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SYRIA:Dr Nour al-Din al-Atassi - released

Muhammad Rabah al-Tawil - released

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Amnesty International has learned that Dr Nour al-Din al-Atassi, the former President of Syria, and Muhammad Rabah al-Tawil, the former Minister of the Interior, have recently been released. Both had been in detention without charge or trial since their arrest following the coup d'Etat which brought Hafez al-Assad to power in November 1970. Fourteen other former government officials arrested as a result of the coup and since detained without charge or trial continue to be held in al-Mizze Military Prison in Damascus.

No further action is required from the UA network at this time. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.