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Further Information on UA 218/05 (MDE 25/004/2005, 23 August 2005) and follow-up (MDE 25/007/2005, 4 November 2005) Fear of torture or ill-treatment/ incommunicado detention/ health concern

United Arab Emirates (UAE) Humeid Salem al-Ghawas al-Za'abi (m), aged 39

Amnesty International has learned that Humeid Salem al-Ghawas al-Za'abi was released without charge by the authorities in Abu Dhabi on 3 January. He is in good health and has returned to his family.

Humeid Salem al-Ghawas al-Za'abi had been held incommunicado without charge or trial since 17 March 2004. As well as issuing a UA on behalf of Humeid Salem al-Ghawas al-Za'abi, Amnesty International had raised his case in a letter to the UAE Minister of Interior on 5 December 2005, calling for him to be brought to trial promptly or released.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.