

# URGENT ACTION

## MAN AT RISK OF TORTURE AFTER BROTHER DIES

**An Iraqi man detained on 7 March by a joint US-Iraqi force in Iraq is at high risk of torture after his brother, detained with him, reportedly died in custody.**

**Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri**, a school teacher, was arrested together with his brother, **Ayad Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri**, in the early hours of 7 March in Tikrit, 140 km north-west of Baghdad. A joint US-Iraqi force raided their house, and took both brothers away. On 8 March the family of Ayad and Khalil received a call from the morgue in Tikrit asking them to collect Ayad's body. Members of the family were informed at the morgue that the US forces had brought Ayad Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri's body. According to the family, the body had visible bullet injuries, including in the head and chest.

Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri's family was informed by local authorities that he was initially held in US custody in Tikrit and transferred to the Iraqi government's Anti-Terror Department in Baghdad on or about 10 March. His family and lawyer have not been able to visit him and have not been informed whether any charges have been brought against him.

Amnesty International wrote to the US forces in Iraq on 10 March requesting clarification on where Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri is being held, the reason and legal basis for his arrest, and calling for him to be protected from torture or other ill-treatment. However, to date, the organisation has not received any answer.

### **PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in in English, Arabic or your own language:**

- Calling on the Iraqi authorities to allow Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri immediate access to his family and lawyer.
- Calling on the Iraqi authorities to release Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri without delay unless he has been charged with a recognizable criminal offence and will be tried in full conformity with international fair trial standards and without recourse to the death penalty.
- Calling on the authorities to ensure that Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated.
- Calling on the Iraqi and the US Forces in Iraq authorities to ensure that an independent investigation is held to determine the cause and circumstances of the death in custody of Ayad Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri and to bring to justice any members of the security forces or others found responsible for unlawful killing, torture or other serious violations.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 29 APRIL 2011 to the Iraqi Embassy in your country, addressed to:**

Prime Minister and Acting Minister  
of Defence and Interior

His Excellency Nuri Kamil al-Maliki  
Prime Minister  
Convention Centre (Qasr al-Ma'aridh)  
Baghdad, Iraq

**Salutation: His Excellency**

#### **And copies to:**

Minister of Justice

His Excellency, Hassan al-Shemri

Minister of Human Rights

His Excellency, Mohammad Shayaa  
al-Sudan

Please also send appeals calling for an investigation into the killing of Ayad to the US Embassy in your country and addressed to:

General Lloyd J. Austin III  
Commanding General  
United States Forces- Iraq (USF-I)  
Baghdad, (Green Zone)  
Iraq

**Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country.** Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Torture and other ill-treatment were widespread in Iraq before the US-led invasion in 2003 and continued in prisons and detention facilities controlled by coalition forces and the new Iraqi governments. After US forces handed over thousands of prisoners to Iraqi custody between early 2009 and July 2010 without any guarantees that they will be protected, there is every likelihood that torture and ill-treatment will remain widespread. Urgent action is needed to end the pattern of abuse and to help the victims and their families.

Amnesty International has recently highlighted the pattern of torture in the following reports:

Broken bodies, tortured minds: Abuse and neglect of detainees in Iraq (<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE14/001/2011/en>)

New order, same abuses: Unlawful detentions and torture in Iraq (<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE14/006/2010/en>)

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