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Further information on UA 172/98 (MDE 12/32/98, 9 June 1998) and follow-up (MDE 12/39/98, 8 July 1998, MDE 12/04/99, 27 January 1999) - Health concern / ill-treatment/ Legal concern

EGYPT 'Abd al-Mun'im Gamal al-Din 'Abd al-Mun'im, freelance journalist, aged
34

On 18 April 1999 the Supreme Military Court issued its verdict in the so-called "Returnees from Albania" trial. Twenty defendants were acquitted, including 'Abd al-Mun'im Gamal al-Din 'Abd al-Mun'im. However, he was issued with a new detention order and transferred to Istiqbal Tora prison (north of Cairo), a prison closed to visits, where he is currently detained.

107 people - 60 *in absentia* - were charged in the "Returnees from Albania" trial, accused of membership of the Islamist armed opposition group *al-Gihad* (Holy Struggle). Nine were sentenced to death *in absentia* and 78 others were given prison sentences. The prosecution had demanded the death penalty for 35 defendants, including 'Abd al-Mun'im Gamal al-Din 'Abd al-Mun'im.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. We will carry on campaigning on his case by other means.