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Further information on UA 305/01 (EUR 71/004/2001, 29 November 2001) - fear of forcible deportation/fear of torture

CZECH REPUBLIC/UZBEKISTAN Muhammad Salih (m), aged 52

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Exiled Uzbek opposition leader Muhammad Salih was remanded in custody for 40 days by Prague City Court today, while the extradition request from Uzbekistan is being examined.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue appeals as before, in Czech, English or your own language:**

- urging the Czech authorities not to forcibly return Muhammad Salih to Uzbekistan, where he would be in grave danger of torture and cruel and inhuman treatment;
- reminding the authorities that the Czech Republic is a party to the UN Refugee Convention; the United Nations Convention against Torture, and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;
- reminding them that Muhammad Salih has been recognized as a refugee in Norway and that he should be released and returned to Norway for the Norwegian authorities to deal with the extradition request.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 January 2001.