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**Further Information on UA 51/03 (MDE 12/005/2003, 21 February 2003) Fear for safety/health concerns/incommunicado detention**

**EGYPT**

**Kamal Khalil (m), aged 53 - engineer**

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On 24 February Kamal Khalil was visited by his wife and brother at Mazra'at Tora Prison near Cairo, where he is being held. This was the first visit he has been granted since his detention on 19 February.

More information has emerged about the circumstances of Kamal Khalil's detention. On the morning of 19 February Kamal Khalil's taxi was stopped by plainclothes men in two unmarked cars, whom he suspected were members of the State Security Investigations (SSI) Department. The men reportedly took him to the headquarters of the SSI in Lazoghly Square, Cairo, where he was held for several hours. He was then taken to Mazra'at Tora Prison and held incommunicado.

On 23 February he was moved into a cell with two other anti-war activists, who were detained earlier this month. Kamal Khalil continues to be held in Mazra'at Tora Prison without being charged and without access to a lawyer.

Kamal Khalil's wife thanked Amnesty International and other human rights organizations and civil society activists for the campaign on behalf of her husband.

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

- urging the authorities to give Kamal Khalil immediate access to his lawyer and any medical attention he may require;
- calling on the authorities to ensure that Kamal Khalil will not be ill-treated in detention;
- calling for Kamal Khalil to be immediately released if he is not to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 9 April 2003.