



He was held in very poor conditions. For much of the time he was kept in cold, dirty cells, often without even a blanket, and given very little food, of poor quality. He was ill on several occasions and was sent to hospital four times suffering with a stomach infection and repeated attacks of asthma. Several times guards withheld his medication, including an inhaler he had been given for his asthma.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic, English, French or your own language:**

- expressing grave concern at reports that Muhammad Isma'il al-Daj, Muhammad Anis al-Turk, 'Abd al Rahman al-Sulti and Wissam al-Ghorani are detained incommunicado, which puts them at grave risk of torture and reminding the authorities that they should be given immediate access to legal representation and family visits as well as any medical treatment they require;
- urging the authorities to ensure that the four men are well treated and not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment in detention;
- calling on the authorities to immediately release all four men unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and given a prompt and fair trial in accordance with international standards.

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**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of Syria accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 July 2006.