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Further Information on UA 20/03 (EUR 63/002/2003, 22 January 2003) Detention without charge / Fear of unlawful transfer

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Sabahudin Fijuljanin (m), married with four children

Sabahudin Fijuljanin was released from the custody of NATO-led Stabilisation Forces (SFOR) on 30 January 2003. He was handed over to the Federation authorities in Bosnia-Herzegovina and reportedly taken to the public prosecutor's office in Srebrenik.

He had been unlawfully detained without charge by SFOR since 26 October 2002. He was reportedly suspected of spying, although no charges were ever brought against him. During his three month's detention, he had been denied unimpeded access to a lawyer, only been allowed one visit from his family, and had not been given access to a court in order to challenge the legality of his detention.

Despite an order by the Bosnia-Herzegovina Human Rights Chamber on 13 January, that Sabahudin Fijuljanin be handed over to the Federation authorities, he had remained in SFOR custody. Amnesty International had also been concerned that Sabahudin Fijuljanin was in danger of being transferred to the United States (US) authorities, who may have detained him indefinitely in military custody at Guantanamo Bay.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals and ensured his transfer to the Bosnian authorities.