

URGENT ACTION

IRAQI PRO-REFORM ACTIVIST RELEASED

Iraqi activist Dargham Mahdi al-Zaidi was released on 3 July.

Dargham Mahdi al-Zaidi, a pro-reform activist aged around 30, was released on 3 July. He was abducted in the morning of 27 June while walking in the streets of the Bab al-Sharqi neighbourhood of Baghdad, the capital of the country. The men who abducted him were wearing civilian clothes and they reportedly forced him into a car then drove away. It is not known where he was held.

Dargham Mahdi al-Zaidi has been active in the pro-reform movement in Iraq. On 24 June he participated in a demonstration in Baghdad's al-Tahrir Square, and after that he was said to have been threatened by a security officer wearing civilian clothes who was a member of a security force under the control of the Prime Minister's Office. He was apparently told that he must stop taking part in anti-government protests.

Thank you for sending appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

This is the first update of UA 206/11. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE14/035/2011/en>

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