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**Further information on Extra 97/98 (MDE 13/24/98, 8 December 1998) - Fear of imminent execution / Fear of possible ill treatment or torture**

**IRANKarim Tuzhali (m), former member of the Kurdistan Democratic party of Iran (KDPI)**

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Karim Tuzhali was reportedly executed on 24 January 2002 at Mahabad prison, western Iran. He had been in detention for three years, allegedly in Orumieh prison, West Azerbaijan province. He had reportedly been tortured while in detention and there was apparently a delay in releasing his body to his family.

He was sentenced to death on 16 September 1998, in connection with his former membership of the banned armed opposition group, the Kurdistan Democratic party of Iran (KDPI). It is not known exactly what he had been charged with.

Karim Tuzhali was a former asylum seeker and recognised as a refugee by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). He reportedly sought asylum around 1996 under an assumed name. The Turkish authorities forcibly returned him to Iran on 20 June 1998 without informing the UNHCR.

**No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**