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**Further Information on UA 35/01 (MDE 23/011/2002, 27 September 2002) and follow-ups (MDE 23//002/2001, 6 February 2001, MDE 23/008/2002, 29 July 2002) - Risk of Execution/Legal and Torture Concerns**

**SAUDI ARABIA**

**William Sampson (m), Canadian national  
Alexander Mitchell (m), British national  
Raf Schyvens (m), Belgian national, and others**

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The three men named above, and others, were released on 8 August following a reported clemency by His Majesty King Fahd bin 'Abdul 'Aziz Al-Saud. The reason for their sudden release is unknown.

The men were convicted in connection with a series of bombings which took place in Riyadh in November 2000, in which one man was killed and many others injured. Their "confessions", shown on Saudi Arabian television in February 2001 before their trial, are reported to have been the main evidence in their conviction and sentencing. William Sampson and Alexander Mitchell were sentenced to death whilst Raf Schyvens was sentenced to a prison term.

It is believed that the men have left Saudi Arabia.

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