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Further Information on UA 271/06 (MDE 31/009/2006, 10 October 2006) Possible prisoner of conscience/Fear for safety

YEMEN

'Ali al-Dailami (m), human rights activist

'Ali al-Dailami was released without charge or trial from the Political Security prison in Sana'a on 5 November. Amnesty International believes that he may have been detained in connection with his human rights work.

He had been held in solitary confinement since his arrest by security forces on 9 October at the airport in the capital Sana'a. He was due to travel to Denmark as part of a delegation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in Yemen, in order to take part in a human rights partnership meeting in the Danish capital, Copenhagen.

'Ali al-Dailami is the younger brother of Yahia Hussein al-Dailami, who was sentenced to death in May 2005 after an unfair trial. However his death sentence was later commuted to a suspended prison sentence and he was released in May 2006. Amnesty International believes that Yahia Hussein al-Dailami was a prisoner of conscience held solely for his criticisms of the government and the peaceful expression of his conscientiously held beliefs.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the case.