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Further information on UA 29/98 (MDE 12/07/98, 29 January 1998) and follow-up (MDE 12/10/98, 9 February 1998) - Fear of torture / Prisoners of Conscience / Legal concern

**EGYPT Ibrahim Khalil al-Za'farani, a medical doctor, aged 46  
Mohammad Taha Wahdan, university lecturer, aged 31**

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The above-named prisoners of conscience were released from prison on 18 March 1998.

The men were arrested in January 1995 and charged, after a trial by military court, with plotting against the government to establish an Islamic state. The real reason for their arrests, however, is likely to be connected with their campaign to participate in the November 1995 legislative elections. They were first released on 22 January 1998 but then rearrested within hours of returning home.

**No further action is requested by the UA Network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**