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Further information on UA 279/94 (MDE 31/02/94, 19 July 1994) - Torture / Fear of Torture / Prisoners of conscience

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On 21 July the Yemeni authorities released all the journalists who had been arrested between 17 and 18 July 1994 following a seminar organized by the Yemen Times on "*The Future Political Perspectives of Yemen*".

The Urgent Action of 19 July 1994 reported that at least 15 journalists had been arrested and were held incommunicado in solitary confinement. Amnesty International expressed grave concern that the detainees were being tortured or ill-treated. The organization considered them to be prisoners of conscience, held solely for their conscientiously held beliefs.

No further action by the Urgent Action Network is requested. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.