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**Further Information on UA 35/09 (MDE 12/002/2009, 10 February 2009) and follow-up (MDE 12/003/2009, 11 February 2009) – Incommunicado detention/ Fear of torture or other ill-treatment**

**EGYPT Philip Rizk (m) 26 year old, an Egyptian-German dual national**

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Philip Rizk was released uncharged on 11 February 2009 at 2am after having spent four days in incommunicado detention in the custody of State Security Investigation (SSI) services. During this period, Philip Rizk was kept in an undisclosed location, believed to be the SSI headquarters in Nasr City, north-east of Cairo.

During the four days, Philip Rizk was interrogated by SSI agents and repeatedly threatened with torture and other-ill-treatment. He was kept constantly blindfolded and handcuffed but heard screams of people who, it appeared, were being tortured. He was questioned about a peaceful protest march in support of the people of Gaza, in which he had participated, on Friday, 6 February 2009; about his two-year stay in Gaza between 2006 and 2008; and about visits he had made to Sudan and other countries.

An Amnesty International delegation visiting Cairo met Philip Rizk the day after his release.

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