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Further information on UA 126/97 (MDE 24/07/97, 30 April 1997) - Fear of Torture / Medical Concern / Possible Prisoner of Conscience

SYRIANouh Rasul Mustafa, Syrian Kurd, born 1961

Amnesty International has just been informed that Nouh Rasul Mustafa was released on 8 May 1997. While detained he was reportedly beaten and subjected to electric shocks to his fingers. He was also reportedly threatened that he would be killed if his brother Nasreddin Mustafa did not report to the security forces. He is currently believed to be in hiding in Syria.

Thank you for all those who sent appeals on behalf of Nouh Rasul Mustafa.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send faxes/express/airmail letters in English, Arabic, French or in your own language:

- welcoming the release of Nouh Rasul Mustafa;
- expressing deep concern at the torture allegations and calling for these to be investigated and anyone found responsible for torture to be brought to justice;
- asking for information concerning the reason for his arrest on 14 April 1997;
- seeking assurances that he will not be subjected to harassment.

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