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Further Information on UA 330/03 (MDE 13/036/2003, 13 November 2003) Possible "disappearance" / fear for safety

IRAN

Ahmad Batebi (m), 25, student

Ahmad Batebi is now known to be in prison, and his life is not believed to be in danger.

He was "released from prison on 21 October 2003 on a five day leave which was extended to 15 days on 26 October. He did not return to the prison after the expiry of his leave. He was subsequently arrested by the police on 20 November and sent back to prison by the officials of the Judiciary," according to a letter from the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in London, which has just been received by the International Secretariat of Amnesty International.

Amnesty International welcomes this clarification from the authorities. No further action is required.