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Further information on UA 09/98 (MDE 12/02/98, 9 January 1998) - Fear of Torture and new concern: Torture

EGYPT Mohammad Hussein Mohammad Ibrahim Sallam, aged 32

Amnesty International has received confirmation that Mohammad Hussein Mohammad Ibrahim Sallam was released from detention on the night of 9 January 1998 and left the country the following day. He was allegedly tortured during the first two days of his detention in the Gaber Ibn Hayyan branch of the State Security Investigations Department (SSI) in Giza. Methods of torture are said to have included beatings with fists and feet by SSI officers for several hours while blindfolded and being threatened with rape. He was also threatened that they would divorce him from his wife and that they would prevent him from leaving the country.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send faxes/express/airmail letters in Arabic, English, French or in your own language:

- welcoming the release of Mohammad Hussein Mohammad Ibrahim Sallam, but calling for a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation into allegations that he was tortured during the first two days of his detention. The methods and findings of this investigation should be made public and anyone found responsible should be brought to justice.

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