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**Further Information UA 273/03 (ASA 41/031/2003, 22 September 2003) Prisoner of conscience/ health concern**

**VIET NAM      Le Chi Quang (m) aged 32**

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Amnesty International has learnt that Le Chi Quang was released on 12 June 2004, some two years before the end of his prison sentence. He had been sentenced to four years' imprisonment in November 2002 for "carrying out propaganda against the State". According to the official charge sheet the police "caught Le Chi Quang red-handed when he was on the Internet...sending e-mails abroad."

He is one of several dissidents arrested and imprisoned because they used the Internet to distribute material critical of the government and to communicate with other dissidents and Vietnamese groups overseas.

Le Chi Quang suffers from a chronic kidney condition and his health deteriorated while in prison. He was recently reported to be very weak, but in a stable condition. Amnesty International hopes he can now have the medical treatment he needs.

**No further action required from the UA Network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.**