

URGENT ACTION

IRAQI DETAINEE GIVEN ACCESS TO LAWYER

A man detained on 7 March by a joint US-Iraqi force in Iraq, whose brother, detained with him, reportedly died in custody, has now been given access to his lawyer. It is therefore far less likely that he will be tortured.

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, 140km northwest of Baghdad. A joint US-Iraqi force raided their house, and took both brothers away. On 8 March their family received a call from the morgue in Tikrit asking them to collect Ayad Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri'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 lawyer informed Amnesty International that he was given access to his client on 20 March, and that he continues to be held at the Anti-Terror Department in Baghdad. He also said that Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri was interrogated by the investigating judge on 20 March in the presence of his lawyer. Previous interrogation sessions had taken place without the presence of a lawyer. Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri was questioned concerning the activities of his brother Ayad Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri.

Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri has not been formally charged but his detention order was extended pending further investigations. Amnesty International has no details on his treatment in detention. Khalil Ibrahim Muhammad 'Azzawi al-Jibbouri could not provide information on the circumstances of his brother's death as he was blindfolded after his arrest.

Thanks to all those who took action. The research team will continue to monitor the case, and will take more action if required. No further appeals from the UA network are required at present.

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