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Further information on EXTRA 09/99 (MDE 12/03/99, 26 January 1999) - Fear of torture

EGYPT Ahmad Hassan Badi'a
Ala' Hassan Badi'a
Yassir Hassan Badi'a
Magdi Fahmi
Muhammad Farag, an imam (prayer leader)

and 12 others, including Youssri Hamad

Amnesty International has learnt that Ala' Hassan Badi'a, Yassir Hassan Badi'a and 11 others have been released. Ahmad Hassan Badi'a, Magdi Fahmi, Muhammad Farag and Youssri Hamad are still detained and have recently been transferred to Istiqbal Tora prison (north of Cairo), where the risk of being subjected to torture and ill-treatment is reduced. They have so far been denied access to their lawyers.

They are reportedly being interrogated in connection with a case opened in 1996 and charged with membership of the banned organization *Talai' al-Fatah* (Vanguards of the conquest).

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.