 16 February. He was the head of the non-governmental organization "Civilians' protest" and cooperated with the Society of Russian-Chechen Friendship.

On 16 February, Ruslan Susaev was travelling in his car with his wife, Susanna Susaev, when it broke down. When he got out of the car in order to get help Ruslan Susaev was hit by another car and seriously injured. He died later that day in hospital. Amnesty International has sent condolences to his wife and family.

No further action is required from the UA Network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.