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Further information on UA 337/00 (MDE 14/14/00, 3 November 2000) - Fear of torture-

IRAQ/IRAQI KURDISTAN Hiwa Ahmad

New names: Falah Ahmad, aged about 30  
Ranj Ata, aged about 28

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Another two Iraqi Workers' Communist Party (IWCP) activists have been arrested, apparently because they distributed leaflets calling for Hiwa Ahmad to be released. All three are at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Relatives of Hiwa Ahmad have reportedly been allowed to visit him twice. He apparently had marks on his body suggesting he had been tortured.

Falah Ahmad and Ranj Ata were reportedly arrested by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) in Sulaimaniya on 30 October and 11 November respectively. They are said to be held at the Security Directorate in Sulaimaniya. Ranj Ata works for the IWCP radio station.

Falah Ahmad had been arrested last August during a wave of arrests of IWCP members in the PUK-controlled area of Iraqi Kurdistan. He was released without charge by the end of September.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send faxes/express/ airmail letters in English, Arabic, Kurdish or your own language:**

- asking why Falah Ahmad and Ranj Ata were arrested;
- seeking assurances that they are being treated humanely and have access to lawyers of their own choosing, their families and any medical care they may require;
- calling for them to be released immediately and unconditionally if they are held solely for the expression of their beliefs;
- expressing concerns at reports that Hiwa Ahmad may have been tortured;
- urging that these reports be immediately investigated and anyone found responsible be brought to justice.

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**COPIES TO:** Office of the PUK, if there is one in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 29 December 2000.