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/ Fear of torture

SYRIAZubayda Muqabel (f), aged 35, press officer

Zubayda Muqabel, a press officer at the office of Syrian Vice-President Rif'at al-Assad, is believed to remain in incommunicado detention. She was reportedly arrested on 7 July 1997 by members of the special security *al-Amn al-Khass* in Damascus.

The Syrian authorities have not yet responded to Amnesty International's concerns raised in this Urgent Action.

Other AI networks will continue to work on this case, but no further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.