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Further Information on UA 170/05 (MDE 12/026/2005, 20 June 2005) Incommunicado detention/Fear of torture or ill-treatment

EGYPT Omar Yahya Youssef (m), aged 23, Egyptian national

Egyptian national Omar Yahya Youssef was released from detention in Egypt on 23 June. He had been detained for six days, and was reportedly interrogated during detention. He has now joined his family in the city of Alexandria.

Omar Yahya Youssef was detained at Cairo airport after being forcibly returned from Germany on 17 June. He was arrested by German police on 30 November 2004 during raids on Islamist groups. He was detained in a prison in Memmingen, Bavaria, and charged, among other things, with support for an international terrorist organization. His asylum application was rejected in January 2005 on the grounds that he posed a risk to national security, and that he would not be at risk of torture if returned to Egypt.

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