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Further information on UA 30/98 (MDE 13/01/98, 29 January 1998) and follow-up (MDE 13/05/98, 9 February 1998) - Death Penalty/Possible Prisoner of Conscience

IRANMorteza Firouzi, former editor-in-chief of the English-language daily,
the Iran News

The death sentence against Morteza Firouzi has reportedly been repealed following intervention by Mohammad Khatami, the President of Iran. Morteza Firouzi remains in detention, as a possible prisoner of conscience, and it is believed that he will now face a re-trial.

No further action is required by the UA network at this stage, although other AI networks will continue working on the case. The Network will be informed of any developments. Thanks to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Morteza Firouzi.