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Further Information on UA 104/03 (MDE 12/019/2003, 16 April 2003) and follow up (MDE 12/020/2003, 23 April 2003) Fear of torture or ill-treatment/ Incommunicado detention

EGYPT Mahmud Hassan Hassan (m)
 Ramiz Gihad (m)
 Wa'el Tawfiq (m)

Released: Marwan Hamdi (m)
 Ibrahim al-Sahari (m), journalist

Mahmud Hassan Hassan, Ramiz Gihad and Wa'el Tawfiq remain in detention and are reportedly held at Borg al-'Arab Prison, near Alexandria. They have been denied access to their lawyers or relatives and were reportedly tortured or ill-treated whilst being held at the headquarters of the State Security Intelligence (SSI) in Lazoghly Square.

Ibrahim al-Sahari and Marwan Hamdi were released on 24 April. Ibrahim al-Sahari told Amnesty International that prior to his release he had been held at the SSI headquarters in Lazoghly Square, before being transferred to Tora Prison.

On the second day of his detention Ibrahim al-Sahari was held at the SSI headquarters, where he was reportedly blindfolded and severely beaten, whilst his hands were tied to his back. For several hours, he was also held in the same cell as other detainees including Ramiz Gihad, who told him that he had been subjected to electric shocks.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic, English or your own language:

- welcoming the release of Ibrahim al-Sahari and Marwan Hamdi;
- urging the authorities to give Mahmud Hassan Hassan, Ramiz Gihad and Wa'el Tawfiq access to lawyers, relatives and any medical attention they may require;
- expressing concern at reports that anti-war activists, including Mahmud Hassan Hassan, Ramiz Gihad, Ibrahim al-Sahari and Wa'el Tawfiq were reportedly tortured or ill-treated in State Security Intelligence (SSI) detention;
- calling for an immediate and impartial investigation into the allegations of torture or ill-treatment, for the results to be made public and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- calling on the authorities to provide a guarantee that detainees will not be tortured or ill-treated in detention;
- calling on the authorities to guarantee that no one should be held in custody or charged solely on the basis of exercising his or her right to freedom of expression.

APPEALS TO:

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