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EGYPT:Dr Muhammad Abdul Latif Tala'at

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Amnesty International has been informed that Dr Tala'at was released on 9 February. There is no indication that he has been charged. He had been arrested at his home on 23 January 1991, and there were fears that he would be subjected to torture.

There were reports that Dr Tala'at was tortured while held in detention. Amnesty International will continue to investigate these reports, and to urge the Egyptian authorities to carry out prompt, impartial investigations into all allegations of torture.

No further action is required. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on his behalf.